

I MINA'BENTE NUEBI NA LIHESLATURAN GUÁHAN
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Executive Committee
Resolution No. 117

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Relative to congratulating the SKIP Entertainment Company on its triumphant achievement at the "International Dance Grand Prix", July 7, 2007, Prague, Czech Republic in winning the coveted Crystal Cup 2007 for All-inclusive Performances and Best Choreography.

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

3 **WHEREAS, in 1985, SKIP Dancers completed its first U. S. Mainland**
4 **tour, and since that time has traveled to dance competitions and performances**
5 **in the U.S. Mainland, Europe and Australia every year. In 1991, members of**

1 SKIP performed on International Star Search, aired in over sixty-three (63)
2 countries; again in 1993, SKIP was selected to appear on Ed McMahon's Star
3 Search. SKIP won the National Dance Championships held in various cities
4 around the United States from 1991 through 1998; and

5 **WHEREAS,** SKIP won the International choreographic Leo's Gold
6 Award at the 1996 Jazz Dance World Congress held at the Kennedy Center,
7 resulting in SKIP's selection as featured performers at the 1997 Jazz Dance
8 World Congress in Weisbaden, Germany. Guam's SKIP dancers won the
9 National Dance Championship in San Antonio, Texas in 2001 and were
10 featured on the ShowStopper televised special; and

11 **WHEREAS,** SKIP brought international recognition to Guam by
12 winning the Overall Dance Championship at the International Grand Prix
13 Dance Festival in Cesena, Italy in July 2002; SKIP was named the first runners-
14 up at the ShowCase National Dance Finals on the Gold Coast in Australia;
15 went on to win the Jr. and Sr. Overall Championships at the ShowTime
16 National Finals in Niagara Falls, Canada and the StarPower National Jr.
17 Championship Title in Ocean City, Maryland all in 2004. SKIP was named as
18 one of the top fifty (50) dance studios in the entire United States by Dance
19 Teacher Magazine in 2006. Instructors and choreographers came to Guam
20 from Los Angeles and New York to work with Guam's best; and

21 **WHEREAS,** SKIP's primary goal is to positively influence the youth of
22 Guam through dance; SKIP provides an atmosphere where students can
23 develop values, have fun while learning and be encouraged to excel; and

24 **WHEREAS,** students develop confidence and a deep sense of self-
25 direction so that participants can have the courage to reach for the stars. SKIP

1 provides a numerous opportunities for its dancers, including dance
2 competitions, festivals, staged performances, television shows and
3 promotional tours around the world; and

4 **WHEREAS,** the “International Dance Grand Prix” brought together
5 dance companies from all over the world – the United States, South Korea,
6 India, Spain, Turkey, Mexico, Israel, Switzerland, Japan, Russia, Italy, Slovakia
7 and Belgium; and

8 **WHEREAS,** individual dancers from Guam recognized at the Prix
9 include Mr. Patrick Wolff for an outstanding performance, Mr. Brian Esperon
10 for top male senior dancer and Mr. A. J. Arizala for top male junior dancer;
11 and


12 **WHEREAS,** after months of practice and an intense week of
13 competition, the SKIP danced its way to the International Dance Grand Prix
14 Crystal Cup 2007 for Best All-inclusive Performances and Best Choreography;
15 now, therefore, be it

16 **RESOLVED,** that the Executive Committee of *I Mina’Bente Nuebi Na*
17 *Liheslaturan Guåhan* does hereby, on behalf of *I Liheslaturan Guåhan* and the
18 people of Guam, recognize the SKIP Entertainment Company for receiving the
19 two (2) top honors at the “International Dance Grand Prix” in Prague, Czech
20 Republic, on July 7, 2007; and be it further

21 **RESOLVED,** that the Speaker and the Chairman of the Executive
22 Committee certify, and the Secretary of the Legislature attest to, the adoption
23 hereof, and that copies of the same be thereafter transmitted to Ms. Terri
24 Knapp, Director; to Mr. Phil Flores and The Casa Group; to Mr. Patrick Wolff;

- 1 to Mr. Brian Esperon; to Mr. A. J. Arizala; and to the Honorable Felix P.
- 2 Camacho, *I Maga'lahen Guåhan*.

**DULY AND REGULARLY ADOPTED BY THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE
OF *I MINA'BENTE NUEBI NA LIHESLATURAN GUÅHAN* ON THE 15TH
DAY OF AUGUST 2007.**



MARK FORBES
Speaker and
Chairman, Executive Committee



RAYTENORIO
Senator and
Secretary of the Legislature