

***I MINA'BENTE NUEBI NA LIHESLATURAN GUÅHAN***  
**2007 (FIRST) Regular Session**

**Executive Committee**  
**Resolution No. 56**

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**Relative to congratulating the Batangas and Southern Tagalog Association (BASTA) on its "Thirtieth (30<sup>th</sup>) Anniversary" commemoration and "Induction Ball Celebration" and to thanking the Association for its contributions to Guam and the "Old Country" of the Philippines and to congratulating its Incoming Officers and Board Members.**

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

3        **WHEREAS, the Batangas and Southern Tagalog Association (BASTA),**  
4        **Guam Chapter, originally the Batangas Association, was formally chartered**  
5        **on July 16, 1977 by founding fathers Eddie Espina, Rey Gonzalves, Marcy**

1 Manipol and Ronnie Saludo at a meeting at the ITC Building in Tamuning;  
2 and

3 **WHEREAS**, the Association soon embraced a spirit of community  
4 engagement and inclusion by incorporating the Southem Tagalog Association  
5 to accommodate members from the Southern Tagalog provinces; and

6 **WHEREAS**, BASTA now boasts a membership of over two hundred  
7 (200) members, natives of area twelve (12) Provinces, including the mainland  
8 provinces of Cavite, Laguna, Rizal, Marinduque, Aurora, Quezon, Mindoro,  
9 and Palawan, and island provinces of Mindoro Occidental, Mindoro Oriental,  
10 Marinduque, and Romblon; and

11 **WHEREAS**, BASTA'S home provinces passes notoriety historical  
12 heritages and are home to such heroes as Jose Rizal of Laguna; Emilio  
13 Aguinaldo of Cavite; Apolinario Mabini Felipe and Marcela Agoncillo, Miguel  
14 Malvar, Gliceria Marella, Galicano Apacible, Sotero Laurel, and Jose P. Laurel  
15 all of Batangas; Manuel L. Quezon and Claro M. Recto of Quezon; and from a  
16 more recent time, the illustrious leaders Eulogio Rodriquez of Rizal, Lorenzo  
17 Tomada of Quezon and Jose Diokno of Batangas, who paved the way for  
18 Filipino liberty; and

19 **WHEREAS**, through the years, BASTA has contributed to a variety of  
20 worthy causes on Guam such as: Lytico & Bodig, the American Red Cross,  
21 Catholic Social Services, Make-A-Wish Foundation, Alee Shelter, and the  
22 American Cancer Society, among others; and

23 **WHEREAS**, due to its benevolence towards the old country, the  
24 association has contributed generously to victims of calamities through the

1 Philippine Earthquake Relief Fund, Mt. Pinatubo Relief efforts and assisted  
2 typhoon and lahar victims; and

3 **WHEREAS**, the Association combines the Mabuhay spirit with Hafa  
4 Adai warmth to island residents and visitors alike, whether they be visiting  
5 basketball players, models, actors and actresses, government officials or  
6 politicians; and

7 **WHEREAS**, BASTA has maintain the Mabini Historical Marker at Asan  
8 Point, hosted a Walkathon at Ypao Beach, and spread holiday cheer during  
9 the Christmas season by offering hearty carols in Guam’s villages; and

10 **WHEREAS**, BASTA members contribute to Guam as capitalists and  
11 entrepreneurs generating jobs and assisting Guam’s economic growth, and  
12 ensuring a workforce of bright and skilled persons fill our professional ranks  
13 as educators, nurses, engineers, architects, bankers and other professionals;  
14 now, therefore, be it

15 **RESOLVED**, that the Executive Committee of *I Mina’Bente Nuebi Na*  
16 *Liheslaturan Guåhan* does hereby, on behalf of *I Liheslaturan Guåhan* and the  
17 people of Guam, join in congratulating the Batangas & Southern Tagalog  
18 Association (BASTA) on its “Thirtieth (30<sup>th</sup>) Anniversary” commemoration  
19 and “Induction Ball Celebration”; and be it further

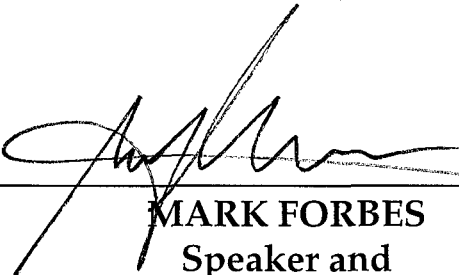
20 **RESOLVED**, that the Executive Committee of *I Mina’Bente Nuebi Na*  
21 *Liheslaturan Guåhan* does hereby, on behalf of *I Liheslaturan Guåhan* and the  
22 people of Guam, commend and thank the Association’s outgoing Officers and  
23 Board Members of BASTA for their many contributions to Guam and the “Old  
24 Country” of the Philippines; and be it further

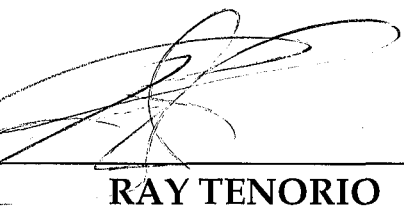
25 **RESOLVED**, that the Executive Committee of *I Mina’Bente Nuebi Na*

1 *Liheslaturan Guåhan* does hereby, on behalf of *I Liheslaturan Guåhan* and the  
2 people of Guam, congratulate the Association's incoming officers and Board  
3 Members for the 2007 term which include: Ms. Marie Cummings, President;  
4 Mr. Lito Deras, Vice President; Ms. Portia Rimpos, Recording Secretary; Ms.  
5 Ella Amistad, Corresponding Secretary; Mr. Jorge Maranan, Treasurer; Ms.  
6 Nila Orario, Assistant Treasurer; Ms. Noemi Biscocho, Business Manager; Ms.  
7 Marilyn Tablante, Public Relations Officer; Ms. Virgie Orario, Auditor; Mr.  
8 Jun Mattson, Peace Officers and Mr. Cres Ramos, Ms. Violet Noche, Mr. Ed  
9 Briopn, Ms. Mila Biscocho, Ms. Veronica Gutierrez, Ms. Gloria Del Rosario,  
10 Ms. Marilyn Celira, Mr. Alex Manipol, Ms. Virgie Mattson and Ms. Joy  
11 Funtanilla, Board Members; and be it further

12 **RESOLVED**, that the Speaker and the Chairman of the Executive  
13 Committee certify, and the Secretary of the Legislature attest to, the adoption  
14 hereof, and that copies of the same be thereafter transmitted to Mr. Maria  
15 Cummings, President of the Batangas and Southern Tagalog Association; to  
16 Mr. Roger Andulan, outgoing President; and to the Honorable Felix P.  
17 Camacho, *I Maga'lahaen Guåhan*.

**DULY AND REGULARLY ADOPTED BY THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE  
OF I MINA'BENTE NUEBI NA LIHESLATURAN GUÅHAN ON THE 16<sup>TH</sup>  
DAY OF MARCH 2007.**

  
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**MARK FORBES**  
Speaker and  
Chairman, Executive Committee

  
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**RAY TENORIO**  
Senator and  
Secretary of the Legislature