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Relative to recognizing the many significant contributions made to Guam's Tourism Industry by Mr. Kim Kyong-Hae and Communications Korea.

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE OF I

- 2 MINA'BENTE OCHO NA LIHESLATURAN GUÅHAN:
- 3 WHEREAS, in 1987, Mr. Kim Kyong-Hae established his company,
- 4 Communications Korea, becoming the very first Public Relations firm in
- 5 Korea; and
- 6 **WHEREAS**, in 1988, Mr. Kim Kyong-Hae and his firm, Communications
- 7 Korea, became the first Public Relations firm in Korea to represent a National

- 1 Tourist Office (NTO), the Guam Visitors Bureau, promoting Guam in Korea;
- 2 and
- 3 WHEREAS, Mr. Kim and his firm were instrumental in establishing
- 4 Korea as a member of the Guam Visa Waiver program thereby enabling
- 5 Guam to become the only U.S. destination not requiring a visa for Korean
- 6 travelers; and
- WHEREAS, through aggressive public relations and marketing efforts,
- 8 Mr. Kim helped Guam become one of the most well-known and frequently
- 9 visited overseas destinations for Korean travelers, especially as a honeymoon
- 10 destination; and
- 11 WHEREAS, in 1992, Communications Korea became the first Public
- 12 Relations agency to provide crisis management communication services, a
- 13 service which has proved invaluable to Guam; and
- 14 WHEREAS, Guam was further marketed to the Korean consumer
- 15 through the Korean-based prime time TV serial drama, "Missing You," in 1992,
- 16 which resulted in advertising worth US \$1.4 Million for Guam; and
- 17 **WHEREAS,** Mr. Kim's firm continued to pursue various other television
- 18 opportunities, resulting in Guam obtaining a reputation in Korea as the
- 19 pioneer of TV soap opera PPL (Product Placement); and
- 20 WHEREAS, Communications Korea regularly organized media
- 21 Familiarization (FAM) tours to Guam targeting dailies, weeklies, bridal
- 22 magazines, travel trade magazines and other interest groups; and
- 23 **WHEREAS**, Communications Korea, arranged for Guam's participation
- 24 in trade exhibitions such as WEDDEX, KOTFA and travel shows held in
- 25 Korea; and

1 WHEREAS, Mr. Kim's agency also created the Guam Romantic

2 Honeymoon campaign featuring a full page article printed in Chosun Ilbo's

3 Leisure section, which resulted in over four hundred (400) calls per day and a

4 total of twenty-four thousand (24,000) postcards asking for Guam's

5 honeymoon collaterals; and

6 WHEREAS, Communications Korea developed the award winning

"Guam Toe Series" advertising campaign, which received the "2000 Korea

8 Advertisement Grand Award" from the Korean Advertising Corporation, the

9 most reputable award in Korea and the only advertising award authorized by

the government, winner of which is recognized for the most outstanding ad

11 works in Korea; and

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12 WHEREAS, Communications Korea also received the 2001 PATA Gold

Award for destination advertising, setting an exemplary standard for

14 destination advertising in Korea; and

15 **WHEREAS**, Mr. Kim succeeded in organizing the Korea-Guam Tourism

Committee (KGTC), made up of the most senior and respected members from

Korea's leading travel agencies, which held quarterly meetings in Seoul or

Guam to give valuable input to Guam tourism projects; and

19 WHEREAS, Communications Korea published in-depth Guam

guidebooks in conjunction with Korea's foremost photographers and copy

21 writers, distributing said publications to all travel agencies and consumers;

22 and

23 WHEREAS, Mr. Kim's firm assisted Guam in successful crisis

management following the Korean Air crash by dispatching staff to Guam to

25 address journalists covering the crisis, being instrumental in the Governor of

- 1 Guam receiving an invitation to Korea for further recovery work, and
- 2 enabling the Governor of Guam to meet with reporters in an informal setting
- 3 resulting in several published articles describing the Governor's humanitarian
- 4 efforts to pay tribute to the crash victims; and
- 5 WHEREAS, Mr. Kim and Communications Korea effectively restored
- 6 Guam's positive image as a destination of choice following the terrorist
- 7 attacks of 9/11 and various typhoon recovery efforts; and
- 8 WHEREAS, Communications Korea expanded Guam's target market
- 9 from the Capital City of Seoul to regional cities such as Pusan, Taegu,
- 10 Kwangju and Taejon, and persuaded Korean Air to establish a regular Guam-
- 11 Pusan route; and
- 12 WHEREAS, Guam was featured in several popular television programs,
- 13 resulting in several million dollars worth of media coverage that
- 14 Communications Korea secured for GVB for a fraction of the cost; and
- 15 WHEREAS, Communications Korea has been largely responsible for
- 16 Guam's continuing participation in the Fanta Fun Camp, a summer program
- 17 for Korean youths involving the promotion of Guam through Fanta soft drink
- 18 containers sold throughout Korea; and
- 19 WHEREAS, Mr. Kim's firm encouraged Guam to support local Korean
- 20 people following a heavy flood, allowing Guam's humanitarian effort to be
- 21 widely covered by Korean media; and
- 22 WHEREAS, Mr. Kim enticed Korea's best known politician, Kim Dae-
- 23 jung (DJ), to visit Guam, resulting in numerous published articles describing
- 24 Guam as part of "DJ's Guam Plan" and when Kim Dae-jung became President
- of Korea, Korean media continued to describe "DJ's Guam Plan," resulting in

- 1 Guam's being known in Korea as a destination of choice for the President,
- 2 who continued to praise Guam as a travel destination; and
- 3 **WHEREAS**, Mr. Kim and Communications Korea were instrumental in
- 4 increasing tourism numbers from Korea to Guam from one thousand two
- 5 hundred forty-seven (1,247) in 1988 to just over one hundred fourteen
- 6 thousand (114,000) in FY2006; and
- 7 WHEREAS, Mr. Kim and Communications Korea have represented
- 8 Guam in Korea for over eighteen (18) years, the longest representation for
- 9 Guam and the Guam Visitors Bureau in the agency's history; and
- 10 WHEREAS, during these eighteen (18) years of service the following
- 11 team members of Communications Korea performed above and beyond
- 12 expectations: Mr. Kim Kyong-Hae, President; Mr. Kim Ki-Chang (Ben), Vice
- 13 President; Mr. Shin Sung-In, Account Director; Ms. Isabel Yoon, Account
- 14 Director; Mr. Lim Chung-Eui, Professional Photographer; Ms. Uni Park,
- 15 Account Director; Ms. Irene Lee, Account Director; Ms. Gina Choi, Media
- 16 Coordinator; Ms. Sophia Sung, Account Director; Mr. JS Koo, Senior Sales
- 17 Director; Mr. Chris Min, Media Coordinator; Ms. Chung Ye-Sun, Media
- 18 Coordinator; and; Ms. Jennifer Yoo, Account Executive; now, therefore, be it
- 19 **RESOLVED**, that the Executive Committee of I Mina'Bente Ocho Na
- 20 Liheslaturan Guåhan does hereby, on behalf of I Liheslaturan Guåhan and the
- 21 people of Guam, commend Mr. Kim Kyong-Hae for his dedication and hard
- 22 work as the founder and president of Communications Korea, Public
- 23 Relations and Marketing representative for Guam and the Guam Visitors
- 24 Bureau in Korea, and recognizing his many contributions to Guam as he
- completes eighteen (18) years of service; and be it further

1 **RESOLVED**, that the Executive Committee of I Mina'Bente Ocho Na

2 Liheslaturan Guåhan does hereby, on behalf of I Liheslaturan Guåhan and the

3 people of Guam, extends the sincerest and deepest gratitude to Mr. Kim

4 Kyong-Hae and Communications Korea for their role in shaping Guam's

5 tourism industry; and be it further

6 RESOLVED, that the Speaker and the Chairman of the Executive

7 Committee certify, and the Secretary of the Legislature attest to, the adoption

8 hereof, and that copies of the same be thereafter transmitted to Mr. Kim

9 Kyong-Hae, President and Founder, Communications Korea; to Mr. Gerald

10 S.A. Perez, General Manager, Guam Visitors Bureau; and to the Honorable

11 Felix P. Camacho, I Maga'lahen Guåhan.

DULY AND REGULARLY ADOPTED BY THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE OF I MINA'BENTE OCHO NA LIHESLATURAN GUÅHAN ON THE 11^{TH} DAY OF OCTOBER 2006.

MARK FORBES

Speaker and

Chairman, Executive Committee

EDWARD J.B. CALVO

Senator and

Secretary of the Legislature