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

Executive Committee Resolution No. 103

Introduced by:

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Relative to congratulating Continental Airlines on the occasion of their 25 years of flying between Guam and Manila, Philippines and to express our heartfelt un dangkolo na si Yu'us ma'ase to Continental Airlines for their support of the Guam and Philippine market.

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

- 3 WHEREAS, Continental Airlines inaugural flight to Manila,
- 4 Philippines was on July 2, 1982. The airline had just added its fourth
- 5 Boeing 727 to its fleet when service to Manila, Philippines began; and,
- 6 WHEREAS, Continental Airlines increased its flight service to
- 7 Manila, Philippines from the original four flights a week to daily flights
- 8 beginning March 1987; and,
- 9 WHEREAS, Continental Airlines currently operates up to twelve
- 10 flights a week including morning and evening departures out of Guam to
- 11 Manila which reflects the close ties between Guam and the Philippines.
- 12 Using upgraded aircraft on this important route, Continental Airlines has

- retired its Boeing 727's and replaced them with the new Boeing 737's which are now outfitted with blended winglets; and,
- WHEREAS, The Guam-Philippine route is one of twenty four
 Continental Micronesia routes, which all contribute to Guam's economy
 and to the community, by employing local residents in the airline industry,
 bringing visitors to Guam and helping connect families and friends. With
 more than 260 flights per week to 24 destinations, Continental Micronesia
 operates a world-class airline from its hub in Guam and has provided

substantial assistance to all segments of Guam's community; and,

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- WHEREAS, to commemorate the Silver Anniversary of the Guam to 10 11 Manila route, Continental Airlines is giving 500 OnePass® bonus miles for 12 travel between Guam and Manila. The airline gave two roundtrip tickets to Manila via lucky draw during the recent Bamboo Concert held on May 13 19, 2007 at the UOG Fieldhouse; a familiarization trip for news media 14 journalists from Manila to Guam from June 10 to 14 and journalists from 15 Guam; the Commonwealth of the Northern Marianas and the Republic of 16 Palau to Manila from June 13 to 16 and a familiarization trip is being 17 18 hosted by the Continental Airlines to the Philippine Travel Agent Association Board of Directors to promote Guam to their clients; and a 19 give-away for the Christina Aguilera Concert in Manila during the month 20 of July; and, 21
 - WHEREAS, Continental Airline's Philippine Market Support in recent months include the shipment of approximately 25,000 pounds of

relief supplies for the victims of Typhoon Durian on December 24, 2006 and January 10, 2007. Over the past twenty five years, Continental has worked side by side with local Filipino leaders by donating cargo space for various disaster assistance to the Philippines; the airline also provided 12 tickets to Filipino fishermen lost at sea found by the U.S. Coast Guard after drifting out at sea for over 30 days. The men were brought to Guam and released to the Philippine Consul General for assistance to return home;

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WHEREAS, Continental Airlines over the years have supported majority of the 70 or more Filipino clubs and organizations with their fundraising events by providing round trip tickets to be raffled during their events. Continental Airlines has also assisted the Filipino Community of Guam (FCG) with various Philippine Independence series of celebrations with airline transportation for former Philippine Presidents Fidel Ramos and Corazon Aquino to serve as guest speakers for the Independence Gala, Filipino Athletes such as the recent national Basketball Association with an annual friendship tournament title at the University of Guam Fieldhouse for the general public; Filipino performing artists by working with the local and Filipino organizations in sponsoring entertainers such as Ms. Pops Fernandez who sang the Continental Micronesia jingle; Ms. Lea Salonga, who won the Tony Award for Best Actress for her title role as Ms. Saigon in Broadway; Mr. Martin Nievera,

- 1 Concert King of the Philippines; and world renowned fashion designer
- 2 Pitoy Moreno to mention a few; now, therefore, be it
- RESOLVED, that the Executive Committee of I Mina' Bente Nuebi Na
- 4 Liheslaturan Guåhan does hereby, on behalf of I Liheslaturan Guåhan and the
- 5 people of Guam congratulate Continental Airlines on the occasion of their
- 6 25 years of flying between Guam and Manila, Philippines and to express
- our heartfelt *Un Dangkolo Na Si Yu'us Ma'ase* to Continental Airlines for
- 8 their support of the Guam and Philippine market; and be it further
- 9 **RESOLVED**, that the Speaker certify, and the Secretary of the
- 10 Legislature attest to, the adoption hereof, and that copies of the same be
- thereafter transmitted to Mr. Larry Kellner, Chairman and Chief Executive
- 12 Officer, Continental Airlines; Mr. Jeff Smisek, President, Continental
- 13 Airlines; Mr. Jim Compton, Executive Vice President, Marketing,
- 14 Continental Airlines; Mr. Mark Erwin, President and Chief Executive
- 15 Officer, Continental Micronesia; and to the Honorable Felix P. Camacho, I
- 16 Maga'lahen Guåhan.

DULY AND REGULARLY ADOPTED BY I MINA'BENTE NUEBI NA LIHESLATURAN GUÅHAN ON THE ____ DAY OF JUNE 2007.

MARK FORBES Speaker RAY TENORIO
Senator and
Secretary of the Legislature