

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

**Executive Committee
Resolution No. 207**

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Relative to commending and congratulating Mr. Michael W. Diekmann on the occasion of his retirement as the Superintendent for the Department of Defense Education Activity (DoDEA), and to expressing a heartfelt *un dangkolo na si Yu'os ma'åse'* and best wishes, on behalf of the people of Guam, to him and his wife, Dobie, in their future endeavors.

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

3 **WHEREAS**, Mr. Michael W. Diekmann arrived on Guam to serve as the
4 Superintendent for the Department of Defense Education Activity in January
5 2004; and

6 **WHEREAS**, Mr. Diekmann actively served as a member of the Civilian
7 Military Task Force, established by the Governor's Executive Order Number
8 2006-10 on April 2, 2006, within the Education Subcommittee; and

9 **WHEREAS**, Mr. Diekmann served as a conduit of information of best
10 practices for the K-12 school system in strategic planning, horizontal and
11 vertical management, procurement, performance appraisals, academic
12 instruction, facilities management, faculty-union contract development, and
13 outsourcing contract management; and

14 **WHEREAS**, Mr. Diekmann opened the doors of the new DoDEA
15 schools for tours for interested personnel to showcase efficiencies in design
16 and resources that may be used in other new schools; and

17 **WHEREAS**, Mr. Diekmann actively offered and made arrangements to
18 transfer several school collateral equipment and seven hundred (700)
19 computers within his authority to the Guam Public School System (GPSS) to
20 reduce GPSS costs or replace older furnishings; and

21 **WHEREAS**, Mr. Diekmann collaborated in training opportunities to
22 include inviting GPSS and GCC teachers and administrators as well as private

1 schools to participate in the annual DoDEA Professional Development
2 Institute (PDI) training in support of best practices in staff development; and

3 **WHEREAS**, Mr. Diekmann always accepted opportunities to be a Guest
4 Speaker and spoke at a GPSS School Career Day and several Rotary Club
5 meetings; and

6 **WHEREAS**, Mr. Diekmann has been an active member of the Attorney
7 General's task force on Prevention of School Violence, where he provided
8 information on how DoDEA schools handled such situations with their
9 internal processes and procedures; and

10 **WHEREAS**, Mr. Diekmann served on the Governor's Commission for
11 Teaching and Learning and became actively involved in the *Hatsa* Program on
12 the island, providing support and guidance to the group; and

13 **WHEREAS**, Mr. Diekmann shared information on the AVID Program, a
14 program that prepares students to be successful in college, with key leaders in
15 GPSS, as well as information on the READ 180 Program, which targets
16 students who are lagging behind in reading; and

17 **WHEREAS**, Mr. Diekmann will be retiring from the federal government
18 on June 10, 2008, after thirty (30) years of faithful federal service; now,
19 therefore, be it

20 **RESOLVED**, that the Executive Committee of *I Mina'Bente Nuebi Na*
21 *Liheslaturan Guåhan* does hereby, on behalf of *I Liheslaturan Guåhan* and the
22 people of Guam, commend Mr. Michael W. Diekmann for his dedication,
23 leadership and service as the Superintendent for the Department of Defense
24 Education Activity and friend to the community, and joins in congratulating

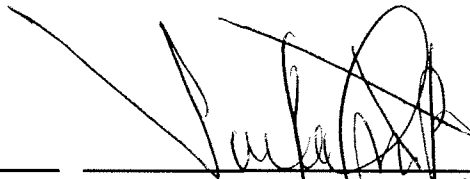
1 him on his retirement, and extends a heartfelt *un dangkolo na si Yu'os ma'åse'*
2 and best wishes to Mr. Diekmann and his wife, Dobie, in their future
3 endeavors; and be it further

4 **RESOLVED**, that the Speaker and the Chairperson of the Executive
5 Committee certify, and the Secretary of the Legislature attest to, the adoption
6 hereof, and that copies of the same be thereafter transmitted to Mr. Michael
7 W. Diekmann and his wife, Dobie; to the Director of Department of Defense
8 Dependent Schools-Pacific/Domestic Dependent Elementary Secondary
9 Schools, Guam; and to the Honorable Felix P. Camacho, *I Maga'lahren Guåhan*.

**DULY AND REGULARLY ADOPTED BY THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE
OF I MINA'BENTE NUEBI NA LIHESLATURAN GUÅHAN ON THE 23RD
DAY OF MAY 2008.**



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



TINA ROSE MUÑA BARNES
Senator and
Secretary of the Legislature