

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

Executive Committee
Resolution No. 232

Introduced by:

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Relative to commending Attorney Kathleen E. Maher for her dedication and outstanding commitment to service with the government of Guam, the Public Defender Service Corporation, and the entire community of the island of Guam on the occasion of her retirement from public service.

- 1 **BE IT RESOLVED BY THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE OF I**
2 ***MINA'BENTE NUEBI NA LIHESLATURAN GUÅHAN:***
3 **WHEREAS,** Kathleen E. Maher has been a diligent practicing attorney
4 with the government of Guam for more than twenty-two (22) years, from

1 1984 to 2008, during which time she served as Director of the Public
2 Defender Service Corporation from 2003 until her retirement this year; and

3 **WHEREAS**, Kathleen E. Maher also established, in 2004, the Office of
4 the Alternate Public Defender, and was instrumental in further
5 establishment of problem-solving courts, including the Mental Health Court,
6 Adult Drug Court, and the Juvenile Drug Court, as well as supportive of the
7 proposed DUI Court; and

8 **WHEREAS**, this dedicated professional was committed to the zealous
9 representation of those residents that are particularly vulnerable and in need
10 of special services, such as the court's mentally ill clients, and served on the
11 Mental Health Court Legislation Committee from 2007 to 2008; was
12 Chairperson and Board Member of the Office of the Public Guardian and a
13 member of the Child Support Guidelines Review Commission for Guam
14 since 2007; she was an outspoken advocate to reduce violence against
15 women and children, obtaining and maintaining a sub-grant for the STOP
16 Violence Against Women Program; and

17 **WHEREAS**, Kathleen E. Maher did work to reach beyond the courts to
18 integrate and make her office a visible and proactive member of the island
19 community by establishing a Community Outreach Program through the
20 participation in community outreach activities and the activation of the
21 Public Defender Service Corporation, and joining the Guam Environmental
22 Protection Agency's pilot program for recycling; and

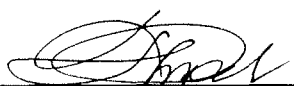
23 **WHEREAS**, Kathleen E. Maher has been a member of the Guam,
24 Oregon, and Colorado Bar Associations, and a member of the National

1 Association of Criminal Defense Lawyers, the National Association of Legal
2 Aid and Defenders, and the National Association of Drug Court
3 Professionals; now, therefore, be it

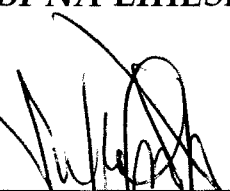
4 **RESOLVED**, that the Executive Committee of *I Mina'Bente Nuebi Na*
5 *Lihsaturan Guåhan* does hereby, on behalf of *I Lihsaturan Guåhan* and the
6 people of Guam, commend Attorney Kathleen E. Maher on the occasion of
7 her retirement from a long and distinguished career with the government of
8 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 adoption
11 hereof, and that copies of the same be thereafter transmitted to Attorney
12 Kathleen E. Maher, Director, Public Defender Service Corporation; to the
13 Honorable Madeleine Z. Bordallo, Guam's Delegate to the United States
14 Congress; 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 27TH 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