

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

Executive Committee
Resolution No. 93

Introduced by:

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Relative to congratulating and commending Mr. Ricardo Cruz Blas on his retirement with the Government of Guam Customs and Quarantine Agency and to expressing sincere gratitude for his thirty-two (32) years of service and dedication to the people of Guam.

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

3 **WHEREAS, Mr. Ricardo Cruz Blas was hired as a Customs Officer I in**
4 **January 1975 at the former Customs and Quarantine Division of the**
5 **Department of Commerce; and**

1 **WHEREAS**, Mr. Ricardo Cruz Blas was instrumental in facilitating the
2 transition of thousands of Vietnamese refugees during Operation New Life
3 and Operation Babylift during the spring and summer of 1975; and

4 **WHEREAS**, Mr. Ricardo Cruz Blas made many significant seizures of
5 narcotics that led to the prosecution of illegal drug traffickers during the
6 heroin epidemic of the 1970's; and

7 **WHEREAS**, Mr. Ricardo Cruz Blas was promoted to the rank of
8 Customs Supervisor, Customs and Quarantine Division of the Department of
9 Commerce, in December 1982; and

10 **WHEREAS**, Mr. Ricardo Cruz Blas was instrumental in creating policies
11 that ensured compliance with Customs and Quarantine requirements and
12 procedures without stifling commerce during the economic boom of the
13 1980's; and

14 **WHEREAS**, Mr. Ricardo Cruz Blas was promoted to the rank of Chief of
15 Customs and Quarantine in December 1994; and

16 **WHEREAS**, Mr. Ricardo Cruz Blas, in response to increased visitor
17 arrivals designed and implemented the current processing system that effect
18 the efficient movement of visitors without compromising the mission of
19 Customs and Quarantine; and

20 **WHEREAS**, Mr. Ricardo Cruz Blas was appointed as the Director of the
21 Guam Customs and Quarantine Agency by Governor Felix P. Camacho in
22 January 2003; and

23 **WHEREAS**, Mr. Ricardo Cruz Blas has chaired a multitude of
24 government sponsored projects because of his ability and innovation; and

1 **WHEREAS**, in 2005, Mr. Ricardo Cruz Blas organized and chaired the
2 Oceania Customs Organization Conference held on Guam for Customs
3 leaders from all of Oceania; and

4 **WHEREAS**, in 2006, Mr. Ricardo Cruz Blas co-chaired the Pacific Law
5 Enforcement Drug Summit, which included participants from Micronesia,
6 Oceania, and the Pacific Rim; and

7 **WHEREAS**, Mr. Ricardo Cruz Blas, through his dedication, innovation,
8 commitment, and professionalism, has molded the Guam Customs and
9 Quarantine Agency into the organization that it is today; and

10 **WHEREAS**, Mr. Ricardo Cruz Blas will be retiring on June 8, 2007 after
11 thirty-two (32) years of government service; and

12 **WHEREAS**, Mr. Ricardo Cruz Blas has for many years, and continues to
13 be, a driving force in Guam sports in both local and international competition;
14 and

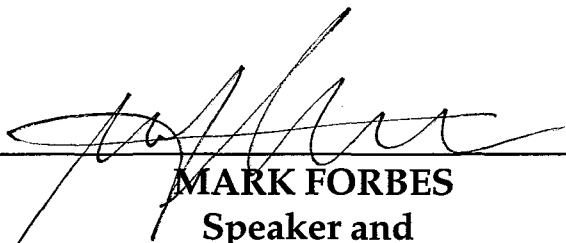
15 **WHEREAS**, Mr. Ricardo Cruz Blas serves presently as the President of
16 the Guam National Olympic Committee; now, therefore, be it

17 **RESOLVED**, that the Executive Committee of *I Mina'Bente Nuebi Na*
18 *Liheslaturan Guåhan* does hereby, on behalf of *I Liheslaturan Guåhan* and the
19 people of Guam, commend and congratulate Mr. Ricardo Cruz Blas for his
20 thirty-two (32) years of service to the people of Guam and expresses sincere
21 gratitude for his contributions to the Guam Customs and Quarantine Agency
22 and the Guam National Olympic Committee; and be it further

23 **RESOLVED**, that the Speaker and the Chairman of the Executive
24 Committee certify, and the Secretary of the Legislature attest to, the adoption
25 hereof, and that copies of the same be thereafter transmitted to Mr. Ricardo

- 1 Cruz Blas; to the Honorable Madeleine Z. Bordallo, Guam Delegate to the
- 2 United States Congress; and to the Honorable Felix P. Camacho, *I Maga'lahen*
- 3 *Guåhan*.

**DULY AND REGULARLY ADOPTED BY THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE
OF *I MINA'BENTE NUEBI NA LIHESLATURAN GUÅHAN* ON THE 6TH
DAY OF JUNE 2007.**



MARK FORBES
Speaker and
Chairman, Executive Committee



RAY TENORIO
Senator and
Secretary of the Legislature