

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

*Exec. Comm.*  
**Resolution No. 133**

Introduced by:

Edward J.B. Calvo *EC*  
Rory J. Respicio *RJR*  
Frank F. Blas, Jr. *FB*

**Relative to expressing sincere condolences to the family of Ms. Eloise Rivera Baza and recognizing her outstanding contributions for the betterment of our youth, island community and the people of Guam.**

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**BE IT RESOLVED BY I MINA' NUEBE NA LIHESLATURAN GUÅHAN:**

**WHEREAS,** Ms. Eloise Rivera Baza was born on January 5, 1953. She is predeceased by her loving parents Rosa Rivera Baza and Jose Camacho Baza/Luis Camacho Baza in *Hagåtña*, Guam; and

**WHEREAS,** Ms. Eloise Rivera Baza's graduated in 1971 from the Academy of Our Lady of Guam in *Hagåtña*, completed her post secondary studies receiving in 1974 a Bachelor of Arts in Business Administration degree at the College of Notre Dame in Belmont, California, and achieved her pursuit of a Masters in Business Administration with emphasis in International Business Management Graduate Coursework at Babson College, Wellesley, Massachusetts in 1981; and

**WHEREAS**, Ms. Baza's professional career began as an Economist at the Government of Guam Department of Commerce Economic Research Center from 1975 through 1980. She progressed in 1981 from government employment to the private sector as an Assistant to the President of the Guam Chamber of Commerce all through 1985 when she advanced as the first woman President of the Guam Chamber of Commerce's seventy-seven (77) year history until her untimely death on October 29, 2007; and

**WHEREAS**, the loving memories shared with Ms. Eloise Rivera Baza will live in the heart of her love, Mr. Joseph Barto; and

**WHEREAS**, Ms. Baza was blessed and loved by her eight (8) brothers, sisters and their spouses: Evelyn Baza & Joseph F. Soriano; Leonard Rivera and Margaret Salas Baza; Rosa Duenas and Fred Manglona; Lucille Baza and Geronimo Castro; Luis Rivera and Marcia Woolley Baza; Barbara Baza and Daniel Ninete; Felisa Rivera Baza and Carisa San Agustin; and Carmen Rivera Baza and Mark Timcoe; and

**WHEREAS**, Ms. Eloise Rivera Baza was active in various professional and civic organizations at the local level including the Pacific Daily New Business Council, the Guam Territorial Aquarium Council, the Guam Police Commission, the Governor's Cultural Tourism Task Force, Andersen Air Force Base (Guam) Civilian Advisory Council, the Guam National Olympic 2000 Committee. Nationally she was a member of the National Association of Women in Chambers of

Commerce, the National Alliance of Business, served on the U. S. Chamber of Commerce Ad Hoc Coalition for IMF Replenishment, a member of the American Chamber of Commerce Executives (ACCE) and the American Chamber of Commerce Executives Small Business Council. Most notably Ms. Baza's membership on the international realm is the Asia-Pacific Council of American Chamber of Commerce (APCAC), the Asian-Pacific Council of American Chamber of Commerce Committees on Trade and Investment/APEC, Tax and Finance, and Intellectual Property Rights Protection; and

**WHEREAS**, in 1979, Ms. Baza, represented her island at the South Pacific Commission Forum in New Caledonia to address Guam's role in fisheries development. She presented a briefing on Income Tax Reform for Guam as a member of the Guam delegation before the U. S. Congress Joint Economic Committee in Washington, D.C. in 1985. Ms. Baza was the keynote speaker in 1990 at the 1<sup>st</sup> General Membership Meeting of the Tinian Chamber of Commerce. Again in 1995 Ms. Baza was invited to give the keynote address at the 1<sup>st</sup> General Membership Meeting of the Palau Chamber of Commerce. Her most impressive occupational experience during her tenure as the Guam Chamber of Commerce President is her participation in Joint Economic Forums for the American business community with prime ministers and United States ambassadors from such countries as Australia, Hong Kong, Indonesia,

Japan, Korea, Malaysia, New Zealand, Philippines, Singapore, Bangladesh and Vietnam from 1985 – 2007, and

**WHEREAS**, Ms. Eloise Rivera Baza distinguished herself as demonstrated by the numerous accolades bestowed: 1985 – First Women President, Guam Chamber of Commerce; 1993 – special recognition from the Guam Chamber Board of Directors and Past Chairs for her continuing contributions to the community and economic growth of Guam; in support of senior citizen program on Guam, the *Servicio Para l Manamko (SPIMA)* organization presented Ms. Baza with the 1994 Symbolic Award and in 1995 – Federal Bureau of Investigations Pacific Training Institute (PTI) Guam. Ms. Baza was the first woman in the region to be selected to the Air War College’s Forty-Third Annual Security Forum in Alabama in 1996; the U. S. Small Business Administration recognized Ms. Baza as the 1998 Financial Services Advocate of the Year; and in 2006 the Guam Police Department Deputy Chief of Police recognized Ms. Baza for her role in its Community Assisted Policing Effort (CAPE) Program; and

**WHEREAS**, the Guam Chamber of Commerce Board of Directors initiated a resolution establishing a progressive partnership with the Guam Superior Court Juvenile Division in 2001 whereby Eloise advocated special projects for Guam’s youth and was very proud of the Guam Juvenile Drug Court Program developed with long-time friend, Judge Elizabeth Barrett-Anderson. The program teaches Life Skills Youth

Workshops, Career Day, and Mentoring/Job Shadowing for troubled, high-risk teens who found themselves referred to the judicial system; and

**WHEREAS**, Eloise supported and facilitated youth programs inspired by Chamber Chairman Edward J. B. Calvo in 1996 proven by 2,200 children between the ages of five (5) to fifteen (15) who benefited with their attendance during workshops designed to build self-esteem and confidence, increase awareness and knowledge about drugs, in addition to learning how to swim and about water safety in the Chamber's Summer Youth Swimming and Water Safety Program ongoing to this day; and

**WHEREAS**, Eloise was instrumental in developing the successful "Donations for Work" program encouraged by Chairman Robert H. Jones' "*green revolution*" concept in 1980. The program provides monetary donations to youth and civic groups in exchange for assisting the Guam Chamber of Commerce with beautification efforts around the island and sustained recycling projects in our schools; and

**WHEREAS**, the Guam Chamber of Commerce Christmas Festival began with the brainchild of Chairman Antoinette D. Sandford to celebrate the Christmas season with, a "Holiday Tree Lighting" project from 1978 evolving to what is now the Annual Christmas Festival in its 15<sup>th</sup> year, a project held in cooperation with the Guam Visitors Bureau. The festival flourished guided by Eloise into an island-wide public-

private endeavor promoted by schools, business, non-profit organizations and civic groups exhibiting holiday themed posters and essays, a mini-float parade, costumes, ornament creation contests for children of various age groups, youth song and dance entertainment and fundraising opportunities for youth and school organizations; and

**WHEREAS,** Eloise played a vital role in advocating entrepreneurship in a collaborative partnership pioneered with Mr. Allen Pickens, founder of the Junior Achievement organization on Guam. She also championed University of Guam scholarships for business students and the Speakers Bureau for school Career Day activities; and

**WHEREAS,** Eloise's loyalty to her *alma mater*, the Academy of Our Lady of Guam (AOLG) was unwavering. She spearheaded a committee that created the visual symbol, *Domina Magnificat Award*, for the school's Hall of Fame. The award symbolizes "values, vision and voice" and serves as an inspiration to young women as a measure of success in family, civic and professional life; and

**WHEREAS,** Ms. Eloise Rivera Baza continued active involvement in our island's political and social sectors believing Guam's future rested on a foundation of responsibility and character; and

**WHEREAS,** in her personal and professional life, Ms. Eloise Rivera Baza diligently stressed integrity and respect for others and has served as a source of inspiration to her colleagues, friends, and family, to whom

she has always encouraged spiritual, personal, and professional growth; and, now therefore, be it

**RESOLVED**, that the members of *I Mina' Bente Nuebe Na Liheslaturan Guåhan* expresses sincere condolences and extend *Un Dangkolo Na Si Yu'os Ma'åse'* to the family of Ms. Eloise Rivera Baza recognizing her outstanding contributions for the betterment of our youth, island community and the people of Guam; and, be it further

**RESOLVED**, that the Speaker certify, and the Secretary of the Legislature attests to, the adoption hereof and that copies of the same be thereafter transmitted to Mr. Joseph Barto, Ms. Evelyn B. Soriano, Mr. Leonard R. Baza, Ms. Rosa D. Manglona, Ms. Lucille B. Castro, Mr. Luis R. Baza, Ms. Barbara B. Ninete, Ms. Felisa R. Baza, Ms. Carmen R. Baza, and Mr. Steve Ruder, Chairman, Guam Chamber of Commerce and to the Honorable Felix P. Camacho, *I Maga'lahen Guåhan*.

**DULY AND REGULARLY ADOPTED BY I MINA' BENTE NUEBE NA LIHESLATURAN GUÅHAN ON THE \_\_\_\_\_ DAY OF \_\_\_\_\_, 2007**

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**EDWARD J. B. CALVO**  
Acting Speaker

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