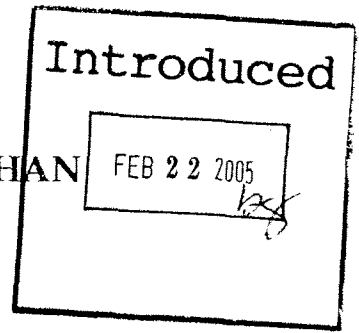



I MINA'BENTE OCHO NA LIHESLATURAN GUÅHAN
2005 (FIRST) Regular Session



Executive Committee
Resolution No. A

Introduced by:

Ray Tenorio 
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Relative to recognizing the Twentieth Anniversary of Triple J Enterprises doing business on Guam and Micronesia and for its contribution to our island and its economy.

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

3 WHEREAS, on September 14, 1984, Triple J Enterprises Inc. was
4 founded by Robert H. Jones; wife, Margaret; and sister, Georgia Stafford as
5 original incorporators doing business as Triple J Motors, distributor of Subaru
6 automobiles, Hino Heavy trucks and buses, and Bluebird school buses; and

7 WHEREAS, on May 14, 1985, Triple J Enterprises, Inc. acquired Mighal
8 International, Inc. (dba Triple J Merchant Services), a freight-forwarding
9 business in Oakland, California, as nearly all products in Guam, the Northern
10 Mariana Islands, and Micronesia have to be imported, this was a strategic
11 acquisition on a long-term basis and would eventually play a major role in the
12 support of the island-based companies; and

13 WHEREAS, on June 24, 1985, Triple J Saipan, Inc. was formed to
14 represent the same brands as Triple J Motors Guam; and

1 **WHEREAS**, on November 22, 1986, Triple J opened its new
2 distributorship facility located between Pay-Less and McDonald's in
3 Tamuning, Guam; and

4 **WHEREAS**, on July 30, 1987, Triple J Marshals, Inc. was formed in
5 Ebeye in the Marshal Islands after Triple J won a request for proposal by the
6 local government; and

7 **WHEREAS**, on December 1, 1987, Triple J announced the scheduled
8 opening of Autoworld in Harmon, which would be the second-largest
9 automotive showroom on Guam and Triple J's third sales dealership; and

10 **WHEREAS**, in 1988, to fulfill the growing need for service in
11 Micronesia, Triple J Wholesale Saipan was opened; and

12 **WHEREAS**, in June 1990, Triple J Motors acquired the Isuzu line of
13 vehicles for Guam and Saipan; and

14 **WHEREAS**, on August 1, 1991, Triple J Enterprises, and co-owners
15 Norman and Loli Chang opened One Stop Travel; and

16 **WHEREAS**, on August 6, 1992, Triple J Auto Distributors, Inc. was
17 formed to acquire the distribution rights of Mitsubishi and Suzuki
18 automobiles in Guam and Saipan from the retiring representative; and

19 **WHEREAS**, Triple J Auto appointed Triple J Motors Guam and Saipan
20 as the new respective dealers in those islands; and

21 **WHEREAS**, on August 25, 1992, Triple J Motors was appointed to
22 represent the Mitsubishi line of vehicles in Guam and Saipan; and

1 **WHEREAS**, on October 1, 1992, Guam Auto World, Inc., a subsidiary of
2 Triple J Enterprises, opened its Mitsubishi dealership in Tamuning; and

3 **WHEREAS**, in November 1992, Triple J Enterprises, Inc. was ranked
4 No. 15 by sales in the *Guam Business News Magazine* annual listing, "The Big
5 30;" and

6 **WHEREAS**, on April 1, 1993, Triple J Motors officially introduced
7 Suzuki vehicles to its family of vehicles; and

8 **WHEREAS**, in July 1994, Triple J Enterprises, Inc. realized an
9 opportunity in the tire business with the creation of Triple J Express Tire &
10 Lube, focusing on the after-market tire and service business as well as the
11 commercial truck and bus tire business; and

12 **WHEREAS**, Triple J Express Tire & Lube represents many quality tire
13 brands including Michelin, Yokohama, and Kumho; and

14 **WHEREAS**, on January 1, 1994, Triple J Saipan welcomed the new year
15 with the addition of the Hyundai line of vehicles to its family; and

16 **WHEREAS**, on February 23, 1994, Triple J Enterprises announced that
17 Kmart, the second largest retailer in the United States, had entered into a co-
18 purchase agreement and will share the 11-acre space in Upper Tumon; and

19 **WHEREAS**, on August 5, 1994, a groundbreaking ceremony was held
20 for Kmart Guam in Upper Tumon, and will be 168,000 square feet with
21 reciprocal access with Triple J Express Tire & Lube, and share the location site;
22 and

1 **WHEREAS**, in November 1995, Triple J Enterprises was ranked No. 15
2 for the second year in a row by *Guam Business News Magazine*, with \$39.66
3 million in annual sales; and

4 **WHEREAS**, on December 9, 1995, in an effort to capitalize on the
5 increasing tourist arrivals, Triple J once again diversified its interests with the
6 acquisition of the Outback Steakhouse franchise in Guam, operated under the
7 Triple J Restaurant Group Corporation; and

8 **WHEREAS**, on April 18, 1996, Triple J opened the Triple J 24-Hour Mini
9 Mart at the Mobil Service Station adjacent to Triple J Used Car Mart and
10 Express Tire and Lube, in front of Kmart in Upper Tumon; and

11 **WHEREAS**, on June 12, 1996, Triple J Used Car Mart announced the
12 implementation of its Triple J Certified Used Car Program; and

13 **WHEREAS**, on October 2, 1996, WDI Saipan, Inc. is formed, and Triple J
14 entered into a partnership to bring Tony Roma's and Capricciosa restaurants
15 to Saipan; and

16 **WHEREAS**, in November 1996, Triple J moved up the annual Deloitte &
17 Touche/*Guam Business News Magazine* Top 50 Companies in Micronesia, with
18 a 23.3% increase over the previous year, ranking No.13 with \$48.9 million in
19 sales; and

20 **WHEREAS**, on December 27, 1996, the Triple J Express Tire & Lube,
21 Inc., Kmart location officially opened; and

22 **WHEREAS**, on March 25, 1997, Outback Steakhouse had its grand
23 opening; and

1 **WHEREAS**, on April 20, 1997, Triple J Enterprises decided to enter the
2 Guam market with the opening of Triple J Wholesale Foods; and

3 **WHEREAS**, on January 8, 1997, the grand opening of Tony Roma’s
4 Restaurant was held at the La Fiesta San Roque shopping plaza in Saipan; and

5 **WHEREAS**, on April 30, 1997, the Triple J Restaurant Group, Inc. was
6 presented with an award by Hugh H. Connerty Jr., managing director of
7 Outback Steakhouse International, in commemoration of the grand opening of
8 Outback Steakhouse on Guam; and

9 **WHEREAS**, in November 1997, Triple J Enterprises moved up to No. 12
10 in the Deloitte & Touche/*Guam Business News Magazine* Top 60 Companies in
11 Micronesia, with \$53.7 million in sales; and

12 **WHEREAS**, on November 17, 1997, Michelin Tires, one of the leading
13 brands of quality tires, is added to Triple J’s family of superior products; and

14 **WHEREAS**, on March 25, 1998, Triple J Enterprises announced the
15 opening of TCBY and Gloria Jean’s Coffees in the Pacific Place Building in
16 Tumon; and

17 **WHEREAS**, on May 7, 1998, Triple J entered into a license and
18 management agreement with the NECO Plaza Corporation in Palau; and

19 **WHEREAS**, on May 15, 1998, the official grand opening of Gloria Jean’s
20 Coffees was held at the restaurant’s location; and

21 **WHEREAS**, on October 1, 1998, the Interstate All Battery line was
22 added to the list of premium brands distributed by Triple J Commercial Tire
23 Center; and

1 **WHEREAS**, in November 1998, with \$58.1 million in sales, Triple J
2 Enterprises breaks into the Top Ten at No. 10 in the Deloitte & Touche/*Guam*
3 *Business News Magazine* Top 50 companies in Micronesia; and

4 **WHEREAS**, in 1999, Triple J Enterprises was approached by the Ford
5 Motor Company to discuss acquisition of the Ford Automobile dealership in
6 Guam, and on August 19, 1999, after several weeks of negotiation, Triple J
7 Motors assumed the Ford dealership for Guam; and

8 **WHEREAS**, on November 10, 1999, the Triple J Ford VIP Launch Party
9 was held at the Hyatt Regency Guam with distinguished guest, Nihar Patel,
10 regional sales and marketing director for worldwide direct market operations,
11 Asia Pacific, for the Ford Motor Company; and

12 **WHEREAS**, on November 17, 1999, Ford Motor Company named Triple
13 J Enterprises the exclusive dealer for Ford automobiles on Guam; and

14 **WHEREAS**, on December 7, 1999, distribution of Mazda vehicles was
15 assumed by Triple J Motors, further solidifying Triple J Motor's position as
16 one of the top three automotive dealers on Guam by volume and market
17 share; and

18 **WHEREAS**, on March 20, 2000, Triple J and Shallum Etpison opened
19 Capricciosa Palau, Inc. in Koror; and

20 **WHEREAS**, in November 2000, Robert H. Jones was named one of the
21 most influential persons in Guam's tourism industry in "Tourism, A History,"
22 in *Guam Business News Magazine*; and

23 **WHEREAS**, Outback Steakhouse, Gloria Jean's Coffee, and TCBY
24 Yogurt were cited as ways Robert Jones supports the tourism industry; and

1 **WHEREAS**, for the third consecutive year, Triple J Enterprises ranked
2 in the top 10 in the Deloitte & Touche/*Guam Business News Magazine* Top 50
3 companies in Micronesia, moving up to No. 9; and

4 **WHEREAS**, on October 12, 2000, Triple J Motors and the Mazda Motor
5 Corporation held a VIP Launch Party at the Pacific Star Hotel announcing
6 their partnership, hosted by special guest Hiroyuki Utsumi, assistant manager
7 for Europe and America sales for Mazda Motor Corporation; and

8 **WHEREAS**, on April 12, 2001 with the acquisition of PacWorld Ent.,
9 one of the largest food wholesalers in the region, Triple J combined Triple J
10 Wholesale on Guam and Saipan, with the newly purchased company creating
11 a new entity, Triple J Five Star Wholesale Foods, Inc. on both islands and
12 Neco Plaza Five Star in Palau, the new company, placing Triple J in the top
13 three wholesale food businesses on Guam and possibly becoming the largest
14 wholesale food company in Micronesia; and

15 **WHEREAS**, on April 18, 2000, Triple J Wholesale became Triple J Five
16 Star Wholesale Foods, Inc. in Saipan; and

17 **WHEREAS**, on May 12, 2001, Robert H. Jones, founder and president of
18 Triple J Enterprises, was inducted into the Guam Business Hall of Fame by the
19 Guam Chamber of Commerce during it's 77th Anniversary celebration; and

20 **WHEREAS**, on August 5, 2002, Triple J Motors acquired the Volvo line
21 of automobiles and becomes the official dealer on Guam; and

22 **WHEREAS**, on November 2002, with \$72.2 million in sales, Triple J
23 Enterprises ranked No. 8 in the Deloitte & Touche/*Guam Business News*
24 *Magazine* Top 50 Companies in Micronesia; and

1 **WHEREAS**, on May 20, 2003, Triple J extended its reach to the Marshall
2 Islands by opening a retail grocery store in Majuro, doing business as JJJ
3 Payless Markets; and

4 **WHEREAS**, in November 2003, Triple J Enterprises ranked No. 9 in the
5 Deloitte & Touche/*Guam Business News Magazine* Top 50 Companies in
6 Micronesia, with annual sales topping \$74.03 million; and

7 **WHEREAS**, in February 2004, Triple J partnered with WDI to open
8 Tony Roma's and Capricciosa Restaurants in Garapan, Saipan; and

9 **WHEREAS**, on February 1, 2004, Triple J Enterprises became the
10 distributor of Wynn's Oil; and

11 **WHEREAS**, on July 9, 2004, the expansion of business in the Marshall
12 Islands continued with the opening of JJJ Payless Express Market; and

13 **WHEREAS**, on September 11, 2004, Triple J Five Star Wholesale Foods
14 received the International Food Service Marketing Award from Certified
15 Angus Beef; and

16 **WHEREAS**, on October 1, 2004, Triple J Enterprises celebrated twenty
17 (20) years of service to Guam, Saipan, and Micronesia with its 20th
18 Anniversary celebration event; and

19 **WHEREAS**, on October 2, 2004, groundbreaking was scheduled to
20 begin on the Triple J Enterprises \$11 million, 50,000-square-foot automotive
21 dealership and corporate offices; and

22 **WHEREAS**, Triple J Enterprises is also a minority owner of several
23 other companies in the Pacific Region, namely the Bank of Guam, and Pacific

1 Basin Produce, Inc., a major produce supplier for some of Guam's largest
2 importers; and

3 **WHEREAS**, Triple J Enterprises is well known for its dedication to the
4 community through its support of organizations like the Red Cross, the
5 American Cancer Society, KGTF, Pacific Missionary Aviation and its
6 ministries in the islands of Micronesia, the Boy Scouts of America, the
7 American Red Cross, the Alee Shelter, Sanctuary, Inc., the Salvation Army,
8 Crime Stoppers, *Ayuda* Foundation, and Island Girl Power and other
9 worthwhile causes; now, therefore, be it

10 **RESOLVED**, that the Executive Committee of *I Mina'Bente Ocho Na*
11 *Liheslaturan Guåhan* does hereby, on behalf of *I Liheslaturan Guåhan* and the
12 people of Guam, recognize that Triple J Enterprises has served our island
13 community through its efforts by contributing to Guam's economy, bolstering
14 its workforce, and philanthropically supporting many charities and nonprofit
15 organizations; and does further recognize its Twentieth Anniversary
16 celebration of doing business on Guam and Micronesia; and be it further

17 **RESOLVED**, that the Speaker and the Chairman of the Executive
18 Committee certify, and the Secretary of the Legislature attest to, the adoption
19 hereof, and that copies of the same be thereafter transmitted to Robert H.
20 Jones; to Margaret Jones; and to Georgia Stafford as original incorporators
21 doing business as Triple J Motors; and to the Honorable Felix P. Camacho, *I*
22 *Maga'lalen Guåhan*.

**DULY AND REGULARLY ADOPTED BY THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE
OF *I MINA'BENTE OCHO NA LIHESLATURAN GUÅHAN* ON THE 22ND
DAY OF FEBRUARY 2005.**

MARK FORBES
Speaker and
Chairman, Executive Committee

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