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I MINA'BENTE NŪEBI NA LIHESLATURAN GUÁHAN
2008 (SECOND) Regular Session

Executive Committee
Resolution No. 18

Introduced by:

Ray Tenorio 

Relative to Commending and Congratulating the Special Olympics Guam on their 32nd Annual Special Olympics Track and Field Competition and to extend *un dāngkolo' na si Yu'os ma'āse'* to participants and volunteers of the community, government, and corporate entities who continue to support and provide services and care throughout the years.

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

3 WHEREAS, on July 21, 1968, the Chicago Park District and the Kennedy
4 Foundation endorsed the First International Special Olympics Games held in
5 Chicago's Soldier Field, hosting one thousand (1,000) athletes with special
6 needs from twenty six (26) states and Canada competing in track and field,
7 floor hockey and aquatics; and

8 WHEREAS, Special Olympics Guam, a non-profit organization, was
9 established in 1976 and in 1977 held its first Special Olympics games at John F.
10 Kennedy High School with one hundred fifty (150) athletes participating in
11 various sports; and

12 WHEREAS, the mission of Special Olympics Guam is to provide year-
13 round sports training and competition on a variety of Olympic-type sports for
14 individuals with special needs, giving them continuing opportunities to
15 develop physical fitness, demonstrate courage, experience joy and participate

1 in a sharing of gifts, skills, and friendship with their families, other Special
2 Olympic athletes and the community; and

3 **WHEREAS**, Special Olympics Guam athletes participated in the
4 Hawaiian State Games in 1978, in the 5th International Summer Special
5 Olympics Games held at the State University of New York in 1977, and in
6 1980, Guam became the first “foreign” team to participate in the Hong Kong
7 State Games; and

8 **WHEREAS**, Special Olympics Guam continues to participate in off-
9 island Olympics including the 8th International Summer Special Olympics
10 Games held in Minneapolis, St. Paul, Minnesota, one of the largest special
11 sporting events in the world consisting of six thousand (6,000) athletes from
12 more than one hundred (100) countries; and

13 **WHEREAS**, the island community, government, and corporate
14 organizations have supported Special Olympics Guam for many years by
15 providing more games and opportunities to improve services and treatment
16 and establishing a more just community; and

17 **WHEREAS**, in 2002, the First Annual Law Enforcement Torch Run was
18 created for the island community to foster closer relations and familiarity with
19 the heroism of our athletes, who continue to face many challenges, but with
20 their high spirits are able to prevail and continue to improve their way of life;
21 now, therefore, be it

22 **RESOLVED** that the Executive Committee of *I Mina’Bente Ñuebi Na*
23 *Lihselaturan Guåhan* does hereby, on behalf of *I Lihselaturan Guåhan* and the

1 people of Guam, commend Special Olympics Guam, athletes, and volunteers
2 for providing Olympic-style sports throughout the years; and be it further

3 **RESOLVED**, that *I Mina'Bente Nuebi Na Liheslaturan Guåhan* does
4 hereby, on behalf of the people of Guam, extend *un dångkolo' na si Yu'os*
5 *ma'åse'* to the participants and volunteers of the community, government and
6 corporate entities for their continued support and encourages the island
7 community to take part in this rewarding event to celebrate the lives of those
8 who have special needs; and be it further

9 **RESOLVED**, that the Speaker and the Chairman of the Executive
10 Committee certify, and the Secretary of the Legislature attest to, the adoption
11 hereof, and that copies of the same be thereafter transmitted to Special
12 Olympics Guam; to 3M Company; to Advance Management; to Burger King;
13 to CarsPlus and CyclesPlus; ^{TO CASTRO ART STUDIO} to Coca Cola; to Colonel Mark Tally, Commander
14 of 36th Mission Support Group; to Cost U Less; to Foremost; Fusion Dance
15 Group; to Guam Contractors Association; to the Guam Reef Hotel; to Hair
16 Town; to Hawthorne; to J.V. International Safety Company; to John F.
17 Kennedy High School; to the KUAM Care Force; to Lt. Michael Raykowshi; to
18 Market Wholesale; to Matson Navigation; to McDonalds; to Mr. Darryl
19 Lizama; to Mr. Mike O'Brien; to Ms. Jennifer Parker; to Napa, Auto Parks; to
20 Nissan Motors; to Pacific Daily News; to Pacific Islands Club; to PacSports; to
21 Payless Markets; to South Pacific Petroleum Company (SPPC); to Steel Star
22 Production; to Subway; to the Guam Auto Club; to the Guam Friendship Golf
23 Club; to the Knights of Columbus; to the Mayors Counsel; to the Sea Bees; to

- 1 the UOG Fine Arts Class; to the USS Frank Cable; to *todu Mauleg*; to Victoria
- 2 Printing and to the Honorable Felix P. Camacho, *I Maga'lahaen Guáhan*.

DULY AND REGULARLY ADOPTED BY *I MINA'BENTE NUEBI NA LIHESLATURAN GUÁHAN* ON THE DAY OF APRIL 2008.

Speaker

**Senator and
Secretary of the Legislature**