

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

Executive Committee
Resolution No. 171

Introduced by:

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Relative to recognizing and congratulating *Iglesia Ni Cristo* on the occasion of their Thirty-ninth (39th) Anniversary Celebration.

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

3 **WHEREAS, in 1960, the *Iglesia Ni Cristo*, or Church of Christ, started to**
4 **hold worship services on Guam and was registered with the government of**
5 **Guam on March 17, 1969; and**

1 **WHEREAS**, the initial group of members of the *Iglesia Ni Cristo*
2 consisted of fifty (50) members who met in a rented Quonset hut in
3 Tamuning; and

4 **WHEREAS**, the late Brother Liberato Panares arrived from the
5 Philippines on November 29, 1969 as the locale's first resident minister and
6 after that, the late Brother Aniceto S. Bunag, Sr. presided over the erection of a
7 semi-concrete Church on Route 16 in Harmon, Dededo; and

8 **WHEREAS**, the late Brother Cipriano P. Sandoval, General Secretary of
9 the *Iglesia Ni Cristo*, came all the way from the Central Office of the *Iglesia Ni*
10 *Cristo* in New Era, Quezon City, Philippines to officiate in a worship service
11 on Guam dedicating the first church and adjacent parsonage in 1973, when the
12 church had one hundred fifty (150) members; and

13 **WHEREAS**, the number of members lead to the formation of another
14 locale on the island and the locale of Apra Heights in Santa Rita was
15 organized in 1984; and

16 **WHEREAS**, with the continuing growth and increase in the number of
17 members, the need for a bigger, more impressive house of worship became
18 the ardent wish and desire of the entire congregation; this resulted in the
19 approval of a construction of a new house of worship with the benevolent
20 support of the Administration of the Church where devotional prayers could
21 be held; and

22 **WHEREAS**, construction started immediately on February 22, 1993 and
23 the present house of worship in Harmon, an elegant \$2.1 Million edifice with a
24 six hundred (600) seating capacity, was dedicated to God on March 19, 1994

1 and serves as the spiritual sanctuary for the more than one thousand (1,000)
2 worshipers on Wednesdays, Thursdays and Sundays; and

3 **WHEREAS,** the edifice, impressive and magnificent from the outside,
4 reflects the holiness and sanctity of the Church of Christ and the sacredness of
5 its mission - to bring honor and glory to the Almighty God -- and today it is
6 one of the most conspicuous and remarkable landmarks in Guam; and

7 **WHEREAS,** in commemorating these momentous events, the locales of
8 Harmon and Apra Heights combined their efforts to host a Grand Evangelical
9 Mission (GEM) with Musical Presentation, and this is an opportunity for the
10 public to hear why the *Iglesia Ni Cristo* believes in the Second Coming of the
11 Lord Jesus Christ; and

12 **WHEREAS,** on this occasion, Minister Levie Galapon, Jr. of Apra
13 Heights is offering the biblical reason why the Church believes in the
14 imminent return of the Lord Jesus Christ, citing verses in the Bible that
15 highlight the signs of His Second Coming and pointing out the events that
16 will transpire in this world during the day that Christ comes; now, therefore,
17 be it

18 **RESOLVED,** that the Executive Committee of *I Mina'Bente Nuebi Na*
19 *Liheslaturan Guåhan* does hereby, on behalf of *I Liheslaturan Guåhan* and the
20 people of Guam, recognize and congratulate *Iglesia Ni Cristo* and its locales for
21 their mission, devotion, accomplishments and belief in the Second Coming of
22 the Lord Jesus Christ; and be it further

23 **RESOLVED,** that the Speaker and the Chairman of the Executive
24 Committee certify, and the Secretary of the Legislature attest to, the adoption

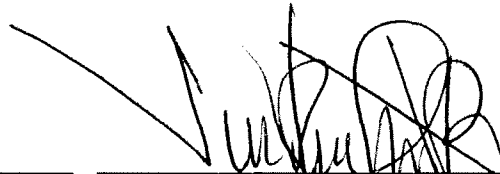
1 of Guam, and does wish Lieutenant Colonel Ridilla continued success in his
2 military career; and be it further

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 Lieutenant
6 Colonel Peter Ridilla, 36th Civil Engineer Squadron Commander; to Brigadier
7 General Douglas Owens, 36th Wing Commander; to Colonel Mark Talley,
8 36th Mission Group Commander; and to the Honorable Felix P. Camacho, *I*
9 *Maga'lahaen Guåhan*.

**DULY AND REGULARLY ADOPTED BY THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE
OF *I MINA'BENTE NUEBI NA LIHESLATURAN GUÅHAN* ON THE 31ST
DAY OF MARCH 2008.**



JUDITH T. WON PAT, Ed. D.
Speaker and
Chairwoman, Executive Committee



TINA ROSE MUÑA BARNES
Senator and
Secretary of the Legislature