

**I MINA'BENTE OCHO NA LIHESLATURAN GUÅHAN
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**Executive Committee
Resolution No. 52**

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Relative to commending and congratulating the Western Visayas College of Science & Technology, formerly known as "Iloilo School of Arts and Trades", and its Alumni on Guam, on the occasion of its Centennial Celebration.

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

3 **WHEREAS,** the Western Visayas College of Science & Technology was
4 founded in 1905 as the Iloilo Trade School on Iznart Street, Iloilo City, with
5 Mr. Bruce E. Ingersoll as its first Principal; and

1 **WHEREAS**, the mission of the 'Iloilo Trade School' was to provide
2 technical skills training to regional school-age youth and future teachers for
3 industrial manpower development; and

4 **WHEREAS**, the school's first curriculum was woodworking, building
5 construction and sheet metal, extending into welding and machine shop
6 practices upon the school's relocation to General Luna Street, La Paz, Iloilo
7 City in 1918; and

8 **WHEREAS**, the mission of providing vocational education was further
9 enhanced by the appointment in 1919 of the school's first Filipino principal,
10 Mr. Pablo Bion, the construction of two (2) concrete buildings in 1925, and
11 replacement of the elementary and middle school curricula with a four-year
12 secondary curriculum in 1927 to accommodate the growing demand for
13 technical skill graduates; and

14 **WHEREAS**, the school's success over its first twenty-five (25) years led
15 to increased enrollment and provincial government funding, and eventual
16 renaming in 1939 as "Iloilo School of Arts and Trades" ('ISAT'), in recognition
17 of its stature as a national vocational education resource; and

18 **WHEREAS**, the Iloilo School of Arts and Trades expanded its
19 curriculum in 1939-1940 with the addition of auto mechanics, metal works,
20 forging and smithing, and electricity, as well as industrial arts teacher
21 training, refining these programs further during post-war reconstruction; and

22 **WHEREAS**, in 1954, ISAT commenced instruction to students pursuing
23 a Bachelor of Science degree in either Industrial Arts or Industrial Education,
24 graduating its first degree candidates in 1959; and

1 **WHEREAS**, in 1958, other schools in Iloilo were converted to vocational
2 schools under the supervision of ISAT; and

3 **WHEREAS**, ISAT continued to expand its campus and curricular
4 development throughout the 1960's and 1970's, addressing manpower needs
5 of the Nation so effectively that by the mid 1970's it was declared a Regional
6 Staff Development Center for Western Visayas, and the country's leading
7 center for Practical Arts Training; in response, ISAT established a research
8 division and offered for the first time a Master of Arts in Teaching Vocational
9 Education; and

10 **WHEREAS**, the latent potential of women was recognized in 1946 when
11 girls were admitted to a curriculum in dressmaking and food trades, steadily
12 expanding to the 1972 decision to train teachers in home economics, and, in
13 1979, adding a Home Economics major to the Bachelors of Sciences in
14 Industrial Education program; and

15 **WHEREAS**, the efforts of ISAT's administrators, faculty and students
16 were rewarded on May 18, 1983, when the School was converted and
17 renamed to "Western Visayas College of Science and Technology"; and

18 **WHEREAS**, Western Visayas College of Science and Technology
19 ('WVCST') rapidly expanded its curricular offerings to include bachelor's
20 degrees in teaching mathematics, physics and chemistry, secondary
21 education, marine engineering, community development, electronics and
22 communication engineering, information technology, hotel and restaurant
23 technology, computer science and others; and

1 **WHEREAS**, the physical plant and practical accessibility of WVCST's
2 programs was augmented with the successive integration of four (4) regional
3 colleges as branches of WVCST; and

4 **WHEREAS**, in 1999, WVCST was selected as the Philippines' vocational
5 training center for participation in UNESCO's International Project in
6 Technology; and

7 **WHEREAS**, from its humble beginnings as Iloilo Trade School, Iloilo
8 School of Arts and Trades, and Western Visayas College of Science and
9 Technology have trained and graduated thousands of skilled technicians and
10 teachers of industrial arts over the past one hundred (100) years, contributing
11 immeasurably to the development of the Philippines and Guam; now,
12 therefore, be it

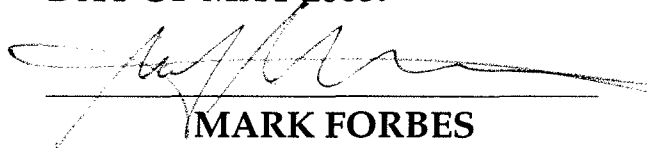
13 **RESOLVED** that the Executive Committee of *I Mina'Bente Ocho Na*
14 *Liheslaturan Guåhan* does hereby on behalf of *I Liheslaturan Guåhan* and the
15 people of Guam, commend and congratulate the President, faculty, staff,
16 students and alumni of Western Visayas College of Science and Technology;
17 on the occasion of the one hundredth (100th) Anniversary of its founding in
18 1905; and be it further

19 **RESOLVED**, that *I Liheslaturan Guåhan* commends the Western Visayas
20 College of Science and Technology for the thousands of trained technicians
21 and teachers whose skilled effort has directly contributed to the progress and
22 economic vitality of Guam and the Philippines; and be it further

23 **RESOLVED**, that the Speaker and the Chairman of the Executive
24 Committee certify, and the Secretary of the Legislature attest to, the adoption

1 hereof and that copies of the same be thereafter transmitted to Mr. Al B.
2 Siaotong, President of the Western Visayas College of Science and Technology
3 (Iloilo School of Arts and Trades) Alumni Association, Guam Chapter; to Dr.
4 Renato V. Alba, President of the Western Visayas College of Science and
5 Technology; 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 23RD
DAY OF MAY 2005.**



MARK FORBES
Speaker and
Chairman, Executive Committee



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