

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

**Executive Committee
Resolution No. 218**

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Relative to congratulating Mr. Thomas G. Ahillen, Country Manager of Matson Navigation Company, Inc., on his retirement; and to commending him for providing ten (10) years of quality service throughout Micronesia, most especially in Guam, and congratulating Matson Navigation Company, Inc. on the launching of its bi-weekly liner service from Guam to the Federated States of Micronesia and the Republic of the Marshall Islands and the unveiling ceremony of the 425 footer 'MV Islander.'

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

1 WHEREAS, Mr. Thomas G. Ahillen’s experience on Guam began in 1991
2 when he moved to Guam as an employee of APL Logistics; and

3 **WHEREAS**, Mr. Thomas G. Ahillen had a pivotal role in the transition
4 process in 1995 when Matson Navigation Company, Inc. purchased the Guam
5 Service and its assets from APL Logistics; and

6 **WHEREAS**, Mr. Thomas G. Ahillen has been Matson’s central point of
7 contact for Guam and Micronesia, overseeing Matson’s Guam staff of thirty-
8 three (33) employees, most of whom have been with the company since
9 Matson Navigation Company, Inc. first acquired its services; and

10 **WHEREAS**, under the management of Mr. Thomas G. Ahillen, Matson
11 Navigation Company, Inc. has invested in new vessels and equipment,
12 launched a new liner service for Micronesia and supported the privatization
13 of the Port Authority of Guam; and

14 **WHEREAS**, Matson has been serving our region for over a decade and
15 has supported Guam’s efforts to become the transshipment hub of Micronesia;
16 and

17 **WHEREAS**, Matson is launching a new bi-weekly liner service to the
18 eastern Federated States of Micronesia and the Republic of Marshall Islands;
19 and

20 **WHEREAS**, Matson Navigation Company, Inc. has chartered a four
21 hundred twenty-five (425) foot vessel which will be renamed the ‘MV
22 Islander’; and

23 **WHEREAS**, the ‘MV Islander’ will be sailing from Guam and will be
24 calling on Ebeye, Kwajelein, Majuro, Kosrae, Pohnpei, and Chuuk; and

1 **WHEREAS**, the shift of Matson’s Marshall Islands service from
2 Honolulu to Guam will strengthen the Port of Guam as the transshipment
3 port of the region; and

4 **WHEREAS**, Matson’s new service will develop inter-land trade and
5 commerce throughout Micronesia; and

6 **WHEREAS**, Mr. Thomas G. Ahillen led Matson’s staff through
7 numerous typhoons and super-typhoons, ensuring that Matson proactively
8 addressed the disasters in a way that fully supported its customers and the
9 communities it serves; and

10 **WHEREAS**, Mr. Thomas G. Ahillen devoted his personal time to a
11 number of community service efforts, serving as an officer for charitable
12 organizations such as the Guam Chapter of American Red Cross, the Guam
13 Girl Scouts, Inc, the Boy Scouts of America, the Guam Community College
14 Endowment Fund, the University of Guam Endowment Foundation, and the
15 Guam Navy League; and

16 **WHEREAS**, Mr. Thomas G. Ahillen is the founder of the ‘Gift of Life,’ a
17 blood donor organization established in 1995; and

18 **WHEREAS**, Mr. Thomas G. Ahillen, was named 2002 ‘Executive of the
19 Year’ by Guam Business Magazine; and

20 **WHEREAS**, Mr. Thomas G. Ahillen has helped establish Matson in
21 Guam and Micronesia as a quality carrier, fully committed to the islands and
22 has represented the company well both business matters and his community
23 service; now, therefore, be it

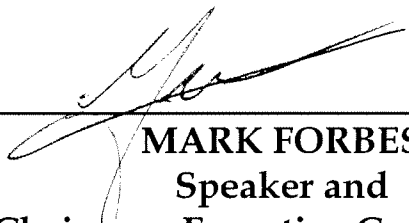
1 **RESOLVED**, that the Executive Committee of *I Mina'Bente Siete Na*
2 *Liheslaturan Guåhan* does hereby, on behalf of *I Liheslaturan Guåhan* and the
3 people of Guam, commend Mr. Thomas G. Ahillen, Country Manager of
4 Matson Navigation Company, Inc., for providing ten (10) years of quality
5 service throughout Micronesia, most especially in Guam; and be it further

6 **RESOLVED**, that the Executive Committee of *I Mina'Bente Ocho Na*
7 *Liheslaturan Guåhan* does hereby, on behalf of *I Liheslaturan Guåhan* and the
8 people of Guam, congratulate Mr. Thomas G. Ahillen on his retirement after
9 many years of service to Guam; and be it further


10 **RESOLVED**, that the Executive Committee of *I Mina'Bente Ocho Na*
11 *Liheslaturan Guåhan* does hereby, on behalf of *I Liheslaturan Guåhan* and the
12 people of Guam, congratulate Matson Navigation Company, Inc. on the
13 launching of its bi-weekly liner service from Guam to the Federated States of
14 Micronesia and the Republic of Marshall Islands and the unveiling ceremony
15 of its 425 footer 'MV Islander'; and be it further

16 **RESOLVED**, that the Speaker and the Chairman of the Executive
17 Committee certify, and the Secretary of the Legislature attest to, the adoption
18 hereof and that copies of the same be thereafter transmitted to Mr. Thomas G.
19 Ahillen, Country Manager, Matson Navigation Company, Inc.; to Mr. Jim
20 Andrasick, President, Matson Navigation Company, Inc.; to Mr. Gary North,
21 Senior Vice President, Matson Navigation Company, Inc.; and to the
22 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 19TH
DAY OF DECEMBER 2006.



MARK FORBES
Speaker and
Chairman, Executive Committee



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