

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

**Executive Committee**  
**Resolution No. 187**

Introduced by:

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**Relative to recognizing, commending and paying tribute to the late Chamber President, Ms. Eloise Rivera Baza, for her many contributions to Guam's business community as she is bestowed the title of Honorary Laureate to the Guam Business Hall of Fame.**

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

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

1           **WHEREAS**, in 1971, Ms. Eloise Rivera Baza graduated from the  
2 Academy of Our Lady of Guam in *Hagåtña*, completed her post secondary  
3 studies in 1974, receiving a Bachelor of Arts Degree in Business  
4 Administration at the College of Notre Dame in Belmont, California, and  
5 achieved her pursuit of a Masters Degree in Business Administration, with  
6 emphasis in International Business Management Graduate Coursework, at  
7 Babson College, Wellesley, Massachusetts in 1981; and

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

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

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

23           **WHEREAS**, Ms. Eloise Rivera Baza was active in various professional  
24 and civic organizations at the local level, including, the Pacific Daily News

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

14       **WHEREAS**, in 1979, Ms. Baza represented Guam at the South Pacific  
15 Commission Forum in New Caledonia to address Guam's role in fisheries  
16 development. She presented a briefing on Income Tax Reform for Guam as a  
17 member of the Guam delegation before the U. S. Congress Joint Economic  
18 Committee in Washington, D.C. in 1985. Ms. Baza was the keynote speaker in  
19 1990 at the 1<sup>st</sup> General Membership Meeting of the Tinian Chamber of  
20 Commerce. In 1995, Ms. Baza was invited to give the keynote address at the  
21 1<sup>st</sup> General Membership Meeting of the Palau Chamber of Commerce. Her  
22 most impressive occupational experience during her tenure as the Guam  
23 Chamber of Commerce President was her participation in Joint Economic  
24 Forums for the American business community with Prime Ministers and

1 United States Ambassadors from such countries as Australia, Hong Kong,  
2 Indonesia, Japan, Korea, Malaysia, New Zealand, Philippines, Singapore,  
3 Bangladesh and Vietnam from 1985 to 2007; and

4       **WHEREAS**, Ms. Eloise Rivera Baza distinguished herself as  
5 demonstrated by the numerous accolades bestowed on her: 1985 - First  
6 Woman President, Guam Chamber of Commerce; 1993 - special recognition  
7 from the Guam Chamber Board of Directors and Past Chairs for her  
8 continuing contributions to the community and economic growth of Guam;  
9 for her support of the Senior Citizen Program on Guam, the *Servicio Para I*  
10 *Manamko (SPIMA)* organization presented Ms. Baza with the 1994 Symbolic  
11 Award; and in 1995 - the Federal Bureau of Investigations Pacific Training  
12 Institute (PTI) Guam. Ms. Baza was the first woman in the region to be  
13 selected to the Air War College's Forty-third (43<sup>rd</sup>) Annual Security Forum in  
14 Alabama in 1996; the U. S. Small Business Administration recognized Ms.  
15 Baza as the 1998 Financial Services Advocate of the Year; and in 2006, the  
16 Guam Police Department Deputy Chief of Police recognized Ms. Baza for her  
17 role in its Community Assisted Policing Effort (CAPE) Program; and

18       **WHEREAS**, the Guam Chamber of Commerce Board of Directors  
19 initiated a resolution establishing a progressive partnership with the Guam  
20 Superior Court Juvenile Division in 2001, whereby Eloise advocated special  
21 projects for Guam's youth and was very proud of the Guam Juvenile Drug  
22 Court Program developed with her long-time friend, Judge Elizabeth Barrett-  
23 Anderson. The program teaches Life Skills Youth Workshops, Career Day,

1 and Mentoring/Job Shadowing for troubled, high-risk teens who found  
2 themselves referred to the judicial system; and

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

11       **WHEREAS**, Eloise Rivera Baza was instrumental in developing the  
12 successful "Donations for Work" program encouraged by Chairman, Robert  
13 H. Jones' "Green Revolution" concept in 1980. The program provides  
14 monetary donations to youth and civic groups in exchange for assisting the  
15 Guam Chamber of Commerce with beautification efforts around the island  
16 and sustained recycling projects in our schools; and

17       **WHEREAS**, the Guam Chamber of Commerce Christmas Festival began  
18 as the brainchild of Chairwoman, Antoinette D. Sandford, to celebrate the  
19 Christmas season with a "Holiday Tree Lighting" project in 1978, evolving to  
20 what is now the Annual Christmas Festival in its fifteenth (15<sup>th</sup>) year, a project  
21 held in cooperation with the Guam Visitors Bureau. The Festival flourished  
22 under the guidance of Eloise into an island-wide public-private endeavor  
23 promoted by schools, businesses, non-profit organizations and civic groups,  
24 exhibiting holiday theme posters and essays, a mini-float parade, costumes,

1 ornament creation contests for children of various age groups, youth song and  
2 dance entertainment and fundraising opportunities for youth and school  
3 organizations; and

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

9       **WHEREAS**, Eloise’s loyalty to her alma mater, the Academy of Our  
10 Lady of Guam (AOLG), was unwavering. She spearheaded a committee that  
11 created the visual symbol, Domina Magnificent Award, for the school's Hall  
12 of Fame. The award symbolizes "values, vision and voice" and serves as an  
13 inspiration to young women as a measure of success in family, civic and  
14 professional life; and

15       **WHEREAS**, Ms. Eloise Rivera Baza continued active involvement in  
16 our island’s political and social sectors believing Guam’s future rested on a  
17 foundation of responsibility and character; and

18       **WHEREAS**, in her personal and professional life, Ms. Eloise Rivera Baza  
19 diligently stressed integrity and respect for others and has served as a source  
20 of inspiration to her colleagues, friends and family, to whom she has always  
21 encouraged spiritual, personal and professional growth; and

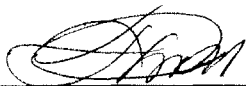
22       **WHEREAS**, as the Guam Chamber of Commerce celebrates its Eighty-  
23 fourth (84<sup>th</sup>) Anniversary, an organization from which she received great  
24 pride and in return, dedicated twenty-six (26) years of her life’s work, Ms.

1 Eloise Rivera Baza is bestowed the distinction of Honorary Laureate to the  
2 Guam Business Hall of Fame, a tribute to her many contributions to Guam's  
3 business community; now, therefore, be it

4 **RESOLVED**, that the Executive Committee of *I Mina'Bente Nuebi Na*  
5 *Liheslaturan Guåhan* does hereby, on behalf of *I Liheslaturan Guåhan* and the  
6 people of Guam, congratulate Ms. Eloise Rivera Baza in recognition of her  
7 outstanding contributions, not only to Guam's business sector, but for her  
8 humanitarian efforts in the direction of developing and protecting our youth,  
9 our island community and all the people of Guam; and be it further

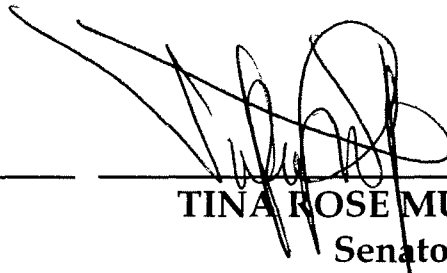
10 **RESOLVED**, that the Speaker and the Chairperson of the Executive  
11 Committee certify, and the Secretary of the Legislature attest to, the adoption  
12 hereof, and that copies of the same be thereafter transmitted to the family of  
13 the late Eloise Rivera Baza; to Reina A. Leddy, President of the Guam  
14 Chamber of Commerce; to Laura-Lynn Dacanay, Chairwoman, Guam  
15 Chamber of Commerce; and to the Honorable Felix P. Camacho, *I Maga'lahren*  
16 *Guåhan*.

**DULY AND REGULARLY ADOPTED BY THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE  
OF I MINA'BENTE NUEBI NA LIHESLATURAN GUÅHAN ON THE 3<sup>RD</sup>  
DAY OF MAY 2008.**



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



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**TINA ROSE MUÑA BARNES**  
Senator and  
Secretary of the Legislature