I MINA'BENTE NUEBI NA LIHESLATURAN GUÅHAN 2008 (SECOND) Regular Session

Executive Committee Resolution No. 155

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Relative to commending and congratulating Dr. Harold L. Allen on the occasion of his retirement from the University of Guam, as the institution's Ninth President, for his dedication, leadership, and service to higher learning; and to expressing a heartfelt *Un Dångkulo Na Si Yu'os Ma'åse'* and best wishes, on behalf of the people of Guam, to him and his wife, Carin, in their future endeavors.

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE OF I

2 MINA BENTE NUEBI NA LIHESLATURAN GUÅHAN:

- 3 WHEREAS, Harold L. Allen, Ph.D., was born in Bloomington, Illinois,
- 4 and at the age of seven (7) years, relocated to Guam with his parents and
- 5 family; and
- 6 WHEREAS, Harold Allen graduated from the George Washington High
- 7 School in 1958, and attended the Territorial College of Guam for one year, and
- 8 then transferred to University of Redlands, California, where he completed
- 9 his undergraduate studies; and
- 10 WHEREAS, Harold Allen began his graduate studies in Limnology
- 11 (Aquatic Ecology) at Uppsala University in Sweden, and subsequently,
- 12 received his Masters and Doctoral Degrees in Limnology from Michigan State
- 13 University; and
- 14 WHEREAS, Dr. Harold L. Allen served as a faculty member at
- 15 Dartmouth College (New Hampshire); as Program Director of the National
- 16 Commission on Water Quality in Washington, D.C.; as Dean of Graduate
- 17 School, Vice President for Graduate Studies, Research, and Economic
- 18 Development, Vice President for Academic Affairs, and Professor of Biology
- 19 at University of Toledo (Ohio); and as Provost and Vice President for
- 20 Academic and Student Affairs at Cleveland State University (Ohio); and

1 WHEREAS, on November 30, 2001, Dr. Harold L. Allen was

2 inaugurated as the Ninth President of the University of Guam, following a

3 nation-wide search; and

WHEREAS, as President of the University of Guam, Dr. Harold Allen worked in conjunction with the faculty, staff, students, and administrators at the institution to meet National Higher Education Standards as designated by the Western Association of Schools and Colleges, Senior Commission (WASC); and

WHEREAS, the University was removed from WASC probationary status in July of 2002, and thereafter, with the help of University Stakeholders, Dr. Allen ensured continuous accreditation without conditions. Additionally, because of the tireless efforts of the University community, the institution gained nationally recognized, program specific accreditation from the Council on Social Work Education, and the National Council for Accreditation of Teacher Education; and

WHEREAS, during Dr. Harold L. Allen's tenure, the first major addition, to campus facilities in ten (10) years was added with the construction of the Fourteen Million Dollars (\$14,000,000) Jesus S. and Eugenia A. Leon Guerrero School of Business and Public Administration Building, which provides 57,000 square feet of academic space; and

WHEREAS, in 2006, several new academic programs were added to the institution's program offerings including an Associate Degree of Nursing, a

- 1 Master of Arts in English, and a Bachelor of Arts in Sociology, among others,
- 2 in order to respond to community demand; and
- WHEREAS, in the fall of 2007, enrollment at the University of Guam
- 4 reached its highest point in seven (7) years; and
- 5 **WHEREAS**, during his tenure as President, Dr. Harold L. Allen has led
- 6 efforts to improve accountability which resulted in the University being
- 7 designated as a federal low-risk auditee in 2005, for the first time in the
- 8 institution's history, and again in 2006. Fiscal year 2006 also marked the
- 9 fourth (4th) consecutive year of positive audits for the institution; and
- 10 **WHEREAS**, the University manages a complex array of eighty two (82)
- 11 grants and contracts which have increased an average of 12% per year since
- 12 2001, and, as of the fiscal year 2006 audit, totaled over Twenty-five Million
- 13 Dollars (\$25,000,000) per year thereby greatly enhancing the research and
- 14 service missions of the University, meeting the needs of the community, and
- 15 creating numerous local jobs; and
- 16 WHEREAS, Dr. Harold L. Allen is the Co-Principal Investigator of the
- 17 University of Guam Cancer Research Center and the Cancer Research Center
- of Hawaii partnership, which received a Fourth (4th) year of funding in fiscal
- 19 year 2006 from the National Institutes of Health to develop a stronger
- 20 National Cancer Program aimed at understanding the reasons behind the
- 21 significant cancer disparities among ethnicities and mitigating its impact on
- 22 minority populations. The grant totals Three-Million Six Hundred Thousands

(\$3.6) over five (5) years and funds several objectives including: increasing cancer research capabilities in a variety of different disciplines at the University of Guam, increasing the number of minority scientists of Pacific Islander ancestry engaged in cancer research, outreach, and education by providing pertinent undergraduate, graduate, and postgraduate training and research opportunities, and providing career development for cancer investigators at the University of Guam in order to develop and sustain independently funded cancer research programs at the University of Guam; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Harold L. Allen prioritized efforts to focus the institution's mission on its core strengths, and to develop and implement a campus-wide strategic plan that linked resources to goals and measurable performance-based outcomes under five over-arching areas: Enhancing Academic Quality; Student Success, Enrollment Growth and Institutional Visibility; Promoting the Land-Grant Mission; Strengthening Institutional Efficiency and Effectiveness; and University and Community Engagement; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Harold L. Allen has led efforts to stabilize and diversify the University's resource base which resulted in, as of the fiscal year 2006 audit, a reduction in the University's reliance on Government of Guam funding to 40% of its total revenues; and, despite a constrained fiscal

1 environment, the University of Guam continued to meet its mission of

2 teaching, research, and service; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Harold L. Allen worked with the UOG Endowment Foundation and the Board of Regents to secure several major gifts including a One Million Dollars (\$1,000,000,000) gift from the Jesus S. and Eugenia A. Leon Guerrero family for the Leon Guerrero School of Business and Public Administration Building, a One Million Dollars (\$1,000,000,000) gift from Philippine businessman Lucio Tan to support a new Student Center, a One Million Dollars (\$1,000,000,000) gift from businessman Tan Siu Lin for the library, information literacy, and other projects at the University of Guam, among other notable contributions; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Harold L. Allen led efforts to increase the University's reach and visibility as Guam's and Micronesia's premier education, research, and engagement partner, and establish positive working relationships with the Faculty Senate, the Faculty Union, the Student Government Association, and the Board of Regents; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that the Executive Committee of *I Mina'Bente Nuebi Na Liheslaturan Guåhan* does hereby, on behalf of *I Liheslaturan Guåhan* and the people of Guam commend Dr. Harold L. Allen for his dedication, leadership, and service as the Ninth President of the University of Guam, and joins in congratulating him on his retirement, and extends a heartfelt *Un Dangkulo Na*

- 1 Si Yu'os Ma'åse' and best wishes to Dr. Harold Allen and his wife, Carin, in
- 2 their future endeavors; and be it further
- 3 **RESOLVED**, that the Speaker and the Chairman of the Executive
- 4 Committee certify, and the Secretary of the Legislature attest to, the adoption
- 5 hereof, and that copies of the same be thereafter transmitted to Dr. Harold L.
- 6 Allen and his wife, Carin; to Mr. Benjamin Leon Guerrero II, President, UOG
- 7 Student Government Association; to Ms. AnnMarie Cruz, President of the
- 8 Staff Council; to Dr. Don Rubinstein, President of the Faculty Senate; to Dr.
- 9 Don Platt, Chair of the Faculty Union; Mr. David O'Brien, Chair of the
- 10 Administrative Council; to Dr. Helen Whippy, Interim President of the
- 11 University; to Dr. Richard G. Tennessen, Chairman of the UOG Board of
- 12 Regents; and to the Honorable Felix P. Camacho, I Maga'lahen Guåhan.

DULY AND REGULARLY ADOPTED BY THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE OF *I MINA'BENTE NUEBI NA LIHESLATURAN GUÅHAN* ON THE 7TH DAY OF JANUARY 2008.

EDWARD J.B. CALVO

Acting Speaker and

Chairman, Executive Committee

FRANK F. BLAS, JR.

Acting Senator and

Secretary of the Legislature