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

E. B. Calvo
Resolution No. 118 (EC)

Introduced by:

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Relative to proclaiming January 15, 2006 as the birthday of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. and honoring the hard work and dedication for his civil rights movement.

BE IT RESOLVED BY I MINA'BENTE OCHO NA LIHESLATURAN GUÅHAN:

WHEREAS, Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. was born on January 15, 1929 to Martin Luther King, Sr. and Alberta Williams King in Atlanta, Georgia; and

WHEREAS, days after Rosa Park's refused to comply with the segregation law on buses in Montgomery, Alabama, on December 5, 1955, Dr. King was later elected as the President of the Montgomery Improvement Association and the Montgomery Bus Boycott commenced; and

WHEREAS, the United States Supreme Court declared Alabama's segregation laws unconstitutional and Montgomery buses were desegregated on December 20, 1956; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. summoned together a number of African American leaders in 1957 and laid the groundwork for the organization for civil rights movement known as the Southern Christian Leadership Conference; and

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WHEREAS, Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. was elected president of the Southern Christian Leadership and as an active member of many organizations fighting discrimination among African Americans and soon began helping other communities organize their own protests against discrimination; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Martin Luther Kings, Jr. lead the 1957 Prayer Pilgrimage for Freedom in Washington, D.C., and later published his first book entitled "Stride Toward Freedom: The Montgomery Story;" and

WHEREAS, During 1957 through 1968, Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. traveled over six million miles and spoke over twenty-five hundred times, appearing wherever there was injustice, protests, and action; and

WHEREAS, During that period he also was able to produce five books as well as numerous articles; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. traveled to India to study techniques from India to learn more of Gandhi strategies of nonviolence and created his own theories to attain community change by way of nonviolent resistance; and

WHEREAS, During 1963 Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. delivered one of the most supreme speeches in history titled "I have a dream" that illustrated his perseverance in leadership; and

WHEREAS, on November 2, 1983 President Ronald Wilson Regan signed into law the first piece of legislation enacting a national day to recognize Dr. King holiday, which was submitted by Representative John Conyers (D-Michigan); and

WHEREAS, January 20, 1986 was marked the first ever observance day of

Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.; and

WHEREAS, the Guam Martin Luther King, Jr. Human Rights Commission and the African American Heritage Committee, ComNavMarianas, in partnership with Serve Guam! Commission-AmeriCorps Program are working collectively to develop a series of activities and programs to attain global peace; and

WHEREAS, Serve Guam! Commission-AmeriCorps Program in collaboration with the Guam Martin Luther King, Jr. Human Rights Commission will participate in the celebrations of the life and dedication of work Dr. King has produced throughout the years; now therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that *I Mina'Bente Ocho Na Liheslaturan Guåhan* does hereby, on behalf of the people of Guam, declare Monday, January 16, 2006 as the day commemorating the birthday of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. and that he be honored as a man who worked hard and dedicated his life to civil rights movements to better the lives of African Americans around the world; and be it further

RESOLVED, that the Speaker and the Chairman of the Executive Committee certify, and the Secretary of the Legislature attest to, the adoption hereof, and that copies of the same be thereafter transmitted to Ms. Claudette McGhee, Executive Director of Guam's Martin Luther King, Jr. Human Rights Commission; to Mr. Abraham Amison, President of Guam's Martin Luther King, Jr. Human Rights Commission; to the African American Heritage Committee; ComNavMarianas; Ms. Lisa Hoyer, Executive Director of Serve Guam! Commission-AmeriCorps Program; Dr. Rita Williams, Guest Speaker; Pastor Kyran John of Seventh Day Adventist Church; Indian Community of Guam; to the

Honorable Madeline Z. Bordallo, Member of Congress, U.S. House of Representatives; and to the Honorable 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 _____ DAY OF JANUARY 2006.

MARK FORBES
Speaker and
Chairman, Executive Committee

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