

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

Executive Committee  
Resolution No. 185

Introduced by:

A. R. Unpingco  
E. J. B. Calvo

**Relative to recognizing and congratulating Matson Navigation Company on the launching of the bi-weekly liner service from Guam to the Federated States of Micronesia and the Republic of Marshall Islands and the unveiling ceremony of the 425 footer *MV Islander*.**

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

3        **WHEREAS,** Matson Navigation Company has been serving our region for  
4        over a decade and has been supportive of our efforts to develop Guam as the  
5        transshipment hub of Micronesia; and

6        **WHEREAS,** Matson is launching a new bi-weekly liner service to the eastern  
7        Federated States of Micronesia and the Republic of Marshall Islands; and

8        **WHEREAS,** Matson has chartered a 425 foot vessel which will be renamed the  
9        *MV Islander*; and

10       **WHEREAS,** the *MV Islander* will be sailing from the Port of Guam and will be  
11       calling on the ports of Ebeye, Kwajelein, Majuro, Kosrae, Pohnpei and Chuuk; and

12       **WHEREAS,** the shift of Matson Navigation Company's Marshall Islands  
13       service from Honolulu to Guam will strengthen the Port of Guam as the transshipment  
14       port of the region; and

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1           **WHEREAS**, Matson’s new service will facilitate the economic growth of the  
2 islands because the increased frequency will allow businesses in Micronesia to  
3 diversify their products lines while saving on inventory costs; and

4           **WHEREAS**, many Guam based businesses will gain additional clientele  
5 within Micronesia resulting in increased sales and higher revenues to the government  
6 of Guam; and

7           **WHEREAS**, Matson’s new service will allow for the development of inter-  
8 island trade and commerce throughout Micronesia; and

9           **WHEREAS**, Matson Navigation Company is committed to developing  
10 Micronesia’s ocean transportation infrastructure; now therefore be it

11           **RESOLVED**, that the Executive Committee of *I Mina’Bente Ocho Na*  
12 *Liheslaturan Guåhan* hereby on behalf of the people of Guam, commend and  
13 congratulate Matson Navigation Company for launching their bi-weekly liner service  
14 to eastern Federated States of Micronesia and the Republic of Marshall Islands; and be  
15 it further

16           **RESOLVED**, that the Executive Committee of *I Mina’Bente Ocho Na*  
17 *Liheslaturan Guåhan* hereby recognizes all the contributions of the dedicated  
18 employees of Matson Navigation Company for their efforts to strengthen our regional  
19 economy through inter-island trade and commerce and in developing our ocean  
20 transportation infrastructure; and be it further

21           **RESOLVED**, that the Speaker and the Chairman of the Executive Committee  
22 certify, and the Legislative Secretary attests to, the adoption hereof and that copies of  
23 the same be thereafter transmitted to James Andrasick, Matson Navigation Company  
24 President and CEO; Gary North, Matson Navigation Company SVP Pacific; Tom  
25 Ahilllen, Matson Navigation Company Guam General Manager; and to the Honorable  
26 Felix P. Camacho, *I Maga’lahen Guåhan*.

**DULY AND REGULARLY ADOPTED ON THE \_\_\_ DAY OF AUGUST, 2006.**

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**Mark Forbes**  
Speaker

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**Edward Calvo**  
Senator and Legislative Secretary