

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

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

Resolution No. 155

Introduced by:

James V. Espaldon
David L.G. Shimizu
Edward J. B. Calvo

Relative to commending and congratulating Dr. Harold L. Allen on the occasion of his retirement from the University of Guam, as the institution's ninth (9th) President, for his dedication, leadership, and service to higher learning; and to expressing a heartfelt *Un Dangkulo Na Si Yu'os Ma'åse'* and best wishes, on behalf of the people of Guam, to him and his wife, Carin, in their future endeavors.

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

3 WHEREAS, Harold L. Allen, Ph.D., was born in Bloomington, Illinois, and at the
4 age of seven (7) years, relocated to Guam with his parents and family; and

5 WHEREAS, Harold Allen graduated from the George Washington High School in
6 1958, and attended the Territorial College of Guam for one (1) year, he then transferred to
7 University of Redlands, California, where he completed his undergraduate studies; and

8 WHEREAS, Harold Allen began his graduate studies in limnology (aquatic ecology)
9 at Uppsala University in Sweden, and subsequently received his masters and doctoral
10 degrees in limnology from Michigan State University; and

11 WHEREAS, Dr. Allen served as a faculty member at Dartmouth College (New
12 Hampshire); as Program Director of the National Commission on Water Quality in
13 Washington, D.C.; as Dean of Graduate School, Vice President for Graduate Studies,
14 Research, and Economic Development, Vice President for Academic Affairs, and Professor
15 of Biology at University of Toledo (Ohio); and as Provost and Vice President for Academic
16 and Student Affairs at Cleveland State University (Ohio); and

1 **WHEREAS**, on November 30, 2001, Dr. Allen was inaugurated as the ninth (9th)
2 President of the University of Guam, following a nation-wide search; and

3 **WHEREAS**, President Allen worked in conjunction with the faculty, staff, students,
4 and administrators at the institution to meet national higher education standards as
5 designated by the Western Association of Schools and Colleges, Senior Commission
6 (WASC) ; and

7 **WHEREAS**, the university was removed from WASC probationary status in July of
8 2002, and thereafter, with the help of university stakeholders, Dr. Allen ensured continuous
9 accreditation without conditions. Additionally, because of the tireless efforts of the
10 university community, the institution gained nationally recognized, program specific
11 accreditation from the Council on Social Work Education, and the National Council for
12 Accreditation of Teacher Education; and

13 **WHEREAS**, during Dr. Allen's tenure, the first major addition to campus facilities in
14 ten years was added with the construction of the \$14 million Jesus S. and Eugenia A. Leon
15 Guerrero School of Business and Public Administration Building, which provides 57,000
16 square feet of academic space; and

17 **WHEREAS**, in 2006 several new academic programs were added to the institution's
18 program offerings including an Associate Degree of Nursing, a Master of Arts in English,
19 and a Bachelor of Arts in Sociology, among others, in order to respond to community
20 demand; and

21 **WHEREAS**, the fall of 2007, enrollment at the University of Guam reached its
22 highest point in seven years; and

23 **WHEREAS**, during his tenure as president, Dr. Allen has led efforts to improve
24 accountability which resulted in the University being designated as a federal low-risk
25 auditee in 2005, for the first time in the institution's history, and again in 2006. Fiscal year
26 2006 also marked the fourth consecutive year of positive audits for the institution; and

1 **WHEREAS**, the university manages a complex array of 82 grants and contracts
2 which have increased an average of 12% per year since 2001, and, as of the fiscal year 2006
3 audit, totaled over \$25 million dollars per year thereby greatly enhancing the research and
4 service missions of the University, meeting the needs of the community, and creating
5 numerous local jobs; and

6 **WHEREAS**, President Allen is the co-principal investigator of the University of
7 Guam Cancer Research Center and the Cancer Research Center of Hawaii partnership,
8 which received a fourth year of funding in fiscal year 2006 from the National Institutes of
9 Health to develop a stronger national cancer program aimed at understanding the reasons
10 behind the significant cancer disparities among ethnicities and mitigating its impact on
11 minority populations. The grant totals \$3.6M over five years and funds several objectives
12 including: increasing cancer research capabilities in a variety of different disciplines at the
13 University of Guam, increasing the number of minority scientists of Pacific Islander
14 ancestry engaged in cancer research, outreach, and education by providing pertinent
15 undergraduate, graduate, and postgraduate training and research opportunities, and
16 providing career development for cancer investigators at the University of Guam in order
17 to develop and sustain independently funded cancer research programs at the University
18 of Guam; and

19 **WHEREAS**, Dr. Allen prioritized efforts to focus the institution's mission on its core
20 strengths, and to develop and implement a campus-wide strategic plan that linked
21 resources to goals and measurable performance-based outcomes under five over-arching
22 areas: Enhancing Academic Quality; Student Success, Enrollment Growth and Institutional
23 Visibility; Promoting the Land-Grant Mission; Strengthening Institutional Efficiency and
24 Effectiveness; and University and Community Engagement; and

25 **WHEREAS**, Dr. Allen has led efforts to stabilize and diversify the University's
26 resource base which resulted in, as of the fiscal year 2006 audit, a reduction in the
27 university's reliance on Government of Guam funding to 40% of its total revenues; and,

1 despite a constrained fiscal environment, the University of Guam continued to meet its
2 mission of teaching, research, and service; and

3 **WHEREAS**, Dr. Allen worked with the UOG Endowment Foundation and the Board
4 of Regents to secure several major gifts including a \$1M gift from the Jesus S. and Eugenia
5 A. Leon Guerrero family for the Leon Guerrero School of Business and Public
6 Administration Building, a \$1M gift from Philippine businessman Lucio Tan to support a
7 new Student Center, a \$1M gift from businessman Tan Siu Lin for the library, information
8 literacy, and other projects at the University of Guam, among other notable contributions;
9 and

10 **WHEREAS**, Dr. Allen led efforts to increase the University's reach and visibility as
11 Guam's and Micronesia's premier education, research, and engagement partner, and
12 establish positive working relationships with the Faculty Senate, the Faculty Union, the
13 Student Government Association, and the Board of Regents; now, therefore, be it

14 **RESOLVED**, that *I Mina Bente Nuebi Na Liheslaturan Guåhan* does hereby, on behalf
15 of the people of Guam, commend Dr. Allen for his dedication, leadership, and service as
16 the 9th President of the University of Guam, and joins in congratulating him on his
17 retirement, and extends a heartfelt *Un Dangkulo Na Si Yu'os Ma'åse'* and best wishes to Dr.
18 Allen and his wife, Carin, in their future endeavors; and be it further

19 **RESOLVED**, that the Speaker and the Chairman of the Executive Committee certify,
20 and the Secretary of the Legislative attest to, the adoption hereof, and that copies of the
21 same be thereafter transmitted to Dr. Harold L. Allen and his wife, Carin, to Mr. Benjamin
22 Leon Guerrero II, President, UOG Student Government Association; to Ms. AnnMarie
23 Cruz, President of the Staff Council, to Dr. Don Rubinstein, President of the Faculty Senate;
24 to Dr. Don Platt, Chair of the Faculty Union; Mr. David O'Brien, Chair of the
25 Administrative Council, to Dr. Helen Whippy, Interim President of the University; to Dr.
26 Richard G. Tennessen, Chairman of the UOG Board of Regents; to the Honorable Felix P.
27 Camacho, *I Maga Lahen Guåhan*.

*DULY AND REGULARLY ADOPTED BY BY THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE OF I
MINA BENTE NUEBE NA LIHESLATURAN GUÁHAN ON THE _____ DAY OF _____
2008.*

Edward J. B. Calvo
Acting Speaker

RAY TENORIO
Senator and
Secretary of the Legislature