

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

**Executive Committee  
Resolution No. 135**

Introduced by:

Mark Forbes



**Relative to commending and Congratulating Mrs. Barbara M. Gumataotao, Civilian employee for the United States Air Force, for her extremely successful tours of duty on Andersen Airforce Base, Guam and particularly for her efforts to promote a better relationship between the United States Air Force and the people of Guam.**

**BE IT RESOLVED BY THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE OF I**

**MINA' BENTE OCHO NA LIHESLATURAN GUAHAN:**

WHEREAS; Mrs. Gumataotao was born and raised in Guam. She is married to Tomas C. Gumataotao, is also a Team Andersen employee with Del Jin Inc.; has four children with 6 wonderful grandchildren of her own along with 6 step children and 20 wonderful step-grandchildren. She graduated out of John F. Kennedy High School in Tumon, Guam, and started working for the Government of Guam right out of high school in 1969. She held a job with the Office of Employment Opportunity (OEO) until 1973 when she applied for a

1 position with the Civilian Personnel Office at Andersen and was hired by  
2 February as a Clerk for the 8<sup>th</sup> Air Force, Logistics Plans with an effective date  
3 of 3 March 1973 ; and

4 WHEREAS, Ms. Barbara M. Gumataotao served as the director of the  
5 Andersen AFB Real Estate Office in Resources Flight with the 36<sup>th</sup> Civil  
6 Engineer Squadron, Andersen Air Force Base, Guam. She leads a staff of  
7 three realty specialists in the management of all Air Force assets on Guam,  
8 Singapore and in Sydney/Exmouth/Learmonth, Australia; and

9 WHEREAS, Ms. Gumataotao epitomized the definition of all on and off  
10 base community servant. Her actions have made numerous significant  
11 contributions to the United States and the people of Guam; and

12 WHEREAS, Ms. Gumataotao served her 33 years of service on Andersen  
13 AFB from 3 March 1973 to 3 March 2006. She was extremely involved in a  
14 number of military and community projects, which have made significant  
15 impact on the quality of life of the people of Andersen and Guam. Her efforts  
16 have definitely improved the natural beauty of our island paradise. She has  
17 maintained a calm and level head in the midst of all contingencies while still  
18 making time to give back to the community with her unselfish dedication and

1 endless energy. She is most deserving of this prestigious and honorable  
2 award; and

3 WHEREAS, Ms. Gumataotao, is responsible for all Real Estate in the 13<sup>th</sup>  
4 Air Force now led by the 36<sup>th</sup> Air Expeditionary Wing, she manages 19,025  
5 acres and over 2,300 facilities, coordinating real estate transactions, reviewing  
6 and approving facility use and identifying and correcting facility misuse after  
7 3 decades of the Navy trying to excess 3,200 acres of land under PL 103-339;  
8 and

9 WHEREAS, Ms. Gumataotao, took over as Real Estate agent in the mid-  
10 90's and led the Air Force's efforts to finalize the process and complete the  
11 transfer of eight parcels of land (2,136 acres) to the Government of Guam  
12 culminating a five year effort to properly identify, characterize and remediate  
13 the land after 50 years of military use. She worked closely with local  
14 government and community officials throughout the transfer process to allow  
15 interim access to the parcels through license agreements. She successfully  
16 identified, justified, and spearheaded the procurement of over \$500,000 in  
17 architectural survey services required to retrace and locate boundary markers

1 in preparation to turn back acres of excess land to the Government of Guam in  
2 one of the largest returns of military land in the history of Guam; and

3 WHEREAS, Ms. Gumataotao administers the largest real property  
4 support program of any Air Force base in the Pacific Air Forces including 9  
5 easements, 21 permits, 17 licenses, 8 leases, and 38 Inter-service Support  
6 Agreements with organizations from the Air Force, Department of Defense,  
7 Federal Government, the Government of Guam, and private industry. These  
8 agreements support many activities on Guam including critical utility support  
9 to the Department of Public Works, Guam Power Authority, Guam  
10 Waterworks Authority and the Guam Telephone Authority ; and

11 WHEREAS, Ms. Gumataotao supported the Air Force's efforts to bury  
12 the 17 mile fuels pipeline through exceptional coordination with community  
13 leaders, notifications to all effected land owners, and conducting town  
14 meetings to address concerns. Her staff routinely monitors use of all facilities  
15 and real property on Guam to ensure proper compliance with all Air Force  
16 and federal requirements; and

17 WHEREAS, Ms. Gumataotao worked very closely with the Andersen  
18 leadership to accommodate all real estate requirements from facilities like the

1 Officers' Spouse Gift Shop to supporting unique aircraft bed down facility  
2 requirements. She coordinates and manages the Andersen Real Estate  
3 Working Group satisfying all facility moves and requests for new and  
4 additional facility space ; and

5 WHEREAS, Ms. Gumataotao played a critical role in many facility use  
6 initiatives including the implementation of Department of Defense Schools on  
7 Andersen, procuring the Piti Warehouse for Air Fore use, identification and  
8 reporting of 360 excess housing units for submission to the Congressionally  
9 mandated McKinney Homeless Act Report, and all crucial military training  
10 operations conducted at Andersen AFB ; and

11 WHEREAS, Ms. Gumataotao is truly a community leader who strongly  
12 supports Air Force initiatives to maintain a friendly and positive partnership  
13 with the Government of Guam. She works tirelessly to communicate Air  
14 Force Real Estate requirements and policies to members of the local  
15 community and government; and

16 WHEREAS, Mrs. Gumataotao personally works with the land-locked  
17 residents at Ritidian Point, Jinapsan Beach and in the vicinity of Andersen  
18 South to ensure they have proper access to their properties and comprehend

1 Air Force security requirements. She negotiated with the Bureau of Land  
2 Management and the Government of Guam to complete a Memorandum of  
3 Understanding to allow the Government of Guam the use of the Harmon  
4 Cliffline properties for the Guam Liberation Carnival. She worked tirelessly  
5 to complete all legal documentation and obtain necessary approvals to allow  
6 the Government of Guam to use the Andersen South facilities to support the  
7 South Pacific Games ; and

8 WHEREAS, Ms. Gumataotao successfully supported the Mayor of  
9 Barrigada's efforts to utilize 20 acres of Air Force land at the Barrigada Radar  
10 Facility for a community ball field for youth activities and was Nominated for  
11 the civilian of the first quarter in the year 2000; and

12 WHEREAS, Ms. Gumataotao consistently produces results that benefit  
13 both the Air Force and the local community. After graduating from John F.  
14 Kennedy High School in Upper Tumon, she has obtained her expertise in Real  
15 Estate management from years of hard work and dedication. She attended  
16 three professional development courses in 2003 including Supervisory  
17 Refresher Training, the PACAF Real Estate Training Seminar, and the Air  
18 Force Automated Civil Engineering Computer System training course; and

1           WHEREAS, Ms.Gumataotao mentors and trains the employees who  
2 work for her in the Real Estate Office. Two Real Estate Specialists have been  
3 promoted several grades above their starting level.

4           WHEREAS, Ms.Gumataotao was a key player for her squadron's receipt  
5 of the 2000 Major General Robert C. Thompson Award for an Outstanding  
6 Civil Engineer, Resources Flight as well as the 2001 Air Force Award ; and

7           WHEREAS, Mrs. Gumataotao forges positive communication with the  
8 downtown community, base customers and her co-workers. She played a  
9 vital role in building a great community/base relations by assisting private  
10 landowners in gaining access to, using and enjoying their property at Jinapsan  
11 and Urunao Beach ; and

12           WHEREAS, Mrs. Gumataotao first started working at Team Andersen  
13 8<sup>th</sup> Air Force Logistics Plans then on to the 27<sup>th</sup> Communications Squadron in  
14 1973, the last year of Arc Light and the start of Operation Linebacker II. Her  
15 tour at Andersen also included assignments at the Audit Office, 43<sup>rd</sup> Supply  
16 Squadron, and the 36<sup>th</sup> Civil Engineering Squadron, where she has been  
17 working in the Resources Flight, Real Property Section for the last 20 years ;  
18 and

1           WHEREAS, Mrs. Guamataotao's education, training, has given her  
2 numerous awards; and has been instrumental in her job as a civilian in the  
3 United States Air Force ; and

4           WHEREAS; Mrs. Barbara M. Gumataotao, a local civilian, who came to  
5 Andersen AFB, in March 1973, and has since given unselfishly in promoting  
6 friendship between the United States Air Force and the people of Guam, who  
7 has an outstanding dedicated hours on Andersen where her presence will  
8 surly be missed by friends in the civilian capacity as well as the military  
9 community; and ; now, therefore be it

10           RESOLVED, that that the Executive Committee of *I Mina'bente Ocho na*  
11 *Liheslaturan Guåhan* and the people of Guam, commend and congratulate Mrs.  
12 Barbara M. Gumataotao on her outstanding contributions as a civilian for the  
13 United States Air Force and the people of Guam, and be it further

14           RESOLVED, that the Speaker and the Chairman of the Executive  
15 Committee certify and the Legislative Secretary attest to, the adoption hereof  
16 and that copies of the same be thereafter transmitted to Mrs. Barbara M.  
17 Gumataotao and the Honorable Felix P. Camacho, *I Maga'lahaen Guåhan*.



1 DULY AND REGULARLY ADOPTED BY THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE  
2 OF *I MINA' BENTE OCHO NA LIHESLATURAN GUÅHAN* ON THE \_\_\_ DAY  
3 OF \_\_\_ 2006.

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5 MARK FORBES  
6 Speaker

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EDWARD J.B. CALVO  
Secretary of the Legislature

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