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Executive Committee Resolution No. 209

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Relative to supporting, commending and congratulating the Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI) Guam Resident Agency on its first FBI Citizens' Academy.

1 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE OF I

2 MINA'BENTE NUEBI NA LIHESLATURAN GUÅHAN:

3 **WHEREAS**, the Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI) offers the FBI 4 Citizens' Academy at each respective locale nationally to foster public and 5 community support of their overall mission; and WHEREAS, the goodwill and public understanding of the FBI's mission
 through these make investigators' jobs easier; and

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WHEREAS, the FBI on Guam held its first (1st) Annual FBI Citizens'
Academy commencing on April 8 to May 28, 2008 for seven (7) consecutive
Wednesdays of classroom instruction and one (1) firearm field session; and

6 WHEREAS, the FBI Citizens' Academy provides business, civic, 7 religious and community leaders an inside look at federal law enforcement 8 in general, and the FBI in particular, and its overall goal is to foster 9 relationships and understanding between an FBI field office and its 10 community – and so improve the Bureau's ability to solve/detect crimes 11 and help citizens make their communities a better and safer place; and

WHEREAS, the attendees are selected from the business, civic and religious communities each nominated by a Bureau employee or a previous Academy graduate and that participants must be at least twenty-one (21) years old (with no prior felony convictions) and must live and work in the area covered by the field office sponsoring the Academy; and

WHEREAS, because techniques used in criminal and national security
cases are discussed, nominees must undergo a background check and final
selection of attendees are made by the Special Agent in charge of each
division office in order to attend; and

WHEREAS, the FBI executives, senior special agents and program
managers are the lead instructors for the FBI Citizens' Academy; and

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WHEREAS, the curriculum taught consists of practical problems 1 involving the collection and preservation of physical evidence; the FBI's 2 jurisdiction and congressional oversight; the structure and operation of an 3 FBI field office and resident agency; the services the FBI provides to local, 4 state and territorial law enforcement agencies; discussions on ethics, 5 discipline policies, communications, drug enforcement, civil rights, human 6 trafficking, espionage, and future trends in law enforcement; and firearms 7 8 training so participants get an idea of the extensive and responsible 9 weapons training FBI Agents receive (also to foster an understanding of 10 what it is like being faced with split-second, life-and-death decisions); and

11 WHEREAS, the primary objectives of the FBI Citizens' Academy are to 12 increase public awareness about the FBI, its mission, its activities, and its 13 people; to provide an avenue for the FBI to hear and respond to community 14 issues and concerns; and to strengthen relationships and improve 15 understanding between the FBI and the communities it serves; and

WHEREAS, the FBI Guam Office recruited its first cadre of nine (9)
participants who successfully completed the necessary requirements in
order to receive a certificate of completion; and

19 WHEREAS, the FBI Citizens' Academy will serve as a catalyst in 20 bridging the gap between the local community of Guam and the mission of 21 the FBI; and

WHEREAS, the FBI Citizens' Academy will work with the community at large to educate the public and community of its goodwill to serve and protect the people of Guam; now, therefore, be it **RESOLVED**, that the Executive Committee of *I Mina'Bente Nuebi Na Liheslaturan Guåhan* does hereby, on behalf of *I Liheslaturan Guåhan* and the
 people of Guam, recommend the continued support of the public to engage
 in learning about the FBI Citizens' Academy; and be it further

5 **RESOLVED**, that the Executive Committee of *I Mina'Bente Nuebi Na* 6 *Liheslaturan Guåhan* does hereby, on behalf of *I Liheslaturan Guåhan* and the 7 people of Guam, offer its support and encouragement for the continued 8 growth of the FBI Citizens' Academy (Guam); and be it further

9 **RESOLVED**, that the Speaker and the Chairperson of the Executive 10 Committee certify, and the Secretary of the Legislature attest to, the 11 adoption hereof, and that copies of the same be thereafter transmitted to the 12 Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI) Honolulu Division; to Robert S. 13 Mueller, Director of the FBI; to Janet L. Kamerman, Special Agent in Charge 14 (SAC), FBI Honolulu Division; to Karen K. Lewis, Supervisory Senior 15 Resident Agent (SSRA), FBI Guam Resident Agency; to Jerry Fogel, President, FBI National Citizens Academy Alumni Association; to Paul 16 17 Suba, Chief of Police of the Guam Police Department; to Leonardo Rapadas, 18 U.S. Attorney; to Alicia Limtiaco, Attorney General of Guam; to Madeleine 19 Z. Bordallo Member of Congress, United States House of Representative; and to the Honorable Felix P. Camacho, I Maga'lahen Guåhan. 20

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