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

Executive Committee Resolution No. 62

Introduced by:

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Relative to recognizing and commending Ms. Erika Vaughan for her achievement as Big Brothers Big Sisters of Guam's Executive Director and to express *un dångkolo na si Yu'os Ma'åse'* for her contributions to the island of Guam.

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

WHEREAS, Ms. Erika Vaughan was born in Inkster, Michigan. She is
the second of three (3) siblings raised in Dearborn, Michigan. She attended St.
Thomas Aquinas High School and graduated from Auburn University in

Alabama with a B.A. in Psychology. Several years later, Ms. Erika Vaughan
 earned her M.S.W. in Social Work from the University of Kansas; and

3 WHEREAS, On October 4, 2004, Ms. Erika Vaughan became the 4 Executive Director of Big Brothers Big Sisters of Guam, which provides 5 quality volunteer and professional mentoring services for children and youth 6 and assists them in achieving their potential as they become responsible men 7 and women; and

8 WHEREAS, Executive Director, Ms. Erika Vaughan, has worked with the 9 corporate mentoring partners to Big Brothers Big Sisters of Guam, such as: 10 Citibank, N.A., the Bank of Guam and Bank of Hawaii, who have generously 11 devoted their time and effort to positively influence students around the 12 island; children attending Price Elementary School, Chief Brodie Elementary 13 School, Ordot Chalan Pago Elementary School, Carbullido Elementary School, 14 Tamuning Elementary School, Marcial Sablan Elementary School, Agueda I. 15 Johnston Elementary School, Department of Defense Education Activity 16 (DODEA) Andersen Middle School, Vicente S. A. Benavente Middle School, 17 and Untalan Middle School received support from intervention and 18 prevention programs as well as educational and community involvement; 19 and

WHEREAS, in 2006, with the guidance of Ms. Erika Vaughan, Big Brothers Big Sisters of Guam set an aggressive goal of increased staff capacity to increase services and committed to securing the resources necessary to sustain long term growth. In 2006, Big Brothers Big Sisters served one hundred forty three (143) children; a fifty percent (50%) increase over the

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previous year while tripling its revenue, thereby expanding its capacity to
 assist even larger numbers; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that the Executive Committee of *I Mina'Bente Nuebi Na Liheslaturan Guåhan* does hereby, on behalf of *I Liheslaturan Guåhan* and the people of Guam, express our heartfelt appreciation and *un dångkolo na si Yu'os Ma'åse'*, recognize and commend Ms. Erika Vaughan, Executive Director of Big Brothers Big Sisters of Guam, for her leadership in improving the quality of life of the people of Guam; and be it further

9 **RESOLVED**, that the Speaker and the Chairman 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 Ms. Erika 12 Vaughan, Big Brothers Big Sisters of Guam; to Mr. Frank Bracken, Big 13 Brothers Big Sisters National Board Chair; and to the Honorable Felix P. 14 Camacho, *I Maga'lahen Guåhan*.

DULY AND REGULARLY ADOPTED BY THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE OF *I MINA'BENTE NUEBI NA LIHESLATURAN GUÅHAN* ON THE 10TH DAY OF MAY 2007.

MARK FORBES RAY ΤΈΝΟRΙΟ

Speaker and

Chairman, Executive Committee

Senator and Secretary of the Legislature