

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

**Executive Committee**  
**Resolution No. 208**

Introduced by:

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**Relative to commending and congratulating Reverend Rodrick P. Calkins and, his wife, Sharon L. Calkins, and their family, proprietors of the Guam International Christian Academy, on the occasion of the Tenth (10<sup>th</sup>) Anniversary celebration of the School's Charter; and to recognizing Reverend and Mrs. Calkins' dedication and service to education, and educating in Christ on Guam since 1991.**

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

3           **WHEREAS**, in the summer of 1991, Reverend Rodrick "Rod" P. Calkins  
4 and his wife, Sharon L. Calkins, bid farewell to their college-bound son, Kelly,  
5 packed their belongings and left the creature comforts of their former  
6 residence in the City of American Falls, Idaho; and

7           **WHEREAS**, with their school-aged children in tow, Melissa, Jennifer,  
8 Tara and Theresa, the family faithfully journeyed to the island of Guam as  
9 humble servants of God; and

10           **WHEREAS**, the Calkins family immersed themselves with the island  
11 culture and traditions and quickly adopted the "*Hafa Adai Spirit*" as Reverend  
12 and Mrs. Calkins served as Principals at the Trinity Christian School in Yigo  
13 beginning in the Fall semester of the academic School Year in 1991 through  
14 the conclusion of the 1997 academic school year; and

15           **WHEREAS**, at the behest of many in the island community, Rev.  
16 Calkins answered a recognized need to offer a Christ-Centered educational  
17 institution to serve the requirements of schoolchildren in the Central part of  
18 Guam; and

19           **WHEREAS**, in 1998, Reverend and Mrs. Calkins and family established  
20 the Guam International Christian Academy (GICA) to serve students in  
21 grades K-3 through 12; and

1           **WHEREAS**, GICA adopted the official school colors of Forest Green,  
2 Black and White, and sports the image of the great Gator as their school  
3 Mascot; and

4           **WHEREAS**, testimony to the school’s success was an enrollment that  
5 peaked at just over three hundred (300) pupils, with a staff and faculty in  
6 excess of thirty (30) at any given time; and

7           **WHEREAS**, Reverend and Mrs. Calkins operated the GICA campus  
8 with an “Open Heart,” equally accepting of classroom whiz kids studying  
9 college preparatory courses as with schoolchildren dubbed “at-risk” at other  
10 schools; and through Christ teachings and unconditional and unyielding care,  
11 fused the latter with the former and molded the so-called underachievers into  
12 eager learners; and

13           **WHEREAS**, the Calkins extended their campus to students in all  
14 demographics, and often approved need-based scholarships to families  
15 wishing to avail themselves of the best education possible for their children  
16 without lengthy paper requirements or questions; and

17           **WHEREAS**, in the fall of 2003, the Calkins expanded the Great Gator  
18 School System with the purchase of the storied Evangelical Christian  
19 Academy (ECA) in Chalan Pago; and

20           **WHEREAS**, today, the Guam International Christian Academy and the  
21 Evangelical Christian Academy localized to one (1) Campus in Chalan Pago,

1 offering distinct Curricula. GICA operated the A BEKA Curriculum, while  
2 ECA boasts the Accelerated Christian Education Curriculum; and

3 **WHEREAS**, Rev. Calkins, a staunch believer that athletics helps to  
4 balance academics, offered a humble sports program for students, under his  
5 direct tutelage, that often produced high caliber student-athletes and several  
6 championships in various sports; and

7 **WHEREAS**, GICA boasts schoolchildren that have made their mark in  
8 the world or at other schools, with over two hundred (200) graduates  
9 comprising the budding Gator alumni group of College Graduates, Blue and  
10 White Collar Workers, Federal, Military and Local Officers, young business  
11 owners, Educators, Medical workers, and mid and top level managers and  
12 private and government workers throughout the island and around the  
13 world; now, therefore, be it

14 **RESOLVED**, that the Executive Committee of *I Mina' Bente Nuebi Na*  
15 *Liheslaturan Guåhan* does hereby, on behalf of *I Liheslaturan Guåhan* and the  
16 people of Guam, commend and congratulate Reverend Rodrick P. Calkins, his  
17 wife, Sharon L. Calkins and their children, proprietors of the Guam  
18 International Christian Academy, on the occasion of the Tenth (10<sup>th</sup>)  
19 Anniversary celebration of the School's Charter; and be it further

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, recognize Reverend and Mrs. Calkins' dedication, and

1 service to education and educating in Christ on Guam since 1991; and be it  
2 further

3 **RESOLVED**, that the Speaker and the Chairperson 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 Reverend  
6 Rodrick Calkins, Headmaster, Guam International Christian Academy; to  
7 Mrs. Sharon L. Calkins, Principal, Evangelical Christian Academy; to Ms.  
8 Betty Rose Tupaz Cortes, Inaugural Director of the GICA Gator Alumni  
9 Group; and to the Honorable Felix P. Camacho, *I Maga'lahaen Guåhan*.

**DULY AND REGULARLY ADOPTED BY THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE  
OF *I MINA'BENTE NUEBI NA LIHESLATURAN GUÅHAN* ON THE 23<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 BARINES**  
Senator and  
Secretary of the Legislature