

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

**Executive Committee**  
**Resolution No. 95**

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**Relative to commending and congratulating the Honorable Antonio "Tony" M. Palomo, on the occasion of his retirement from the Guam Museum, for his many years of service to the island community as a Journalist, Senator, public servant, Historian and model citizen; and to expressing a heartfelt *Un Dångkolo Na Si Yu'os Ma'åse'* from *I Liheslaturan Guåhan*, on behalf of the people of Guam, for his lifelong dedication, documentation, and protection of the *Chamorro* language, culture, traditions, identity and history.**

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

3           **WHEREAS,** the Honorable Antonio “Tony” M. Palomo of *Hagåtña* is  
4 married to the former Margarita Balajadia Manibusan of Sinajana, and  
5 together they were blessed with ten (10) children: Antonio, Victoria, Roman,  
6 Juan, Simeon, Jose, Verona, Eloy, Nicholas, and Viviana (dec.), their spouses,  
7 and thirteen (13) grandchildren; and

8           **WHEREAS,** Tony Palomo grew up in the island’s capital of *Hagåtña* and  
9 attended Padre Palomo and Agana Elementary Schools, the George  
10 Washington Senior High School, and was enrolled at Belmont Abbey  
11 Preparatory School in Belmont, North Carolina, in 1954. Tony earned his  
12 Bachelor’s Degree from the College of Journalism at Marquette University,  
13 Wisconsin; and

14           **WHEREAS,** while enrolled in college, Tony Palomo embarked on a  
15 professional career that would shape his future. In the early 1950’s, he  
16 worked as a full-time copyboy at the Milwaukee Sentinel. Upon his return to  
17 Guam, Tony mapped his destiny by becoming a witness to and a recorder of  
18 island history and all that was *Guåhan* through his employment with the  
19 Guam Daily News, predecessor of today’s mammoth “Pacific Daily News”.  
20 From 1954 to 1963, Palomo rose through the ranks from proofreader to  
21 general assignment reporter, to sports editor, and assistant managing editor.  
22 He also served as the Guam Correspondent for The Associated Press and as a  
23 stringer for the Pacific Stars and Stripes; and

1           **WHEREAS**, Tony Palomo would ascend to the rank of Editor of several  
2 publications including the Pacific Journal, a daily newspaper; the Pacific  
3 Profile, a monthly magazine; the Pacifican, a weekly newspaper. Palomo also  
4 authored a book entitled, "An Island In Agony," which portrayed Guam  
5 during the Japanese occupation of World War II. Palomo was also Senior  
6 Editor of "Guam Remembers", a publication that commemorated the Golden  
7 Anniversary of the Liberation of Guam and served as the Editor of "Defense of  
8 Guam", a publication that commemorated the heroics of the Guam Insular  
9 Guards and American servicemen who defended the island at the onslaught  
10 of WWII; and

11           **WHEREAS**, Tony Palomo held various governmental posts throughout  
12 his distinguished career; he worked as a Special Assistant to Gov. Carlos G.  
13 Camacho, the island's first elected Governor; and served as the  
14 Administrative Director of the Eighth (8<sup>th</sup>) Guam Legislature; and Records  
15 Management Administrator; and

16           **WHEREAS**, the Honorable Antonio "Tony" M. Palomo was elected to  
17 the Twelfth (12<sup>th</sup>), Fourteenth (14<sup>th</sup>) and Fifteenth (15<sup>th</sup>) Guam Legislatures and  
18 chaired the Legislative Committee on Territorial and Federal Affairs, which  
19 spearheaded the movement for a change in the political status of the people of  
20 Guam. Palomo also chaired the Legislature's Committee on Rules. He was a  
21 member of the first Commission on Self-Determination, and co-chaired a  
22 Guam-Northern Marianas Legislative Conference. He served briefly as  
23 General Manager of the Guam Tourist Commission, predecessor of the Guam  
24 Visitors Bureau; and

1           **WHEREAS**, Mr. Palomo has represented Guam in a variety of venues  
2 including, as Guam's delegate to the South Pacific Conference held in  
3 Noumea, New Caledonia, in 1969; advisor to the U.S. delegation to the South  
4 Pacific Commission; President of the First Constitutional Convention of Guam  
5 (1969), which reviewed and recommended changes to the Organic Act of  
6 Guam. He was a Special Assistant to the Assistant Secretary of the U.S.  
7 Department of the Interior (1982 to 1985), and served as the Desk Officer for  
8 American Samoa, and the U.S. Virgin Islands. He worked as field  
9 representative for the Department of the Interior in Guam and served briefly  
10 as the Acting Assistant Secretary of Interior for Territorial and International  
11 Affairs; and

12           **WHEREAS**, Tony Palomo chaired the Political Status Education  
13 Coordinating Commission, which published the "*Haleta*" (Roots) series of  
14 historical texts for use by the island's school system, and was the Chairman  
15 of the Board of Trustees of the Guam Museum (1993-94); and

16           **WHEREAS**, in addition to his current service as the Administrator of  
17 the Guam Museum, Antonio M. Palomo is a History of Guam Instructor at  
18 the University of Guam and the Guam Community College, and is certified  
19 to teach History of Guam by the University of San Diego. Palomo is a  
20 member of the *Chamorro* Historic Society, the Guam Humanities Council,  
21 the *Chamorro* Heritage Institute Planning Group, the *Manenggon* Memorial  
22 Foundation, the *Fena* Memorial Committee, and the Guam Preservation  
23 Trust. Tony Palomo is also a member of the Council on Cultural Tourism,  
24 the Guam Visitors Bureau Subcommittee on Cultural Affairs, and served

1 on the Subcommittees on Community Development, Vision 2001 and 2005;  
2 Committee on Cultural and Family Values, and the Committee on  
3 Education and Culture under the Cabinet Empowerment Program. He is a  
4 regular lecturer on contemporary issues during public forums in Guam  
5 and abroad and he serves as the Corporate Secretary of the Latte of  
6 Freedom Foundation. Mr. Palomo is recognized as an authority on  
7 *Chamorro* customary law by the Superior Court of the Northern Marianas;  
8 and

9       **WHEREAS**, Mr. Palomo is a member of the Knights of Columbus, and  
10 served as Grand Knight, Deputy Grand Knight, Recorder, and Trustee; he is a  
11 member of the Young Men's League of Guam and held the posts of Director,  
12 Historian, and Chairman of the Council of Elders. He is a past member of the  
13 Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks, and the Rotary Club of Tumon; and

14       **WHEREAS**, Tony Palomo's resume of community service is long and  
15 distinguished, he is a past President of the Northwest Little League, Guam's  
16 Little League champions in 1973 that advanced to competitions in South  
17 Korea. He was past President of the Academy of Our Lady PTA, and the St.  
18 Anthony School PTA; past Chairman of the St. Anthony Parish Council; and  
19 former member of the Tamuning-Tumon Municipal Planning Council. He is  
20 a past member of the Andersen Air Force Base Advisory Council and served  
21 on the Government of Guam Retirement Fund Board; he was a member of the  
22 Liberation Day Committee on several occasions; the Governor's Centennial  
23 Task Force which developed and implemented plans for the observance of the  
24 One Hundredth (100<sup>th</sup>) Anniversary of the Change of Sovereignty over Guam

1 from Spain to the United States, among the centennial projects was the re-  
2 enactment of the seizure of Guam by American forces on June 21, 1898 during  
3 the Spanish-American War and he served as the Chairman of the Board,  
4 Guam Humanities Council, and chaired the Committee on My History is  
5 Guam's History; and

6       **WHEREAS**, Mr. Palomo's community engagement is not limited to the  
7 island of Guam, he is a member of the President's Club, Washington, D.C. He  
8 was a member of the Quincentennial Commission, organized to  
9 commemorate the 500<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of Christopher Columbus' voyage to the  
10 New World. He was a member of Guam's delegation to the Hispanic Asia-  
11 Pacific Cultural Conferences held in Manila, Philippines, in 1992 and in  
12 Madrid, Spain in 1999. He was among special guests at the East-West Center,  
13 University of Hawaii, during discussions of the Pacific islanders' perspective  
14 on World War II, and is a past member of the American Newspaper Guild,  
15 Milwaukee Chapter; and

16       **WHEREAS**, Tony Palomo has earned numerous accolades for his  
17 lifelong work, including Legislative Commendations for Excellence in  
18 Newspaper Reporting; Excellence as Presiding Officer of the First  
19 Constitutional Convention; Excellence in the handling of a press corps during  
20 a presidential visit to Guam by President Richard M. Nixon. He won a Best  
21 Editorial Award issued by the Guam Press Club while serving as Editor of the  
22 Pacific Journal. He was a charter member of the Guam Press Club. He's listed  
23 in 'Who's Who in American Politics', 'Who's Who in Oceania', and 'Who's  
24 Who in *Chamorro* History'; and

1           **WHEREAS**, Tony Palomo is a pillar of the island community, he is  
2 recognized as a devout husband, a loving father, and a faithful Christian. He  
3 is a *Chamorro*, a Statesman, a professional Journalist, and a respected Historian  
4 who possesses unmatched institutional knowledge and experience in the  
5 documentation of the island’s rich history. Mr. Palomo is held as the foremost  
6 authority on the Guam of yesteryear and is a fine example for all; now,  
7 therefore, be it


8           **RESOLVED**, that the Executive Committee of *I Mina’Bente Nuebi Na*  
9 *Lihselaturan Guåhan* does hereby, on behalf of *I Lihselaturan Guåhan* and the  
10 people of Guam, commend and congratulate the Honorable Antonio “Tony”  
11 M. Palomo and family on the occasion of his retirement from the Guam  
12 Museum, and for his many years of service to the island community as a  
13 Journalist, Senator, public servant, Historian and model citizen; and be it  
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17 people of Guam, express a heartfelt *Un Dångkolo Na Si Yu’os Ma’åse’* to Mr.  
18 Palomo for his lifelong dedication, documentation, and protection of the  
19 *Chamorro* language, culture, traditions, identity and rich history; and be it  
20 further

21           **RESOLVED**, that the Speaker and the Chairman of the Executive  
22 Committee certify, and the Secretary of the Legislature attest to, the adoption  
23 hereof, and that copies of the same be thereafter transmitted to the Honorable  
24 Antonio “Tony” M. Palomo, his wife Margarita and family; to Ms. Thelma

- 1 Hechanova, President (Acting), Department of *Chamorro* Affairs; and to the
- 2 Honorable Felix P. Camacho, *I Maga'lahaen Guåhan*.

**DULY AND REGULARLY ADOPTED BY THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE  
OF *I MINA'BENTE NUEBI NA LIHESLATURAN GUÅHAN* ON THE 7<sup>TH</sup>  
DAY OF JUNE 2007.**



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



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