

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

**Executive Committee**  
**Resolution No. 58**

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Relative to commending Special Olympics Guam for providing Olympic-style sports competition for individuals with special needs and to extend *un dāngkolo na si Yu'os ma'āse'* to the athletes and volunteers who continue to support Special Olympics.

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

3           **WHEREAS**, on July 21, 1968, the Chicago Park District and the Joseph P.  
4 Kennedy, Jr. Foundation sponsored the First International Special Olympics  
5 Games held in Chicago's Soldier Field, hosting one thousand (1,000) athletes

1 with special needs from twenty-six (26) states and Canada competing in track  
2 and field, floor hockey and aquatics; and

3       **WHEREAS**, Congresswoman Madeleine Z. Bordallo and Mrs. Delfina  
4 Baza were instrumental in the establishment of Special Olympics Guam in  
5 1976, and in 1977, Guam's first Special Olympics games were held at John F.  
6 Kennedy High School, Gene Ramsey Field, with one hundred fifty (150)  
7 athletes participating in various sports; and

8       **WHEREAS**, the mission of Special Olympics Guam is to provide year-  
9 round sports training and competition in Olympic sports for individuals with  
10 special needs, giving them an opportunity to develop physical fitness,  
11 demonstrate courage, experience joy and share gifts, skills and friendship  
12 with other Special Olympic athletes and the community; and

13       **WHEREAS**, Special Olympics Guam helps children and adults with  
14 mental retardation and physical, learning and emotional disabilities achieve  
15 dignity and increased self-esteem by allowing them to develop and  
16 demonstrate their skills and by increasing the public's awareness of their  
17 capabilities and needs; and

18       **WHEREAS**, Special Olympics Guam has served Guam for the past  
19 thirty-one (31) years and stages three (3) yearly competitive events with a  
20 Track and Field event, the largest, during the month of March, an aquatics  
21 event in June, and a bowling competition during October; and

22       **WHEREAS**, our Special Olympics athletes receive medical services  
23 through clinics conducted at Special Olympics competitions, while health care  
24 professionals learn about the health needs of Special Olympics athletes and  
25 obtain satisfaction from assisting an underserved population; and

1           **WHEREAS**, Special Olympics Guam athletes participated in the  
2 Hawaiian State Games in 1978, in the Fifth (5<sup>th</sup>) International Summer Special  
3 Olympics Games held at the State University of New York in 1977, and in  
4 1980, Guam became the first “foreign” team to participate in the Hong Kong  
5 State Games; and

6           **WHEREAS**, Special Olympics Guam continues to participate in the  
7 International Summer Special Olympics Games held in Minneapolis and St.  
8 Paul, Minnesota, one of the largest special sporting events in the world,  
9 consisting of six thousand (6,000) athletes from more than one hundred (100)  
10 countries; and

11           **WHEREAS**, the island’s private, government and business  
12 organizations have supported Special Olympics Guam for many years by  
13 providing more games and the opportunity to establish a more just  
14 community; and

15           **WHEREAS**, in 2002, the First Annual Law Enforcement Torch Run was  
16 held on Guam to foster closer relations for our special needs athletes, whose  
17 high spirits will help them prevail over the obstacles in their lives; now,  
18 therefore, be it

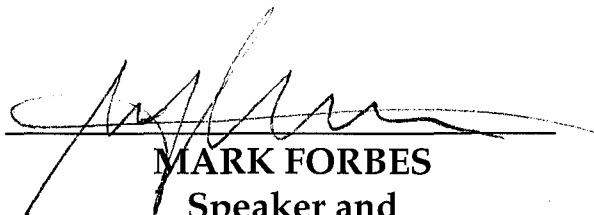
19           **RESOLVED**, that the Executive Committee of *I Mina’Bente Nuebi Na*  
20 *Lihselaturan Guåhan* does hereby, on behalf of *I Lihselaturan Guåhan* and the  
21 people of Guam, commend Special Olympics Guam, its athletes, and its  
22 volunteers for providing Olympic-style sports throughout the years; and be it  
23 further

24           **RESOLVED**, that the Executive Committee of *I Mina’Bente Nuebi Na*  
25 *Lihselaturan Guåhan* does hereby, on behalf of *I Lihselaturan Guåhan* and the

1 people of Guam, extend *un dāngkolo na si Yu'os ma'āse'* to the private,  
2 government and business entities that continue to support and encourage this  
3 rewarding event; and be it further

4 **RESOLVED**, that the Speaker and the Chairman of the Executive  
5 Committee certify, and the Secretary of the Legislature attest to, the adoption  
6 hereof, and that copies of the same be thereafter transmitted to Special  
7 Olympics Guam; to Master Sergeant Raven S.J. Rossetti, USAF Representative;  
8 to the Honorable Madeleine Z. Bordallo, Member of Congress, U. S. House of  
9 Representative; and to the 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 23<sup>RD</sup>  
DAY OF MARCH 2007.**

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

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