



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

Resolution No.

Introduced by:

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**RELATIVE TO COMMENDING AND CONGRATULATING
THE WESTERN VISAYAS COLLEGE OF SCIENCE &
TECHNOLOGY, FORMERLY KNOWN AS ILOILO SCHOOL OF
ARTS AND TRADES, AND ALUMNI ON GUAM, ON THE
OCCASION OF ITS CENTENNIAL CELEBRATION**

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

3 **WHEREAS,** the Western Visayas College of Science & Technology was
4 founded in 1905 as the Iloilo Trade School on Iznart Street, Iloilo City, with
5 Mr. Bruce E. Ingersoll as its first Principal; and

6 **WHEREAS,** the mission of the Iloilo Trade School was to provide
7 technical skills training to regional school-age youth and future teachers for
8 industrial manpower development; and

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1 **WHEREAS**, ISAT's first curriculum was woodworking, building
2 construction and sheet metal, extending into welding and machine shop
3 practices upon the school's relocation to General Luna Street, La Paz, Iloilo
4 City in 1918; and

5 **WHEREAS**, the mission of providing vocational education was further
6 enhanced by the appointment in 1919 of the school's first Filipino principal,
7 Mr. Pablo Bion, the construction of two concrete buildings in 1925, and
8 replacement of the elementary and middle school curricula with a four-year
9 secondary curriculum in 1927 to accommodate the growing demand for
10 technical skill graduates trades; and

11 **WHEREAS**, the school's success over its first 25 years led to increased
12 enrollment and provincial government funding, and eventual renaming in
13 1939 as Iloilo School of Arts and Trades ("ISAT"), in recognition of its stature
14 as a national vocational education resource; and

15 **WHEREAS**, the Iloilo School of Arts and Trades expanded its
16 curriculum in 1939-1940 with the addition of auto mechanics, metal works,
17 forging and smithing, and electricity, as well as industrial arts teacher
18 training, refining these programs further during post-war reconstruction; and

19 **WHEREAS**, in 1954 ISAT commenced instruction to students pursuing
20 a Bachelor of Science degree in either Industrial Arts or Industrial Education,
21 graduating its first degree candidates in 1959; and

22 **WHEREAS**, in 1958 other schools in Iloilo were converted to vocational
23 schools under the supervision of ISAT; and

1 **WHEREAS**, ISAT continued to expand its campus and curricular
2 development throughout the 1960's and 1970's, addressing manpower needs
3 of the Nation so effectively that by the mid 1970's it was declared a Regional
4 Staff Development Center for Western Visayas, and the country's leading
5 center for Practical Arts Training; in response ISAT established a research
6 division and offered for the first time a Master of Arts in Teaching Vocational
7 Education; and

8 **WHEREAS**, the latent potential of women was recognized in 1946 when
9 girls were admitted to a curriculum in dressmaking and food trades, steadily
10 expanding to the 1972 decision to train teachers in home economics, and, in
11 1979, adding a Home Economics major to the Bachelors of Sciences in
12 Industrial Education program; and,

13 **WHEREAS**, the efforts of ISAT's administrators, faculty and students
14 were rewarded on May 18, 1983, when the School was converted and
15 renamed to Western Visayas College of Science and Technology; and

16 **WHEREAS**, Western Visayas College of Science and Technology
17 ("WVCST") rapidly expanded its curricular offerings to include bachelor's
18 degrees in teaching mathematics, physics and chemistry, secondary
19 education, marine engineering, community development, electronics and
20 communication engineering, information technology, hotel and restaurant
21 technology, computer science and others; and

22 **WHEREAS**, the physical plant and practical accessibility of WVCST's
23 programs was augmented with the successive integration of four regional
24 colleges as branches of WVCST; and

1 **WHEREAS**, in 1999 WVCST was selected as the Philippines' vocational
2 training center for participation in UNESCO's International Project in
3 Technology; and

4 **WHEREAS**, from its humble beginnings as Iloilo Trade School, Iloilo
5 School of Arts and Trades, and Western Visayas College of Science and
6 Technology have trained and graduated thousands of skilled technicians and
7 teachers of industrial arts over the past 100 years, contributing immeasurably
8 to the development of the Philippines and Guam; now, therefore, be it

9 **RESOLVED**, that *I Liheslaturan Guåhan* hereby congratulates, on behalf
10 of the People of Guam, the President, faculty, staff, students and alumni of
11 Western Visayas College of Science and Technology; on the occasion of the
12 One Hundredth Anniversary of its founding in 1905; and now be it further

13 **RESOLVED**, that *I Liheslaturan Guåhan* commends the Western Visayas
14 College of Science and Technology for the thousands of trained technicians
15 and teachers whose skilled effort has directly contributed to the progress and
16 economic vitality of Guam and the Philippines; and be it further

17 **RESOLVED**, that the Speaker certify, and the Secretary of the
18 Legislature attest to the adoption hereof, and that copies of the same be
19 thereafter transmitted to Mr. Al B. Siaotong, President of the Western Visayas
20 College of Science and Technology (Iloilo School of Arts and Trades) Alumni
21 Association, Guam Chapter; Dr. Renato V. Alba, President of the Western
22 Visayas College of Science and Technology; and to the Governor of Guam.

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

MARK FORBES
Speaker

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