

I MINA' BENTE NUEBI NA LIHESLATURAN GUÁHAN
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Executive Committee
Resolution No. 187

Introduced by:

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Relative to recognizing, commending and paying tribute to the late Chamber President Eloise Rivera Baza for her many contributions to Guam's business community as she is bestowed the title of Honorary Laureate to the Guam Business Hall of Fame.

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

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

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

13 WHEREAS, Ms. Baza's professional career began as an Economist with
14 the government of Guam, Department of Commerce Economic Research

1 Center from 1975 through 1980. In 1981, she progressed from government
2 employment to the private sector as an Assistant to the President of the Guam
3 Chamber of Commerce, and in 1985, she became the first woman President in
4 the Guam Chamber of Commerce's seventy-seven (77) year history until her
5 untimely death on October 29, 2007; and

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

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

14 **WHEREAS**, Ms. Eloise Rivera Baza was active in various professional
15 and civic organizations at the local level, including, the Pacific Daily New
16 Business Council, the Guam Territorial Aquarium Council, the Guam Police
17 Commission, the Governor's Cultural Tourism Task Force, the Andersen Air
18 Force Base (Guam) Civilian Advisory Council, and the Guam National
19 Olympics 2000 Committee. Nationally, she was a member of the National
20 Association of Women in Chambers of Commerce, the National Alliance of
21 Business she served on the U. S. Chamber of Commerce Ad Hoc Coalition for
22 IMF Replenishment, and was a member of the American Chamber of

1 Commerce Executives (ACCE) and the American Chamber of Commerce
2 Executives Small Business Council. Most notably, Ms. Baza's membership in
3 the international realm was on the Asia-Pacific Council of American Chamber
4 of Commerce (APCAC), the Asian-Pacific Council of American Chamber of
5 Commerce Committees on Trade and Investment/APEC, Tax and Finance,
6 and Intellectual Property Rights Protection; and

7 **WHEREAS**, in 1979, Ms. Baza represented Guam at the South Pacific
8 Commission Forum in New Caledonia to address Guam's role in fisheries
9 development. She presented a briefing on Income Tax Reform for Guam as a
10 member of the Guam delegation before the U. S. Congress Joint Economic
11 Committee in Washington, D.C. in 1985. Ms. Baza was the keynote speaker in
12 1990 at the 1st General Membership Meeting of the Tinian Chamber of
13 Commerce. In 1995, Ms. Baza was invited to give the keynote address at the
14 1st General Membership Meeting of the Palau Chamber of Commerce. Her
15 most impressive occupational experience during her tenure as the Guam
16 Chamber of Commerce President is her participation in Joint Economic
17 Forums for the American business community with Prime Ministers and
18 United States Ambassadors from such countries as: Australia, Hong Kong,
19 Indonesia, Japan, Korea, Malaysia, New Zealand, Philippines, Singapore,
20 Bangladesh and Vietnam from 1985 to 2007, and

1 **WHEREAS**, Ms. Eloise Rivera Baza distinguished herself as
2 demonstrated by the numerous accolades bestowed on her: 1985 – First
3 Woman President, Guam Chamber of Commerce; 1993 – special recognition
4 from the Guam Chamber Board of Directors and Past Chairs for her
5 continuing contributions to the community and economic growth of Guam;
6 for her support of the senior citizen program on Guam, the *Servicio Para I*
7 *Manamko (SPIMA)* organization presented Ms. Baza with the 1994 Symbolic
8 Award; and in 1995 – the Federal Bureau of Investigations Pacific Training
9 Institute (PTI) Guam. Ms. Baza was the first woman in the region to be
10 selected to the Air War College’s Forty-third (43rd) Annual Security Forum in
11 Alabama in 1996; the U. S. Small Business Administration recognized Ms.
12 Baza as the 1998 Financial Services Advocate of the Year; and in 2006, the
13 Guam Police Department Deputy Chief of Police recognized Ms. Baza for her
14 role in its Community Assisted Policing Effort (CAPE) Program; and

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

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

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

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

17 **WHEREAS**, the Guam Chamber of Commerce Christmas Festival began
18 as the brainchild of Chairwoman, Antoinette D. Sanford to celebrate the
19 Christmas season with, a "Holiday Tree Lighting" project from 1978, evolving
20 to what is now the Annual Christmas Festival in its fifteenth (15th) year, a
21 project held in cooperation with the Guam Visitors Bureau. The Festival

1 flourished under the guidance of Ms. Baza into an island-wide public-private
2 endeavor promoted by schools, businesses, non-profit organizations and civic
3 groups, exhibiting holiday theme posters and essays, a mini-float parade,
4 costumes, ornament creation contests for children of various age groups,
5 youth song and dance entertainment and fundraising opportunities for youth
6 and school organizations; and

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

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

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

21 **WHEREAS**, in her personal and professional life, Ms. Eloise Rivera

1 Baza diligently stressed integrity and respect for others and has served as a
2 source of inspiration to her colleagues, friends and family, to whom she has
3 always encouraged spiritual, personal and professional growth; and

4 **WHEREAS**, as the Guam Chamber of Commerce celebrates its 84th
5 Anniversary, an organization from which she received great pride and in
6 return, dedicated twenty-six years of her life's work, Eloise Baza is bestowed
7 the distinction of Honorary Laureate to the Guam Business Hall of Fame, a
8 tribute to her many contributions to Guam's business community; and, now
9 therefore, be it

10 **RESOLVED**, that the Executive Committee of *I Mina'Bente Nuebi Na*
11 *Liheslaturan Guåhan* does hereby, on behalf of *I Liheslaturan Guåhan* and the
12 people of Guam, congratulate Eloise River Baza and her family in recognition
13 of Eloise's outstanding contributions, not only to Guam's business sector, but
14 for her humanitarian efforts in the direction of developing and protecting our
15 youth, our island community and all the people of Guam; and be it further

16 **RESOLVED**, that the Speaker and the Chairman of the Executive
17 Committee certify, and the Secretary of the Legislature attest to, the adoption
18 hereof, and that copies of the same be thereafter transmitted to the family of
19 the late Eloise Rivera Baza; to Reina A. Leddy, President of the Guam
20 Chamber of Commerce; to Laura-Lynn Dacanay, Chairwoman, Guam

- 1 Chamber of Commerce; and to the Honorable Felix P. Camacho, *I Maga'laha*
- 2 *Guáhan*.

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

Speaker

Senator and
Secretary of the Legislature