


**I MINA'BENTE NUEBI NA LIHESLATURAN GUÅHAN
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**Executive Committee
Resolution No. 107**

Introduced by:

F. F. Blas, (Jr) 

Relative to commending and congratulating Jose Gogo Tedtaotao on his contributions and unselfish devotion in sharing the art of Kyokushin Karate-Ka with Guam's residents.

BE IT RESOLVED BY I LIHESLATURAN GUÅHAN:

WHEREAS, the art of Kyokushin is a system of combat developed on the island of Okinawa. Kyokushin allows the individual to defeat an opponent by the use of striking and kicking. This art was taught on Guam at the Kyokushin Ka by Jose Gogo Tedtaotao; and

WHEREAS, for the last thirty plus years, Jose Gogo Tedtaotao's students have practiced hard physical training to develop this fighting skill. This training requires strenuous physical and mental discipline; and

WHEREAS, more importantly for Jose Gogo Tedtaotao, his teaching methods helped his students with the development of a strong character and builds a feeling of respect toward our fellow man. His study of Kyokushin, and instruction method proved valuable to all his students, male and female, young and old alike; and

WHEREAS, Kyokushin as a means of self-defense has the oldest history, going back hundreds of years. It is only in recent years that the techniques which have

1 been handed down were scientifically studied and the principles evolved for making
2 the most effective use of the various moves of the body; and

3 **WHEREAS**, many girls and women have taken up Kyokushin because, in
4 addition to its usefulness as self-defense, it is especially good for the figure. It is
5 widely practiced by both children and older people as a means of keeping in top
6 physical condition, and many schools are promoting it as a physical art among their
7 students; and

8 **WHEREAS**, Jose Gogo Tedtaotao's students were fortunate that the karate
9 taught to them emphasized character-building aspects, in which respect for one's
10 opponent (sportsmanship) is the cardinal principle. The maxims which are taught to
11 the students can be summarized in the following five words: Character; Sincerity;
12 Effort; Etiquette; and Self-control; now, therefore be it

13 **RESOLVED**, that the Executive Committee of *I Mina'Bente Nuebi Na*
14 *Liheslaturan Guåhan* does hereby, on behalf of *I Liheslaturan Guåhan* and the people
15 of Guam, commend and congratulate Jose Gogo Tedtaotao for his contributions and
16 unselfish devotion in sharing the art of Kyokushin Karate-Ka with Guam's martial arts
17 students; and be it further

18 **RESOLVED**, that the Speaker certify and the Secretary of the Legislature
19 attest to, the adoption hereof and that copies of the same be thereafter transmitted to
20 Jose Gogo Tedtaotao; to the Honorable Madeleine Z. Bordallo, Guam's Delegate to
21 the United States Congress and to the Honorable Felix P. Camacho, *I Maga'lahren*
22 *Guahan*.