I MINA BENTE OCHO NA LIHESLATURAN GUAHAN 2006 (Second) Regular Session

Executive Committee Resolution No. 113 (FFF

Introduced by:

J.M.S. Brown

RELATIVE TO COMMENDING AND CONGRATULATING PARKS ADMINISTRATOR PETER V. VILLAGOMEZ ON HIS RETIREMENT FROM THE DEPARTMENT OF PARKS AND RECREATION, AND EXTENDING SINCERE GRATITUDE FOR HIS TWENTY-THREE (23) YEARS OF PUBLIC SERVICE AND DEDICATION TO THE PEOPLE OF GUAM.

1 BE IT RESOLVED BY I MINA' BENTE OCHO NA LIHESLATURAN

2 **GUÅHAN:**

WHEREAS, Peter V. Villagomez was born on December 17, 1945 in
Mangilao and is the son of Jesus Villagomez and Rosario Villagomez, and has
nine (9) siblings; Melba Aguigui, Joyce Villagomez, Rodney Villagomez,
Pauline Concepcion, Merca Bissaca, Andrew Villagomez, Claire Rose
Villagomez and Jesse Anthony Villagomez; and
WHEREAS, Mr. Villagomez will retire as Parks Administrator of the

9 Department of Parks and Recreation after twenty-three (23) years of service to

10 the government of Guam; and

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۲ • WHEREAS, in 1988, Mr. Villagomez began working as a Program
 Coordinator II at the Department of Parks & Recreation, and in 1990, in
 recognition of his exemplary performance, was nominated for the
 Government of Guam Top Ten Employees of the Year Award; and

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5 WHEREAS, Mr. Villagomez's notable accomplishments included 6 securing a three million five hundred thousand dollar (\$3,500,000) Land and 7 Water Conservation Fund grant for the second phase of the Guam Veteran's 8 Cemetery in Piti; and other grants from the National Natural Landmark Fund 9 for the island's natural landmarks such as Facpi Point and Fouha Point, both 10 in Umatac; and

WHEREAS, in 1997, when the eight (8) employees of the parks division of the Department of Parks and Recreation opted for the early-out retirement program or regular retirement, Mr. Villagomez single-handedly ran the division; and

WHEREAS, after the devastation of Super Typhoon Paka in 1997 Mr. 15 Villagomez collaborated with the Guam Historic Preservation Program of the 16 Department of Parks and Recreation to revitalize places of historic importance 17 including the Plaza De Espana in Hagåtña and Fort Soledad in Umatac; and 18 WHEREAS, beginning 2001, Mr. Villagomez served as acting Parks 19 20 Administrator until his permanent appointment to the position in 2003, where last year, Mr. Villagomez was again instrumental in obtaining a fifty thousand 21 dollar (\$50,000) federal grant to purchase and install gates at the island's 22

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1 various public parks to assist in the prevention of vandalism; and

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WHEREAS, the mission of the Parks division of the Department of Parks and Recreation is to provide clean, safe and attractive parks for the recreational and aesthetic enjoyment of island residents and visitors, and during Mr. Villagomez's tenure as Parks Administrator he has strived to accomplish this by overseeing the administration and maintenance of the island's inventory of eighty (80) public parks, facilities and cemeteries; and

8 WHEREAS, his superiors and colleagues view him as a professional and 9 outstanding employee, and will miss his expertise regarding federal rules and 10 regulations governing the administration of parks and facilities; now therefore 11 be it

12 **RESOLVED**, that *I Mina'Bente Ocho Na Liheslaturan Guåhan* does hereby 13 on behalf of the people of Guam, commend and congratulate Mr. Peter V. 14 Villagomez for his twenty-three (23) years of service to the People of Guam 15 and extend sincere gratitude for his contributions to the Department of Parks 16 and Recreation; and be it further

RESOLVED, that the Speaker certify to and the Secretary of the
Legislature attest to, the adoption hereof, and that copies of the same
thereafter be transmitted to Peter V. Villagomez; Tom Morrison; Director,
Department of Parks and Recreation; and to the Honorable Felix P. Camacho, I
Maga Lahen Guahan.

DULY AND REGULARLY ADOPTED BY I MINA'BENTE OCHO NA LIHESLATURAN GUÅHAN ON THE _____ DAY OF JANUARY 2006.

Mark Forbes Speaker

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Edward J.B. Calvo Senator and Secretary of the Legislature