

I MINA 'BENTE OCHO NA LIHESLATURAN GUÅHAN
2005 (First) REGULAR SESSION

EXEC. Comm.
Resolution No. 62 (EC)

Introduced by:

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RELATIVE TO RECOGNIZING THE MANY CONTRIBUTIONS MADE BY JAPAN CONSUL-GENERAL KENNOSUKE IRIYAMA DURING HIS POSTING TO GUAM, CONGRATULATING HIM FOR A JOB WELL DONE, AND BIDDING HIM A WARM "BUEN VIAJE" AS HE RETIRES FROM THE JAPAN MINISTRY OF FOREIGN AFFARS.

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE PEOPLE OF GUAM:

WHEREAS, after graduating from Chuo University Consul-General Kennosuke Iriyama began his career in the Japan Ministry of Foreign Affairs in 1967, and has served Japan well and faithfully in its Embassies and Missions in Thailand, Geneva, Cambodia, Zimbabwe, Italy, Canada, and the United Kingdom, and in the Financial Affairs Division of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs; and

WHEREAS, in April 2003 Consul-General Iriyama assumed the post of Consul-General of Japan for the Consulate-General of Japan at Hagatna (Guam); and

WHEREAS, Consul-General Iriyama made every effort to assimilate into Guam's social and official circles by studying English with a private tutor to improve his proficiency; and

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WHEREAS, he accepted invitations to various social and official ceremonies, and even hosted numerous local and federal government officials and elected leaders, United States military officers, private and civic leaders to a private dinner at his residence, so that he could become more familiar with the issues of the day; and

WHEREAS, Consul-General Iriyama believed that it was important to go out amongst the people of Guam and learn from them of their culture and history while teaching them about his country's culture and history through events such as the "Japan Bowl" competitions in 2004 and 2005; and

WHEREAS, Consul-General Iriyama led the celebrations on Guam of the 150th Anniversary of the U.S.-Japan Relationships in 2003 and 2004, noting the exchange of ideas and commerce during that period; and

WHEREAS, Consul-General Iriyama has been sensitive to the plight of the Chamorro people during World War II and was an active participant in the Commemoration of the 60th Anniversary of the Liberation of Guam; and

WHEREAS, he also participated in the Remembrance and Dedication Ceremonies of the Manenggon Memorial in 2004 and 2005; and

WHEREAS, Consul-General Iriyama also presented a floral wreath at the Tinta, Faha, and Fena Memorial ceremonies in 2005; and

WHEREAS, he also participated in the visit of Their Imperial Majesties the Emperor and Empress of Japan to the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands; and

WHEREAS, in June 2005 Consul-General Iriyama welcomed to Guam His Excellency Ryozo Kato, Japan's Ambassador to the United States ; and

WHEREAS, Consul-General Kennosuke Iriyama will now retire from the Japan Ministry of Foreign Affairs; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that *I Mina 'Bente Ocho na Liheslaturan Guåhan* does hereby on behalf of the people of Guam recognize the many contributions made by Consul-General Kennosuke Iriyama during his two year and four month posting to Guam; and, be it further

RESOLVED, that *I Mina 'Bente Ocho na Liheslaturan Guåhan* extends its "Congratulations!" to Consul-General Iriyama for a job well done to promote mutual exchanges of culture, history and friendship between the people of Guam and the people of Japan; and, be it further

RESOLVED, that *I Mina 'Bente Ocho na Liheslaturan Guåhan* extends a warm "*Buen Viaje*" to Consul-General Kennosuke Iriyama as he caps off a long and distinguished career in the Japan Ministry of Foreign Affairs; 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 Consul-General Kennosuke Iriyama; to the Honorable Nobutaka Machimura, Japan Minister for Foreign Affairs; and, to the Honorable Felix P. Camacho, *I Maga'lahaen Guåhan*.

DULY AND REGULARLY ADOPTED BY I MINA'BENTE OCHO NA
LIHESLATURAN GUÁHAN ON THE __ DAY OF _____, 2005.

MARK FORBES
Speaker

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