

I MINA'BENTE OCHO NA LIHESLATURAN GUÅHAN
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Executive Committee
Resolution No. 153

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Relative to recognizing and honoring members of the Vietnamese American Heritage Foundation on their visit to Guam in memory of *Operation New Life* and to extending a sincere *un dangkulo na si Yu'os ma'åse'* to the Vietnamese American Community of Guam for the contributions it has made to our island community.

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

3 **WHEREAS, in 1975, the island of Guam hosted over one hundred**
4 **fifty thousand (150,000) individuals from Vietnam and served as a harbor**
5 **of refuge for individuals to seek a new life away from the ravages of war**
6 **and a despotic regime; and**

1 **WHEREAS**, while many Vietnamese moved to the mainland United
2 States, a number of them decided to make Guam their new home, which
3 added to the cultural mix of one of the most diverse populations in the
4 Pacific; and

5 **WHEREAS**, in memory of their challenges, cultural transition, and
6 hope for a brighter life for future generations, the Vietnamese American
7 Heritage Foundation was established in 2004 to promote the understanding
8 and appreciation of the history and culture of Vietnamese Americans,
9 much of which involved changes from a tyrannical government to a new
10 and democratic society; and

11 **WHEREAS**, members of the Vietnamese American Heritage
12 Foundation work hard to celebrate and promote their heritage as
13 Americans of Vietnamese descent; provide opportunities for Vietnamese
14 Americans, to contribute to the betterment of American society and the
15 Vietnamese American Community through the understanding of their
16 unique history and heritage; support active citizenship for Vietnamese
17 Americans through participation in the American cultural and political
18 system; and to promote the integration of the Vietnamese American
19 Community into American society while maintaining its unique and
20 positive characteristics; and

21 **WHEREAS**, members of the Vietnamese American Heritage
22 Foundation are committed to preserving, promoting, and celebrating
23 Vietnamese American history and heritage for present and future
24 generations of Vietnamese Americans; and

1 **WHEREAS**, in light of the efforts made by the Vietnamese American
2 Heritage Foundation to help establish a permanent repository, physically
3 and in the minds of men, of the history of Vietnam, its people and of the
4 significant role Vietnam continues to have in the development of world
5 history, it is also proper to recognize the immeasurable assistance provided
6 to the island by Vietnamese Americans who call Guam their home; and

7 **WHEREAS**, the Vietnamese American Community of Guam has
8 assiduously donated time, effort and money to civic endeavors,
9 beautification projects and philanthropic organizations and through the
10 collective efforts of its leaders, the organization promotes activities that
11 facilitate the interaction of various ethnicities so as to foster understanding
12 and camaraderie, and serves as an invaluable resource which the island is
13 sure to build upon; and

14 **WHEREAS**, in memory of Vietnam and American histories when the
15 people of Guam opened new doors to those who sought refuge from the
16 ravages of war and a despotic regime, Members of *I Liheslaturan Guåhan*
17 recognize the very important and unbreakable relationship that has
18 developed between Vietnamese Americans and the people of Guam, a
19 relationship that has fostered understanding and appreciation of different
20 cultures that share common goals in social, political, and economic growth;
21 now, therefore, be it

22 **RESOLVED**, that the Executive Committee of *I Mina'Bente Ocho Na*
23 *Liheslaturan Guåhan* does hereby, on behalf of *I Liheslaturan Guåhan* and the
24 people of Guam, recognize and honor members of the Vietnamese
25 American Heritage Foundation on their visit to the island of Guam in

1 memory of *Operation New Life* and further extend a sincere *un dangkulo na si*
2 *Yu'os ma'ase'* to the Vietnamese American Community of Guam for its
3 contributions to our island community; and be it further


4 **RESOLVED**, that members of *I Liheslaturan Guahan* recognize Mr.
5 and Mrs. Peter "Sonny" and Jennifer Hua Ada, (a Vietnamese-American)
6 for their outstanding leadership in organizing the arrival of the
7 Vietnamese-American Heritage Foundation and the organization's
8 participation in various meetings, presentations, and activities in memory
9 of *Operation New Life* and *Operation Baby Lift*; and be it further

10 **RESOLVED**, that Mr. and Mrs. Peter "Sonny" and Jennifer Hua Ada
11 be recognized for their efforts in collecting *Operation New Life* and *Operation*
12 *Baby Lift* photos and documents from Gannett (Pacific Daily News); the
13 Micronesia Area Research Center (UOG); the United States Air Force
14 (Andersen Air Force Base historian), and private photo collections, which
15 will be handed over to the Vietnamese American Heritage Foundation
16 (VAHF) in Austin, Texas and will be added to the VAHF archives/website
17 at Texas Tech University for use by researchers, teachers, students,
18 business communities, and future generations of Vietnamese Americans;
19 and, be it further

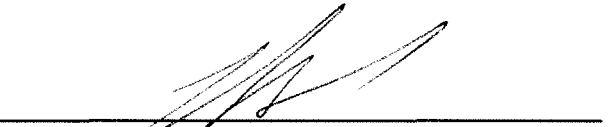
20 **RESOLVED**, that the Speaker and the Chairman of the Executive
21 Committee certify, and the Secretary of the Legislature attest to, the
22 adoption hereof, and that copies of the same be thereafter transmitted to
23 Mr. and Mrs. Peter "Sonny" and Jennifer Hua Ada; to the Vietnamese

- 1 American Heritage Foundation; to the Vietnamese American Community
- 2 of Guam; and to the 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 13TH DAY OF APRIL 2006.



MARK FORBES
Speaker and
Chairman, Executive Committee



EDWARD J.B. CALVO
Senator and
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