I MINA 'BENTE OCHO NA LIHESLATURAN GUĂHĂN 2006 (Second) REGULAR SESSION

Resolution No. <u>194</u>

Introduced by:

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RELATIVE TO COMMENDING THE PRINCIPAL, TEACHERS AND STUDENTS OF KANAGAWA PREFECTURAL OHARA HIGH SCHOOL FROM JAPAN FOR THEIR VISIT TO GUAM TO PAY **RESPECTS TO THE VICTIMS OF WORLD WAR II ON** GUAM, AND TO THANK THE PEACE RING OF GUAM FOR THEIR WORK ON THE PROJECT.

## BE IT RESOLVED BY THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE OF I MINA' BENTE OCHO NA LIHESLATURAN GUAHAN:

WHEREAS, a group of about 250 students and advisors from Kanagawa Prefectural Ohara High School from Japan visited Guam for the purpose of showing respect and prayer for those who died during World War II; and

WHEREAS, those students visited World War II related sites on Guam, including the War in the Pacific National Historical Park overlook on Nimitz Hill and the site of the Tinta Massacre in Malesso, in order to pay tribute and give a prayer for those who died at these and other sites on Guam; and

WHEREAS, this is an unprecedented visit and show of respect by such a group of students from Japan to visit sites of World War II battles and massacres between the U.S. and Japan, and the Chamorro people; and

WHEREAS, it is hoped that this will become an annual trip, and that tribute can be paid by students from the school every year, and that their example will encourage other students and organizations from Japan to make similar trips; and

WHEREAS, the Peace Ring of Guam has been instrumental in trying to heal the wounds of World War II and tensions over the war between the people of Japan, Guam and the United States, and has held ceremonies and tributes in the past years with that noble aim; and

WHEREAS, the Peace Ring of Guam, including its Chairman, Mr. Hidenobu Takagi, along with Mr. Ken Haga, have worked extremely hard to move towards these goals and especially to help organize this trip by the students of Kanagawa Prefectural Ohara High School; now, therefore be it

**RESOLVED**, that *I Mina 'Bente Ocho na Liheslaturan Guåhan* on behalf of the people of Guam does hereby highly commend and thank the principal, teachers and students of Kanagawa Prefectural Ohara High School for visiting Guam and the World War II sites, and honoring those who died at those sites, with their prayer and tribute; and be it further

**RESOLVED**, that *I Mina 'Bente Ocho na Liheslaturan Guåhan* does hereby show its appreciation for Mr. Hidenobu Takagi and Mr. Ken Haga of the Peace Ring of Guam for their efforts in arranging this trip and for continuing efforts to heal the wounds of World War II; and be it further

**RESOLVED,** that the Speaker certify, and the Secretary of the Legislature attest to, the adoption hereof, and that copies of the same be thereafter transmitted to the principal and students of Kanagawa Prefectural Ohara High School in Japan; to Mr. Hidenobu Takagi, Chairman of the Peace Ring of Guam; to Mr. Ken Haga of the Peace Ring of Guam; to the Honorable

Makoto Kobayashi, Consul General of Japan; and, to the Honorable Felix P. Camacho, *I Maga'lahen Guåhan*.

## DULY AND REGULARLY ADOPTED BY *I MINA'BENTE OCHO NA LIHESLATURAN GUÅHAN* ON THE \_\_\_\_\_\_, 2006.

MARK FORBES Speaker EDWARD J.B. CALVO Senator and Secretary of the Legislature