

***I MINA'BENTE NUEBI NA LIHESLATURAN GUÅHAN***  
**2007 (FIRST) Regular Session**

**Executive Committee**  
**Resolution No. 130**

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**Relative to congratulating the Richard Flores Taitano Micronesian Area Research Center (MARC) on the occasion of its Fortieth (40<sup>th</sup>) Anniversary celebration and thanking MARC Personnel for their contributions to knowledge of our regional heritage.**

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

3           **WHEREAS,** the Richard Flores Taitano Micronesian Area Research  
4 Center, commonly known as MARC, was first formed in 1967 by a bill  
5 introduced by the late Senator Richard F. Taitano, known as Public Law No.  
6 9-106; and

1           **WHEREAS**, MARC was named for the late Senator Taitano through  
2 Public Law No. 24-54, introduced by Senators Antonio R. Unpingco, Anthony  
3 C. Blaz and Mark Forbes; and

4           **WHEREAS**, MARC has evolved from an entity directed by the  
5 President of the University of Guam to its present status as a research unit,  
6 and the research unit has acquired and organized the Spanish Documents  
7 Collection, the Manuscripts Collection and the Reference Collection  
8 (collectively known as the Guam and Micronesia Collections); has transcribed  
9 and translated documents pertaining to Guam’s Spanish Colonial Era; has  
10 developed the Spanish Documents Collection’s source institutional database;  
11 and has obtained the judicial records from the Spanish Administration of the  
12 Mariana Islands; and

13           **WHEREAS**, MARC additionally has included more recent documents to  
14 its collection, including, records of former Governors appointed under the  
15 American Administration as well as Governors locally elected; records of  
16 locally elected representatives to the U.S. Congress; and records concerning  
17 prominent persons who have achieved in other areas, such as education, on  
18 Guam; and

19           **WHEREAS**, MARC contains a genealogical database devoted to the  
20 ancestral heritage of the Chamorro people and has an image database of  
21 photographs; and

22           **WHEREAS**, MARC has become an excellent and world renowned  
23 research source for both scholars of higher learning and persons from the  
24 community, and many publications on a great variety of historical and

1 cultural subjects have been funded and distributed through the efforts of  
2 MARC; and

3 **WHEREAS**, scholars at MARC have contributed to the social and  
4 economic development of Guam and Micronesia by studying issues of  
5 concern to the peoples of the area such as the effects of tourism, the health of  
6 the region's people, indigenous fishing practices and other issues; and

7 **WHEREAS**, MARC's threefold mission, namely: (1) to develop a  
8 collection of Micronesian and Pacific area materials; (2) to research Guam and  
9 Micronesia from direct fieldwork and documentation within and outside the  
10 collections; and (3) to communicate the results of this research through  
11 publications, teaching and public lectures. This has been wonderfully  
12 achieved and continues to unfold with each year's activities of the research  
13 unit; and

14 **WHEREAS**, the knowledge gained from use of the research unit's large  
15 and well-catalogued resources, as well as through dissemination of published  
16 materials, has greatly enlightened and enriched the lives of those living in  
17 Guam and Micronesia, as well as brought notoriety and acclaim to the  
18 research community associated with MARC; and

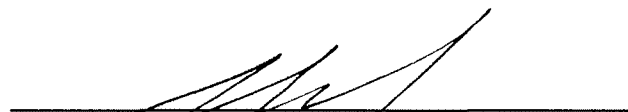
19 **WHEREAS**, each year new knowledge of our history, culture, people,  
20 and our region becomes available through the resources of MARC promoting  
21 greater understanding and background for future decision making of our  
22 island people; now, therefore, be it

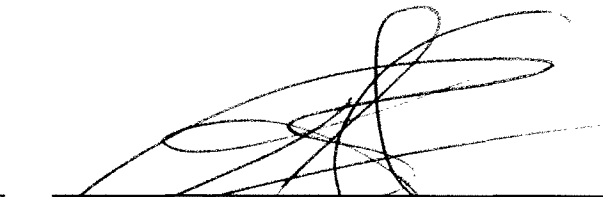
23 **RESOLVED**, that the Executive Committee of *I Mina'Bente Nuebi Na*  
24 *Liheslaturan Guåhan* does hereby, on behalf of *I Liheslaturan Guåhan* and the  
25 people of Guam, commend and congratulate the Richard Flores Taitano

1 Micronesian Area Research Center on the occasion of its fortieth (40<sup>th</sup>) year,  
2 and commend and congratulate all those who have played a part in  
3 developing the center and working in this world renowned research center;  
4 and be it further

5 **RESOLVED**, that the Speaker and the Chairman of the Executive  
6 Committee certify, and the Secretary of the Legislature attest to, the adoption  
7 hereof, and that copies of the same be thereafter transmitted to Dr. Harold  
8 Allen, President of the University of Guam; to Dr. John Peterson, Director of  
9 MARC; and to the Honorable Felix P. Camacho, *I Maga'lahaen Guåhan*.

**DULY AND REGULARLY ADOPTED BY THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE  
OF I MINA'BENTE NUEBI NA LIHESLATURAN GUÅHAN ON THE 23<sup>RD</sup>  
DAY OF OCTOBER 2007.**

  
**EDWARD J.B. CALVO**  
Acting Speaker and  
Chairman, Executive Committee

  
**RAY TENORIO**  
Senator and  
Secretary of the Legislature