

MINA'BENTE NUEBI NA LIHESLATURAN GUÅHAN
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Executive Committee
Resolution No. 231

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Relative to commending and congratulating SKIP Entertainment Company on its phenomenal achievements and continued representation of Guam, and on its winning championships and honors in recent international and national dance competitions.

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

3 **WHEREAS,** the SKIP Entertainment Company was founded in 1982 as a
4 non-profit organization, Children's Productions. Prior to the birth of SKIP,
5 Children's Productions first staged a number of children's musicals,

1 including, "Swinging on a Star", "Candy Man", and "High Hopes". The focus
2 soon turned to dance, giving thousands of Guam's youth an opportunity to
3 excel and learn with instructors and choreographers from Los Angeles and
4 New York City. After staging several musical productions, and being invited
5 to perform for the International Congress of Pediatrics in Honolulu in 1986,
6 and opening for the Natalie Cole Concert on Guam, the group's name was
7 changed to SKIP Entertainment Company in 1990; and

8 **WHEREAS**, in 1985, SKIP completed its first U. S. Mainland tour, and
9 since that time, has traveled to dance competitions and performances in the
10 U.S. Mainland, Europe, and Australia; every year, SKIP Entertainment
11 Company proudly represents Guam in international competitions; and

12 **WHEREAS**, in 1991, members of SKIP performed on International Star
13 Search, which was aired in over sixty-three (63) countries. During the
14 summer of 1993, four (4) SKIP dancers were selected to attend the first
15 "Winners" Showcase, organized by Tony Selznick in Los Angeles, which was
16 aired in California. Later that year, SKIP was once again selected to appear on
17 Ed McMahon's Star Search. That same year, SKIP dancers were featured on
18 the cover of "PERFORMER'S EDGE", a National Dance Publication; and

19 **WHEREAS**, from 1991 through 1998, SKIP has participated and won
20 National Dance Championships held in various cities around the U.S.,
21 including the 1996 Jazz Dance World Congress held at the Kennedy Center in
22 Washington, D. C., where SKIP won the International Choreographic Leo's
23 Gold Award. SKIP was selected as featured performer at the "1997 Jazz
24 Dance World Congress" in Weisbaden, Germany; and

1 **WHEREAS**, in addition to winning numerous national and world
2 championship titles, many SKIP Dancers have gone on to prestigious
3 professional dance careers, including SKIP dancer Michael Lomeka, the first
4 and only Guam trained dancer to graduate from the prestigious Juilliard
5 School of Dance in New York City. SKIP was honored to present Mikhail
6 Baryshnikov and the White Oak Dance Project, including Lomeka, to sell-out
7 audiences on Guam in March 2001. In August 2003, SKIP dancer Tony
8 Francisco was selected to tour and perform with Britney Spears, and continues
9 to tour with Latin Pop Star, Paulina Rubio. Another notable SKIP alumni,
10 Tammy Torres-Hunter, was formerly the dance captain for the Disney World
11 Lion Kingdom Show; and

12 **WHEREAS**, after a week of grueling competition among some of the
13 toughest and most talented dancers from Canada, Mexico, Japan, Germany,
14 Italy, Portugal, Poland, Nepal, and Austria, the SKIP Entertainment Company
15 brought honor and pride to Guam once again as winner in both Junior and
16 Senior Canadian National Championships in Vancouver, B.C., with the
17 highest three (3) scores awarded during the entire competition in the Junior
18 Division, below the age of twelve (12), and the Senior Division, age thirteen
19 (13) and above, and were named overall Champions; and

20 **WHEREAS**, following the exhausting Canadian finals, the group then
21 traveled to Las Vegas for the Star Power National Finals, and during the
22 preliminary competition of more than one thousand five hundred (1,500)
23 entrants, SKIP won the most First Place platinum awards in its categories and
24 placed Fourth overall in the competition; now, therefore, be it

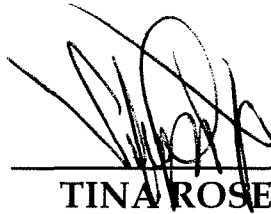
1 **RESOLVED**, that the Executive Committee of *I Mina'Bente Nuebi Na*
2 *Liheslaturan Guåhan* does hereby, on behalf of *I Liheslaturan Guåhan* and the
3 people of Guam, commend SKIP Entertainment Company on the occasion of
4 its latest accomplishments in international competitions representing Guam;
5 and be it further

6 **RESOLVED**, that the Speaker and the Chairperson of the Executive
7 Committee certify, and the Secretary of the Legislature attest to, the adoption
8 hereof, and that copies of the same be thereafter transmitted to Ms. Terri
9 Knapp, Director, SKIP; to the Honorable Madeleine Z. Bordallo, Guam's
10 Delegate to the United States Congress; and to the Honorable Felix P.
11 Camacho, *I Maga'lahaen Guåhan*.

**DULY AND REGULARLY ADOPTED BY THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE
OF I MINA'BENTE NUEBI NA LIHESLATURAN GUÅHAN ON THE 26TH
DAY OF AUGUST 2008.**



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



TINA ROSE MUÑA BARNES
Senator and
Secretary of the Legislature