

I MINA'BENTE OCHO NA LIHESLATURAN GUÅHAN

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Executive Committee Resolution

Resolution No. 146

Introduced by:

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RELATIVE TO COMMENDING AND CONGRATULATING THE UNIVERSITY OF GUAM MARINE LABORATORY ON THE OCCASION OF ITS THIRTY-FIFTH (35TH) ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION AND TO RECOGNIZING THE CONTRIBUTIONS, VISION AND DILIGENCE OF THE ORIGINAL TRIO OF FACULTY MEMBERS - DRS. ROBERT S. JONES, LUCIUS G. ELDREDGE, AND ROY T. TSUDA FOR THEIR PART IN THE CONCEPTUALIZATION, CONSTRUCTION AND NURTURING OF WHAT IS TODAY RECOGNIZED AS A WORLD CLASS MARINE BIOLOGY RESEARCH FACILITY

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

- 1 **WHEREAS**, an idea envisioned by a trio of faculty members, University of Guam
2 President Dr. Antonio C. Yamashita, university leaders and community stakeholders
3 recognized that the island of Guam, surrounded by vast coastal resources, was poised to
4 play a major role in the important field of marine biology research; and
- 5 **WHEREAS**, borne from that vision some 35 years ago was the creation of the
6 University of Guam's Marine Biology Laboratory. Officially opened on December 17th,
7 1970, the Marine Lab faculty consisted of pioneers Dr. Robert S. Jones, Dr. Lucius G.
8 Eldridge, and Dr. Roy T. Tsuda; and
- 9 **WHEREAS**, collectively and with the support of the University of Guam
10 community, the first three faculty members laid a healthy foundation and set the tone for
11 the continual improvement and enhancement of the Marine Laboratory. Dr. Jones, served
12 as the first Director of the Lab from 1970-'72, Dr. Eldredge, from 1972 - 1974 and Dr.
13 Tsuda, from 1974-76; and
- 14 **WHEREAS**, in 1975, a grant from the United States Department of Health,
15 Education and Welfare aided in the construction of the 2nd floor addition of the present day

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1 Marine Lab, which serves as general purpose labs and lecture hall, and allowed the lower
2 floors to become faculty offices, and

3 **WHEREAS**, in 1991, the National Science Foundation helped to further expand the
4 research facility with contributions for the building of the Marine Lab's annex, housing the
5 synoptic collections, molecular laboratory, and additional faculty offices, and

6 **WHEREAS**, in 1993, an additional grant from the National Science Foundation
7 allowed UOG to add housing for visiting scientists; who recognize the institute as a
8 premier research facility for Coral Reef Research; and

9 **WHEREAS**, as a result of its distinction as a world class research facility, the Marine
10 Lab has attracted students, and scientists from around the world and today boasts 120
11 members of its alumni who possess graduate degrees, and dozens enrolled in the discipline
12 per semester ; and

13 **WHEREAS**, the Marine Lab has recorded 585 peer-reviewed publications, produced
14 116 technical reports and authored numerous publications related to the field of Marine
15 Biology, and

16 **WHEREAS**, the Marine Laboratory plays an important role in regional and national
17 marine research, serves the greater Micronesian region through its mission to perform basic
18 and applied research on the biology of tropical marine organisms, emphasizing
19 conservation and management of coastal marine resources; providing community service
20 through environmental assessments, technical reports, educational materials, public
21 lectures and expertise on marine issues; and teaching in the undergraduate and graduate
22 programs in biology at the university; and

23 **WHEREAS**, with the assistance of a \$750,000 grant from the National Oceanic and
24 Atmospheric Administration and other like-minded awards totaling more than one million
25 dollars for projects ranging from environmental impact studies, to studying marine
26 organisms for possible pharmaceutical development, to creating an elementary curriculum
27 to encourage school children early on to value and appreciate coral reefs, Marine Lab
28 faculty members work with scientists at other universities around the world on a variety of
29 projects that include the common goal of conserving, monitoring, and understanding coral
30 reefs; and

31 **WHEREAS**, the UOG Marine Lab continues to ensure that teaching, research and
32 outreach programs are developed to bring awareness and interest to the marine and
33 environmental sciences and partnerships with university and colleges throughout the
34 Micronesia and the world; and

1 **WHEREAS**, today, faculty at the Marine Lab include a diverse group of eight (8)
2 full-time members, who hail from Guam, the United States, Canada, Australia, Belgium
3 and Germany, each bringing a distinct perspective to the study of Marine biology; and

4 **WHEREAS**, Professor Emeriti from the University Marine Laboratory include
5 Lucius G. Eldredge, Ph.D., James A. Marsh, Jr. Ph.D., Richard H. Randall, M.S., Roy T.
6 Tsuda, Ph.D., Charles Birkland, Ph.D and Stephen G. Nelson; now therefore be it

7 **RESOLVED**, that the Executive Committee of I Mina Bente Ocho Na Liheslaturan
8 Guåhan does hereby, on behalf of I Liheslaturan and the people of Guam commend and
9 congratulate the University of Guam Marine Laboratory on the occasion of its Thirty-fifth
10 (35th) ANNIVERSARY celebration; and be it further

11 **RESOLVED**, The Executive Committee of I Mina Bente Ocho Na Liheslaturan
12 Guåhan does hereby, recognize the contributions, vision and diligence of the original trio
13 of faculty members - Drs. Robert S. Jones, Lucius G. Eldredge and Roy T. Tsuda, for their
14 part in the conceptualization, construction and nurturing of what is today recognized as a
15 world class marine biology research facility; and be it further

16 **RESOLVED**, that the Speaker certify, and the Legislative Secretary attest to, the
17 adoption hereof and that copies of the same be thereafter transmitted to Barry D. Smith,
18 Director, University of Guam Marine Laboratory, Dr. Robert S. Jones, Dr. Lucius G.
19 Eldredge, Dr. Roy T. Tsuda; and Dr. Lorraine Yamashita, to Dr. Harold L. Allen, UOG
20 President and to the Honorable Felix P. Camacho, *I Maga Lahen Guåhan*.

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Speaker

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Senator and Secretary of the Legislature