

I MINA'BENTE NUEBI NA LIHESLATURAN GUÅHAN
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Executive Committee
Resolution No. 130

Introduced by:

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RELATIVE TO CONGRATULATING THE RICHARD
FLORES TAITANO MICRONESIAN AREA RESEARCH
CENTER (MARC) ON THE OCCASSION OF ITS 40TH
ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION AND THANKING
MARC PERSONNEL FOR THEIR CONTRIBUTIONS TO
KNOWLEDGE OF OUR REGIONAL HERITAGE.

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

3 WHEREAS, the Richard Flores Taitano Micronesian Area Research
4 Center, commonly known as MARC, was first formed in 1967 by a bill
5 introduced by the late Senator Richard F. Taitano, known as Public Law No.
6 9-106; and;

7 WHEREAS, MARC was named for the late Senator Taitano through
8 Public Law No 24-54, introduced by Senators Antonio R. Unpingco, Anthony
9 C. Blaz and Mark Forbes; and

1 **WHEREAS**, MARC has evolved from an entity directed by the
2 President of the University of Guam to its present status as a research unit,
3 and the research unit has acquired and organized the Spanish Documents
4 Collection, the Manuscripts Collection and Reference Collection (collectively
5 known as the Guam and Micronesia Collections); has transcribed and
6 translated documents pertaining to Guam's Spanish Colonial Era; has
7 developed the Spanish Documents Collection's source institutional database;
8 and has obtained the judicial records from the Spanish Administration of the
9 Mariana Islands; and,

10 **WHEREAS**, MARC additionally has included more recent documents to
11 its collection including records of former Governors appointed under the
12 American Administration as well as Governors locally elected; records of
13 locally elected representatives to the U.S. Congress, and records concerning
14 prominent persons who have achieved in other areas such as education on
15 Guam; and

16 **WHEREAS**, MARC contains a genealogical database devoted to the
17 ancestral heritage of the Chamorro people and has an image database of
18 photographs; and

19 **WHEREAS**, MARC has become an excellent and world renowned
20 research source for both scholars of higher learning and persons from the
21 community, and many publications on a great variety of historical and

1 cultural subjects have been funded and distributed through the efforts of
2 MARC; and

3 **WHEREAS**, scholars at MARC have contributed to the social and economic
4 development of Guam and Micronesia by studying issues of concern to the peoples of
5 the area such as the effects of tourism, the health of the region's people, indigenous
6 fishing practices and other issues; and

7 **WHEREAS**, MARC's threefold mission, namely: 1) to develop a
8 collection of Micronesian and Pacific area materials, 2) to research Guam and
9 Micronesia from direct fieldwork and documentation within and outside the
10 collections, and 3) to communicate the results of this research through
11 publications, teaching, and public lectures has been wonderfully achieved and
12 continues to unfold with each year's activities of the research unit; and

13 **WHEREAS**, the knowledge gained from use of the research unit's large
14 and well-catalogued resources, as well as through dissemination of published
15 materials, has greatly enlightened and enriched the lives of those living in
16 Guam and Micronesia as well as brought notoriety and acclaim to the research
17 community associated with MARC; and

18 **WHEREAS**, each year new knowledge of our history, culture, people,
19 and our region becomes available through the resources of MARC promoting
20 greater understanding and background for future decision making of our
21 island people; now, therefore, be it

22 **RESOLVED**, that *I Mina' Nuebi Na Liheslaturan Guahan* does hereby, on
23 behalf of the people of Guam, commend and congratulate the Richard Flores
24 Taitano Micronesian Area Research Center on the occasion of its 40th year, and

1 commend and congratulate all those who have played a part in developing
2 the center and working in this world renowned research center; and be it
3 further

4 **RESOLVED**, that the Speaker and the Chairman of the Executive
5 Committee certify, and the Secretary of the *Liheslaturan* attest to, the adoption
6 hereof, and that copies of the same be thereafter transmitted to Dr. Harold
7 Allen, President of the University of Guam; to Dr. John Peterson, Director of
8 MARC, and to the Honorable Felix P. Camacho, *I Maga'lahaen Guahan*.

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

EDWARD J. B. CALVO
Acting Speaker

RAY TENORIO
Senator and
Secretary of the Legislature