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

Executive Committee Resolution No. 241

Edward J.B. Calvo Introduced by: Frank F. Blas, Jr. James V. Espaldon Mark Forbes Frank T. Ishizaki J. A. Lujan **Ray Tenorio** B. J.F. Cruz Judith P. Guthertz, DPA Tina Rose Muña Barnes A. B. Palacios, Sr. v. c. pangelinan R. J. Respicio Dr. David L.G. Shimizu J. T. Won Pat, Ed.D.

Relative to congratulating Mr. Delfin Reyes Damian, Jr., on his retirement as Band Director with the Guam Public School System and to extending to him a sincere *un dångkolo na si* Yu'os Ma'ase' for his thirty (30) years of service and contributions toward the betterment of our island community.

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1 BE IT RESOLVED BY *I MINA'BENTE NUEBE NA* 2 *LIHESLATURAN GUÅHAN:*

WHEREAS, Mr. Delfin Reyes Damian, Jr., is the eldest of twelve (12)
children -- five (5) brothers and six (6) sisters born to †Delfin R. Damian, Sr.,
and Julita A. Damian in *Hagåtña*, Guam; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Delfin Reyes Damian, Jr., married Miss Marian Quinata
on July 26, 1975, and the two have been blessed with a beautiful daughter,
Heather Ann Damian Penaflor, her husband, Ryan Keith G. Penaflor, and two
(2) grandchildren – Ryan A. Penaflor and Caleb K. Penaflor; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Delfin Reyes Damian, Jr., attended George Washington
High School, the University of Guam, and Winona State University in
Minnesota,, where he graduated with aBachelor of Arts in Music Education;
and

WHEREAS, Mr. Damian's professional career began in 1977 at the
Department of Education (Guam Public School System) as the *Band Director*.
His passion for education is reflected in numerous positions in the public
school system – Fine Arts/Business Department Chairperson, School Learning
Improvement Plan Coordinator, Interscholastic Golf Coach, *Eskuelan Pueñgi*Coordinator, Summer School Coordinator, School Accreditation Coordinator,
and a member of Curriculum and Textbook Adoption Committee; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Delfin Reyes Damian, Jr., embarked as a professional
musician in 1970 and served as *Conductor* of the Governor's Youth Band, 1977-

1981. His love of music is further demonstrated by his service as *Mom & Pop Choir Director*, Our Lady of Guadalupe Church, *Santa Rita*, ever since 1983.
 Mr. D, as he is fondly referred to by his band students, will be fondly
 remembered by those students as a hardworking, no-nonsense instructor who
 inspired them to play instruments like they were professionals; and

6 WHEREAS, Mr. Damian is an active member of professional 7 organizations to include the National Association of Band Instrument Repair 8 Technicians and the Guam Federation of Teachers. Today, he is the proud 9 business owner of Mr. D's Instrument and Repair Service established in 1997; 10 and

WHEREAS, Mr. Damian served his community as Board Chairman,
Guam Council of the Arts and Humanities Agency (*Kahan I Kutturan Guåhan*),
13 1982 – 1987 and has been Board Chairman of the *Chamorro* Land Trust
Commission since 2004. In 1997, Mr. Damian became a member and
continues his membership with the Santa Rita Village Municipal Planning
Council; and

WHEREAS, in his personal and professional life, Mr. Delfin Reyes Damian, Jr., has constantly stressed integrity and respect for others and has served as a source of inspiration to his colleagues, friends, and family, to whom he has always encouraged personal and professional growth; now, therefore be it

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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, congratulate Mr. Delfin Reyes Damian, Jr., on his retirement 4 from the Department of Education (Guam Public School System) and does 5 further extend to him a sincere *un dångkolo na si Yu'os ma'åse'* for the thirty 6 (30) years of service and contributions he has made for the betterment of our 7 island community; and be it further

8 **RESOLVED**, that the Speaker certify, and the Secretary of the 9 Legislature attest to, the adoption hereof, and that copies of the same be 10 thereafter transmitted to his wife Mrs. Marian Quinata Damian; to Southern 11 High School; to Guam Council of the Arts and Humanities Agency (*Kahan I* 12 *Kutturan Guåhan*); to the *Chamorro* Land Trust Commission; and to the 13 Honorable Felix P. Camacho, *I Maga'lahen Guåhan*.

DULY AND REGULARLY ADOPTED BY THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE OF *I MINA'BENTE NUEBI NA LIHESLATURAN GUÅHAN* ON THE 7th DAY OF OCTOBER, 2008.

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

TINA ROSE MUÑA BARNES Senator and Secretary of the Legislature