

I MINA'BENTE ÑUEBI NA LIHESLATURAN GUÅHAN
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Executive Committee
Resolution No. 17

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Relative to commending Mr. John Vanderburgh for his career with the Social Security Administration and congratulating him on his retirement after eleven (11) years of service to the people of Guam.

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

3 **WHEREAS, Mr. John Vanderburgh began his career with the Social**
4 **Security Administration in 1974 as a Claims Representative in San Francisco,**
5 **California; and**

1 **WHEREAS**, Mr. Vanderburgh joined the Disability Quality Branch in
2 the San Francisco Regional Office in 1988 to focus solely on Social Security’s
3 disability program; and

4 **WHEREAS**, in 1995, Mr. Vanderburgh ventured to Guam to run the
5 Guam Federal Disability Office as the Disability Programs Coordinator; and

6 **WHEREAS**, as Disability Programs Coordinator for the Guam Federal
7 Disability Office, Mr. Vanderburgh, amongst other duties, manages,
8 coordinates and monitors the accomplishment of major management and
9 operational program goals; trains team and medical consultants on work
10 methods, policies, procedures, guidelines, including technical aspects of
11 disability claims processing in the Western Pacific and operational areas;
12 participates as chairperson and represents the region on inter- and intra-
13 component workgroups; represents the Administration in dealing with the
14 Western Pacific local governments; authorizes the full-range of disability
15 determinations including initial, reconsideration and continuing disability
16 review cases, from the simple to the most complex; coordinates technical
17 assistance and guidance regarding the entire disability evaluation process as
18 frequently requested of the examiner by Disability Determination Service and
19 Social Security Administration personnel; and

20 **WHEREAS**, the Guam Federal Disability Office is a federal Disability
21 Determination Service that is responsible for all Social Security
22 Administration disability workloads, with an enormous coverage area,
23 serving American Samoa, the CNMI and Guam; and

1 **WHEREAS**, the Guam Federal Disability Office offers disability
2 applicants virtually one stop service, from initial application through an
3 Office of Hearing and Appeals, Administrative Law Judge, and Video
4 Teleconferencing hearing; and


5 **WHEREAS**, the Guam Federal Disability Office is a full process model
6 site with single decision makers, where a disability decision is made regarding
7 most cases without medical consultation; and

8 **WHEREAS**, in the Guam Federal Disability Office, claimants are often
9 observed as they are being interviewed, and in cases of obvious disability, a
10 disability allowance decision is made while the claimant is still in the office,
11 thus enabling the office to process approximately one thousand (1,000)
12 disability claims each year; now, therefore, be it

13 **RESOLVED**, that the Executive Committee of *I Mina'Bente Ñuebi Na*
14 *Liheslaturan Guåhan* does hereby, on behalf of *I Liheslaturan Guåhan* and the
15 people of Guam, commend Mr. John Vanderburgh for his service as Disability
16 Programs Coordinator for the Guam Federal Disability Office for the past
17 eleven (11) years, and congratulates him on a successful career of over thirty-
18 five (35) years of federal service; 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. John
22 Vanderburgh; and to the Honorable Felix P. Camacho, *I Maga'lahaen Guåhan*.

DULY AND REGULARLY ADOPTED BY THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE
OF *I MINA'BENTE ÑUEBI NA LIHESLATURAN GUÅHAN* ON THE 17TH
DAY OF JANUARY 2007.



MARK FORBES
Speaker and
Chairman, Executive Committee



RAY TENORIO
Senator and
Secretary of the Legislature