

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

Executive Committee
Resolution No. 159

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Relative to commending and thanking the Honorable R. James Nicholson, Secretary of Veterans Affairs, for his unprecedented visit to Guam and for his concern for our veterans.

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

3 **WHEREAS, R. James "Jim" Nicholson was appointed Secretary of**
4 **Veterans Affairs in December 2004 and unanimously confirmed by the Senate**
5 **in January 2005; and**

6 **WHEREAS, Mr. Nicholson is a veteran himself, graduating from the**
7 **United States Military Academy at West Point, N.Y. and serving for eight (8)**
8 **years in active duty as a paratrooper and ranger-qualified Army officer, and**

1 then serving twenty-two (22) years in the Army Reserve, retiring with the
2 rank of Colonel; and

3 **WHEREAS**, Mr. Nicholson served our country bravely in Vietnam,
4 earning the Bronze Star Medal, Combat Infantryman Badge, the Meritorious
5 Service Medal, Republic of Vietnam Cross of Gallantry and two (2) Air
6 Medals; and

7 **WHEREAS**, Mr. Nicholson is now the principal advocate for veterans in
8 the U.S. government and directs a Department responsible for a nationwide
9 system of health care services, benefit programs, and national cemeteries for
10 America's veterans and dependents; and

11 **WHEREAS**, Mr. Nicholson has shown his concern for the welfare of
12 Guam's veterans by his visit to Guam, an unprecedented event; and

13 **WHEREAS**, Mr. Nicholson has taken the time to find out first hand the
14 needs and concerns of Guam's veterans, to facilitate the processing of claims
15 and to ensure that the veterans on Guam receive the very best services from
16 the U.S. government; and

17 **WHEREAS**, Mr. Nicholson understands that our veterans have
18 dedicated their lives to our country and our island, to defending the freedoms
19 of our people, and to laying their lives on the line so that we all may live, and
20 understands that our veterans deserve not only our gratitude but our best
21 healthcare services and other benefits; now, therefore, be it

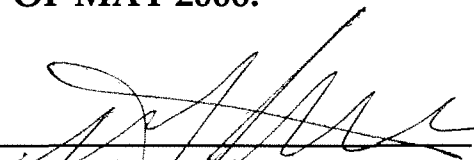
22 **RESOLVED**, that the Executive Committee of *I Mina'Bente Ocho Na*
23 *Liheslaturan Guåhan* does hereby, and on behalf of *I Liheslaturan Guåhan* and
24 the people of Guam, show its appreciation for the Honorable R. James

1 Nicholson for visiting Guam and meeting Guam's veterans and finding out
2 their needs first-hand; and be it further

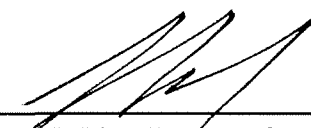
3 **RESOLVED**, that the Executive Committee of *I Mina'Bente Ocho Na*
4 *Liheslaturan Guåhan* does hereby, and on behalf of *I Liheslaturan Guåhan* and
5 the people of Guam, commend Mr. R. James "Jim" Nicholson for his service to
6 our country, for his dedication to the cause of our veterans, and for his
7 contribution to the betterment of the lives of Guam's veterans; and be it
8 further

9 **RESOLVED**, that the Speaker and the Chairman of the Executive
10 Committee certify, and the Secretary of the Legislature attest to, the adoption
11 hereof, and that copies of the same be thereafter transmitted to the Honorable
12 R. James "Jim" Nicholson; and to the Honorable Felix P. Camacho, *I*
13 *Maga'lahaen Guåhan*.

**DULY AND REGULARLY ADOPTED BY THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE
OF I MINA'BENTE OCHO NA LIHESLATURAN GUÅHAN ON THE 2ND
DAY OF MAY 2006.**



MARK FORBES
Speaker and
Chairman, Executive Committee



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