

I MINA'BENTE OCHO NA LIHESLATURAN GUÅHAN

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Executive Committee

Resolution No. 218

Introduced by:

Ray Tenorio

L. F. Kapsrbauer

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Relative to commending and congratulating Mr. Thomas G. Ahillen, Country Manager of Matson Navigation Company, Inc. on his retirement and for providing ten (10) years of quality services throughout Micronesia, most especially in Guam and congratulating Matson Navigation Company, Inc. 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.'

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

WHEREAS, Mr. Thomas G. Ahillen initial experience on Guam began in 1991 when he moved to Guam as an employee of APL Logistics; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Thomas G. Ahillen had a pivotal role in the transition process in 1995 when Matson Navigation Company, Inc. purchased the Guam Service and its assets from APL Logistics; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Thomas G. Ahillen has been the central point of contact for all of Guam and Micronesia matters, overseeing Matson's Guam staff of thirty-three (33) employees, the vast majority of whom have been with the company since Matson Navigation Company, Inc. first acquired its services; and

WHEREAS, under the management of Mr. Thomas G. Ahillen, Matson Navigation Company, Inc. has invested in new vessels and equipment for service, launched a new liner service for Micronesia and actively supported the privatization of the Port Authority of Guam; and

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

WHEREAS, Matson Navigation Company, Inc. is launching a new bi-weekly liner service to the eastern Federated States of Micronesia and the Republic of Marshall Islands; and

WHEREAS, Matson Navigation Company, Inc. has chartered a four hundred twenty-five (425) foot vessel which will be renamed the 'MV Islander'; and

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

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

WHEREAS, Matson Navigation Company, Inc. new service will allow for the development of inter-island trade and commerce throughout Micronesia; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Thomas G. Ahillen led Matson's staff through numerous typhoons and super-typhoons, ensuring Matson proactively addressed the disasters in a way that fully supported its customers and communities under its services; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Thomas G. Ahillen devoted his personal time to a number of community service efforts, often serving as an officer for charitable organizations such as the Guam Chapter of American Red Cross, the Guam Girl Scouts, Inc, the Boy Scouts of America, the Guam Community College Endowment Fund, the University of Guam Endowment Foundation, and the Guam Navy League; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Thomas G. Ahillen is the founder of the 'Gift of Life,' a blood donor organization established in 1995; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Thomas G. Ahillen, in recognition of these accolades and accomplishments among other laudable commentary, was named 2002 'Executive of the Year' by Guam Business Magazine; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Thomas G. Ahillen has helped establish Matson in Guam and Micronesia as a quality carrier, fully committed

to the Islands and he has been a devoted representative of the company in all of his efforts pertaining to both business matters and community service on Guam; now therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that *I Mina' Bente Ocho Na Liheslaturan Guåhan* does hereby, on behalf of the people of Guam, commend and congratulate Mr. Thomas G. Ahillen, Country Manager of Matson Navigation Company, Inc. for providing ten (10) years of quality service throughout Micronesia, most especially in Guam; and be it further

RESOLVED, that *I Mina' Bente Ocho Na Liheslaturan Guåhan* does hereby, on behalf of the people of Guam congratulate Mr. Thomas G. Ahillen on his retirement after many years of service to Guam through sea crossing shipping activities; and be it further

RESOLVED, that *I Mina' Bente Ocho Na Liheslaturan Guåhan* does hereby, on behalf of the people of Guam congratulate Matson Navigation Company, Inc. 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'; 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 Mr. Thomas G. Ahillen, Country

Manager, Matson Navigation Company, Inc.; Mr. Gary North, Senior Vice President, Matson Navigation Company, Inc.; and to the Honorable Felix P. Camacho, *I Maga'lahaen Guåhan*.

DULY AND REGULARLY ADOPTED BY THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE OF *I MINA'BENTE OCHO NA LIHESLATURAN GUÅHAN* ON THE _____ DAY OF DECEMBER 2006.

MARK FORBES
Speaker
Executive Committee Chairman

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