

I MINA'BENTE NUEBI NA LIHESLATURAN GUÁHAN
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Executive Committee
Resolution No. 133

Introduced by:

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Relative to expressing sincere condolences to the family of Ms. Eloise Rivera Baza, and to recognizing her outstanding contributions for the betterment of our youth, island community and the people of Guam.

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

3 **WHEREAS**, Ms. Eloise Rivera Baza was born on January 5, 1953. She
4 is predeceased by her loving parents Rosa Rivera Baza and Jose Camacho
5 Baza/Luis Camacho Baza in Hagåtña, Guam; and

6 **WHEREAS**, Ms. Eloise Rivera Baza's graduated in 1971 from the
7 Academy of Our Lady of Guam in Hagåtña, completed her post secondary

1 studies in 1974, receiving a Bachelor of Arts Degree in Business
2 Administration at the College of Notre Dame in Belmont, California, and
3 achieved her pursuit of a Masters Degree in Business Administration, with
4 emphasis in International Business Management Graduate Coursework, at
5 Babson College, Wellesley, Massachusetts in 1981; and

6 **WHEREAS**, Ms. Baza's professional career began as an Economist with
7 the government of Guam, Department of Commerce Economic Research
8 Center from 1975 through 1980. In 1981, she progressed from government
9 employment to the private sector as an Assistant to the President of the Guam
10 Chamber of Commerce, and in 1985, she became the first woman President
11 in the Guam Chamber of Commerce's seventy-seven (77) year history until
12 her untimely death on October 29, 2007; and

13 **WHEREAS**, the loving memories shared with Ms. Eloise Rivera Baza
14 will live on in the heart of her love, Mr. Joseph Barto; and

15 **WHEREAS**, Ms. Baza was blessed and loved by her eight (8) brothers,
16 sisters and their spouses: Evelyn Baza & Joseph F. Soriano; Leonard Rivera
17 and Margaret Salas Baza; Rosa Duenas and Fred Manglona; Lucille Baza
18 and Geronimo Castro; Luis Rivera and Marcia Woolley Baza; Barbara Baza
19 and Daniel Ninete; Felisa Rivera Baza and Carisa San Agustin; and Carmen
20 Rivera Baza and Mark Timcoe; and

1 **WHEREAS**, Ms. Eloise Rivera Baza was active in various professional
2 and civic organizations at the local level, including, the Pacific Daily New
3 Business Council, the Guam Territorial Aquarium Council, the Guam Police
4 Commission, the Governor’s Cultural Tourism Task Force, the Andersen Air
5 Force Base (Guam) Civilian Advisory Council, and the Guam National
6 Olympics 2000 Committee. Nationally, she was a member of the National
7 Association of Women in Chambers of Commerce, the National Alliance of
8 Business she served on the U. S. Chamber of Commerce Ad Hoc Coalition for
9 IMF Replenishment, and was a member of the American Chamber of
10 Commerce Executives (ACCE) and the American Chamber of Commerce
11 Executives Small Business Council. Most notably, Ms. Baza’s membership in
12 the international realm was on the Asia-Pacific Council of American Chamber
13 of Commerce (APCAC), the Asian-Pacific Council of American Chamber of
14 Commerce Committees on Trade and Investment/APEC, Tax and Finance,
15 and Intellectual Property Rights Protection; and

16 **WHEREAS**, in 1979, Ms. Baza represented Guam at the South Pacific
17 Commission Forum in New Caledonia to address Guam’s role in fisheries
18 development. She presented a briefing on Income Tax Reform for Guam as a
19 member of the Guam delegation before the U. S. Congress Joint Economic
20 Committee in Washington, D.C. in 1985. Ms. Baza was the keynote speaker
21 in 1990 at the 1st General Membership Meeting of the Tinian Chamber of

1 Commerce. In 1995, Ms. Baza was invited to give the keynote address at the
2 1st General Membership Meeting of the Palau Chamber of Commerce. Her
3 most impressive occupational experience during her tenure as the Guam
4 Chamber of Commerce President is her participation in Joint Economic
5 Forums for the American business community with Prime Ministers and United
6 States Ambassadors from such countries as: Australia, Hong Kong,
7 Indonesia, Japan, Korea, Malaysia, New Zealand, Philippines, Singapore,
8 Bangladesh and Vietnam from 1985 to 2007, and

9 **WHEREAS**, Ms. Eloise Rivera Baza distinguished herself as
10 demonstrated by the numerous accolades bestowed on her: 1985 – First
11 Woman President, Guam Chamber of Commerce; 1993 – special recognition
12 from the Guam Chamber Board of Directors and Past Chairs for her
13 continuing contributions to the community and economic growth of Guam; for
14 her support of the senior citizen program on Guam, the *Servicio Para I*
15 *Manamko (SPIMA)* organization presented Ms. Baza with the 1994 Symbolic
16 Award; and in 1995 – the Federal Bureau of Investigations Pacific Training
17 Institute (PTI) Guam. Ms. Baza was the first woman in the region to be
18 selected to the Air War College’s Forty-third (43rd) Annual Security Forum in
19 Alabama in 1996; the U. S. Small Business Administration recognized Ms.
20 Baza as the 1998 Financial Services Advocate of the Year; and in 2006, the

1 Guam Police Department Deputy Chief of Police recognized Ms. Baza for her
2 role in its Community Assisted Policing Effort (CAPE) Program; and

3 **WHEREAS**, the Guam Chamber of Commerce Board of Directors
4 initiated a resolution establishing a progressive partnership with the Guam
5 Superior Court Juvenile Division in 2001, whereby Eloise advocated special
6 projects for Guam’s youth and was very proud of the Guam Juvenile Drug
7 Court Program developed with her long-time friend, Judge Elizabeth Barrett-
8 Anderson. The program teaches Life Skills Youth Workshops, Career Day,
9 and Mentoring/Job Shadowing for troubled, high-risk teens who found
10 themselves referred to the judicial system; and

11 **WHEREAS**, Eloise Rivera Baza supported and facilitated youth
12 programs inspired by Chamber Chairman Edward J. B. Calvo in 1996, proven
13 by two thousand two hundred (2,200) children between the ages of five (5) to
14 fifteen (15), who benefited with their attendance during workshops designed to
15 build self-esteem and confidence, increase awareness and knowledge about
16 drugs, in addition to learning how to swim and about water safety in the
17 Chamber’s Summer Youth Swimming and Water Safety Program which is on-
18 going to this day; and

19 **WHEREAS**, Eloise Rivera Baza was instrumental in developing the
20 successful “Donations for Work” program encouraged by Chairman, Robert H.
21 Jones’ “Green Revolution” concept in 1980. The program provides monetary

1 donations to youth and civic groups in exchange for assisting the Guam
2 Chamber of Commerce with beautification efforts around the island and
3 sustained recycling projects in our schools; and

4 **WHEREAS**, the Guam Chamber of Commerce Christmas Festival
5 began as the brainchild of Chairwoman, Antoinette D. Sandford to celebrate
6 the Christmas season with, a “Holiday Tree Lighting” project from 1978,
7 evolving to what is now the Annual Christmas Festival in its fifteenth (15th)
8 year, a project held in cooperation with the Guam Visitors Bureau. The
9 Festival flourished under the guidance of Eloise into an island-wide public-
10 private endeavor promoted by schools, businesses, non-profit organizations
11 and civic groups, exhibiting holiday theme posters and essays, a mini-float
12 parade, costumes, ornament creation contests for children of various age
13 groups, youth song and dance entertainment and fundraising opportunities for
14 youth and school organizations; and

15 **WHEREAS**, Eloise Rivera Baza played a vital role in advocating
16 entrepreneurship in a collaborative partnership pioneered with Mr. Allen
17 Pickens, founder of the Junior Achievement organization on Guam. She also
18 championed University of Guam scholarships for business students and the
19 Speakers Bureau for school Career Day activities; and

20 **WHEREAS**, Eloise’s loyalty to her alma mater, the Academy of Our
21 Lady of Guam (AOLG), was unwavering. She spearheaded a committee that

1 created the visual symbol, Domina Magnificent Award, for the school's Hall of
2 Fame. The award symbolizes "values, vision and voice" and serves as an
3 inspiration to young women as a measure of success in family, civic and
4 professional life; and

5 **WHEREAS**, Ms. Eloise Rivera Baza continued active involvement in our
6 island's political and social sectors believing Guam's future rested on a
7 foundation of responsibility and character; and


8 **WHEREAS**, in her personal and professional life, Ms. Eloise Rivera
9 Baza diligently stressed integrity and respect for others and has served as a
10 source of inspiration to her colleagues, friends and family, to whom she has
11 always encouraged spiritual, personal and professional growth; and, now
12 therefore, be it

13 **RESOLVED**, that the Executive Committee of *I Mina'Bente Nuebi Na*
14 *Liheslaturan Guåhan* does hereby, on behalf of and the people of Guam,
15 express sincere condolences and does extend *Un Dângkolo Na Si Yu'os*
16 *Ma'åse'* to the family of Ms. Eloise Rivera Baza in recognition of her
17 outstanding contributions for the betterment of our youth, island community
18 and the people of Guam; and be it further


19 **RESOLVED**, that the Speaker and the Chairman of the Executive
20 Committee certify, and the Secretary of the Legislature attest to, the adoption
21 hereof, and that copies of the same be thereafter transmitted to Mr. Joseph
22 Barto; to Ms. Evelyn B. Soriano; to Mr. Leonard R. Baza; to Ms. Rosa D.
23 Manglona; to Ms. Lucille B. Castro; to Mr. Luis R. Baza; to Ms. Barbara B.

1 Ninete; to Ms. Felisa R. Baza; to Ms. Carmen R. Baza; to Mr. Steve Ruder,
2 Chairman, Guam Chamber of Commerce; and to the Honorable Felix P.
3 Camacho, *I Maga'lahren Guåhan*.

**DULY AND REGULARLY ADOPTED BY THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE OF
I MINA'BENTE NUEBI NA LIHESLATURAN GUÅHAN ON THE 5th DAY OF
NOVEMBER 2007.**



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



RAY TENORIO
Senator and
Secretary of the Legislature