

**MINA'BENTE OCHO NA LIHESLATURAN GUÅHAN**  
**2006 (SECOND) Regular Session**

**Executive Committee**  
**Resolution No. 148**

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**Relative to honoring Lou A. Leon Guerrero for ten (10) years of dedicated service to the people of Guam as a Senator in *I Liheslaturan Guåhan* and to thank her for her immense and unselfish contribution to the island and the people of Guam.**

1           **BE IT RESOLVED BY THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE OF I**  
2   ***MINA'BENTE OCHO NA LIHESLATURAN GUÅHAN:***

3           **WHEREAS, Senator Lou A. Leon Guerrero, affectionately known as**  
4   **“Senator Lou” was born on November 8, 1950 to Jesus Sablan (deceased) and**  
5   **Eugenia Aflague Leon Guerrero and is sister to Jesse and Tony (deceased);**  
6   **and**

1           **WHEREAS**, Senator Lou is married to Attorney Jeff Cook and they are  
2 the proud parents of Joaquin and Mariana; and

3           **WHEREAS**, Senator Lou was a bonafide “Soccer Mom” when her  
4 children were young and would often be seen on the soccer field doing the  
5 “wave”, and is still a very supportive and encouraging mother; and

6           **WHEREAS**, Senator Lou has become an avid outrigger paddler and is a  
7 member of the Outrigger Guam Canoe Club, and can be seen on the  
8 weekends taking on the mighty Pacific blue; and

9           **WHEREAS**, after graduating from high school in 1968 from the  
10 Academy of Our Lady of Guam, driven by her desire to help the sick, the  
11 elderly and the disadvantaged, Senator Lou obtained her Bachelor of Science  
12 degree in Nursing from California State University of Los Angeles in 1972;  
13 and

14           **WHEREAS**, in 1974, Senator Lou completed a Masters Degree in Public  
15 Health from the University of California State, University of Los Angeles; and

16           **WHEREAS**, Senator Lou, wanting to gain professional experience as a  
17 nurse and nurse manager working in a hospital setting with critical care  
18 patients, obtained her California Nursing Certificate and began her decade  
19 long tenure at St. John’s Hospital in Santa Monica, California as a critical care  
20 nurse; and

21           **WHEREAS**, Senator Lou, hearing the call to return home to Guam in  
22 order to provide quality healthcare services to the sick, elderly and the  
23 disadvantaged, returned with the vision and determination to improve  
24 healthcare services for the people of Guam; and

1           **WHEREAS**, Senator Lou began a career of public service by working as  
2 a Staff Nurse Educator at the Guam Memorial Hospital before moving on to  
3 become the Assistant Director of Nursing; and

4           **WHEREAS**, Senator Lou, having gained public service experience, and  
5 desiring to move into the private sector to increase her skills in administration  
6 and management, began her tenure at FHP, the first federally qualified health  
7 maintenance organization on Guam, and worked in various capacities as  
8 Nurse Supervisor, Center Manager and Director of Operations and Quality  
9 Management; and

10          **WHEREAS**, Senator Lou, recognizing the need for policy change  
11 affecting healthcare on Guam and desiring to return to public service,  
12 responded by presenting herself as a candidate for *I Liheslaturan Guåhan* and  
13 was successfully elected, beginning her legislative career in 1995 as a Senator  
14 in the Twenty Third (23rd) Guam Legislature and was both Chairwoman of  
15 the Committee on Health, Welfare & Senior Citizens and the Assistant  
16 Majority Leader; and

17          **WHEREAS**, Senator Lou continued to earn the trust and confidence of  
18 the people and was re-elected to serve in the Twenty Fourth (24th) and  
19 Twenty Fifth (25th) *Liheslaturan Guåhan* where she was Assistant Minority  
20 Leader and a member of numerous committees; and

21          **WHEREAS**, desiring to make an even greater contribution to the island,  
22 she launched a bid to serve in the Executive Branch as a Lt. Governor  
23 candidate with Senator Tom Ada and decided not to stand for election to the  
24 Twenty Sixth (26th) *Liheslaturan Guåhan*; and

1           **WHEREAS**, elected to the Twenty Seventh (27th) *Liheslaturan Guåhan*,  
2 Senator Lou served as Chairwoman of the Committee on Rules & Health,  
3 while also serving as Majority Leader; and

4           **WHEREAS**, in the Twenty Eighth (28th) *Liheslaturan Guåhan*, she is a  
5 member of the Committee on Health & Human Services, Committee on  
6 Natural Resources, Utilities & Micronesian Affairs and the Committee on  
7 General & Omnibus Matters; and

8           **WHEREAS**, Senator Lou, as a staunch supporter for healthcare for the  
9 people of Guam, has introduced significant legislation to positively affect the  
10 lives of our people, especially the most vulnerable portion of the community--  
11 the elderly, the indigent and the disabled; and

12           **WHEREAS**, as a freshman Senator, Senator Lou, working together with  
13 community members, stakeholders and organizational leaders, introduced  
14 groundbreaking legislation that created the Department of Integrated Services  
15 for Individuals with Disabilities (DISID) to create better services for  
16 individuals with disabilities on our island; and

17           **WHEREAS**, Senator Lou, as a professional nurse for many years, having  
18 encountered numerous individuals who wanted to meet death with dignity,  
19 and having heard their cries for help, as a legislator introduced the Natural  
20 Death Act which grants individuals a right to declare their wishes regarding  
21 their medical care; and

22           **WHEREAS**, subsequent legislation, she introduced designated the  
23 University of Guam's Committee on human subjects as the Institutional

1 Review Board for review and approval of all research conducted on Guam  
2 thereby assuring that human subjects in research projects were protected; and

3 **WHEREAS**, Senator Lou, holding steadfast to her commitment to  
4 improve the quality of healthcare for the people of Guam, took a stand against  
5 political mediocrity by introducing legislation that mandated qualifications  
6 for the Directors of the Department of Integrated Services for Individuals with  
7 Disabilities, the Department of Public Health & Social Services, Guam  
8 Memorial Hospital and the Guam Library; and

9 **WHEREAS**, ever mindful of the importance and power of advocacy,  
10 especially on behalf of individuals who cannot speak or defend themselves,  
11 Senator Lou, the Guam Systems of Care Council which allows parents of  
12 children with emotional disturbances to advocate for their children; and

13 **WHEREAS**, Senator Lou established the Division of Emergency Medical  
14 Services within the Guam Memorial Hospital to co-ordinate emergency  
15 services between the hospital and the Fire Department; and

16 **WHEREAS**, Senator Lou, introduced numerous bills and collaborated  
17 with the Commission on Nurse Leaders and the Civil Service Commission to  
18 establish higher pay for Guam's hardworking nurses; and

19 **WHEREAS**, Senator Lou introduced legislation to mandate coverage of  
20 certain health services by the insurance companies, including hemophilia,  
21 parity for mental illness, setting minimum maternity-stay for mothers and  
22 infants and newborn hearing screening and intervention; and

1           **WHEREAS**, Senator Lou created the Health Review Commission to  
2 review and make recommendations with regards to providing affordable,  
3 quality health care to active and retired Government of Guam employees; and

4           **WHEREAS**, Senator Lou introduced legislation to raise the Tobacco Tax  
5 and Alcohol Tax on Guam and deposit the proceeds into the *Healthy Futures*  
6 *Fund* and the *Safe Home Safe Streets Fund*, thereby creating funding to support  
7 government programs geared toward the prevention of the negative effects of  
8 tobacco and alcohol use on our island, especially on our youth; and

9           **WHEREAS**, Senator Lou knows of the devastating effects that second  
10 hand smoke can have on an individual and his family, and therefore, inspired  
11 by a brave fourteen (14) year old girl who suffers from a rare cancer disease  
12 which affects her breathing in enclosed areas, she introduced landmark  
13 legislation entitled the “Natasha Act” which bans smoking in restaurants and  
14 bars; and

15           **WHEREAS**, Senator Lou introduced Resolution No. 72, “*Relative to*  
16 *Expressing the Unity of I Liheslaturan Guåhan and the People of Guam Relative to*  
17 *War Claims for All*”, and conducted public hearings within the villages to seek  
18 input from the community on just compensation for the atrocities inflicted on  
19 the residents of Guam by the Japanese Imperial Military Forces; and

20           **WHEREAS**, Senator Lou was instrumental in the amendments to H.R.  
21 1595 to ensure that the people of Guam were heard, and that compensation is  
22 made to all residents of Guam who suffered under the Japanese occupation;  
23 and

1           **WHEREAS**, Senator Lou is a strong advocate for Victim’s Rights,  
2 attended the Forum on Victim’s Policy sponsored by the National Conference  
3 of State Legislators, has worked tirelessly with the Legislative and the Judicial  
4 branches to make significant changes in law that affects victims of crime,  
5 supports victim’s services such as VARO, Alee Shelter, Healing Hearts Crisis  
6 Center, the Attorney General’s Crime Victim’s Response Unit and co-chaired  
7 the yearly conference of the Family Violence and Sexual Assault Task Force,  
8 for two (2) consecutive years; and

9           **WHEREAS**, Senator Lou has been actively involved with the  
10 Association of Pacific Island Legislatures (APIL), has served as Vice Chair for  
11 the APIL Regional Health Council and has worked with island leaders from  
12 Hawaii, American Samoa, Belau, the Federated States of Micronesia, and  
13 Saipan to pass numerous resolutions to improve healthcare in our region; and

14           **WHEREAS**, Senator Lou is a former President of the Guam Nurses  
15 Association and of People of Choice, sits on the boards of the American  
16 Cancer Society, Guam Heart Association, Catholic Social Services, the  
17 Organization of Health and Medical Professional Women, a Charter Member  
18 for the Marianas International Soroptomist and the American Pacific Nurse  
19 Leaders Council; and

20           **WHEREAS**, Senator Lou is an active board member of St. John’s School,  
21 Mercy Action Marianas, Ltd., Micronesian Institute for Disease Prevention &  
22 Research and the Bank of Guam; and

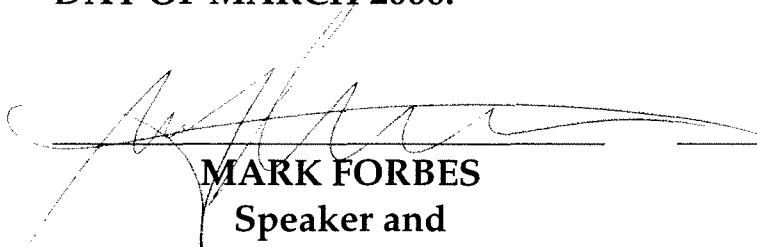
23           **WHEREAS**, Lou A. Leon Guerrero will forever be remembered as a  
24 staunch advocate for healthcare on our island, as a Senator for ten (10) years  
25 in *I Liheslaturan Guåhan* and through her community involvement and

1 visionary legislation has significantly improved the lives of the people of  
2 Guam; now, therefore, be it

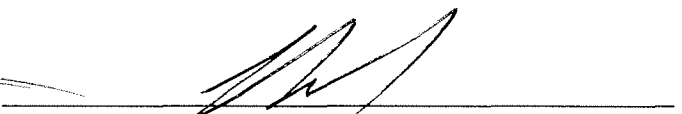
3 **RESOLVED**, that the Executive Committee of *I Mina'Bente Ocho Na*  
4 *Liheslaturan Guåhan*, does hereby, on behalf of *I Liheslaturan Guåhan* and the  
5 people of Guam, wish to honor and congratulate Lou A. Leon Guerrero for  
6 her outstanding service to the people of Guam as a Senator in *I Liheslaturan*  
7 *Guåhan* for the past ten (10) years; and be it further

8 **RESOLVED**, that the Speaker and the Chairman of the Executive  
9 Committee certify, and the Secretary of the Legislature attest to, the adoption  
10 hereof, and that copies of the same be thereafter transmitted to Mrs. Eugenia  
11 Aflague Leon Guerrero, mother of Senator Lou A. Leon Guerrero; and to the  
12 Honorable Felix P. Camacho, *I Maga'lahaen Guåhan*.

**DULY AND REGULARLY ADOPTED BY THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE  
OF I MINA'BENTE OCHO NA LIHESLATURAN GUÅHAN ON THE 15TH  
DAY OF MARCH 2006.**



**MARK FORBES**  
Speaker and  
Chairman, Executive Committee



**EDWARD J.B. CALVO**  
Senator and  
Secretary of the Legislature