I MINA'BENTE NUEBI NA LIHESLATURAN GUÅHAN 2008 (SECOND) Regular Session

Exec. Com.
Resolution No. 202

Introduced by:

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RELATIVE TO COMMENDING AND CONGRATULATING EVELYNA TAIJERON AKIMOTO, THE GUAM MEMORIAL HOSPITAL VOLUNTEERS ASSOCIATION (GMHVA) 2007 VOLUNTEER OF THE YEAR, IN CONJUNCTION WITH THE CELEBRATION OF THE 2008 NATIONAL VOLUNTEER WEEK AND THE 2008 NATIONAL HOSPITAL WEEK.

BE IT RESOLVED BY I MINA'BENTE NUEBI NA LIHESLATURAN

2 **GUÅHAN**:

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- 3 WHEREAS, the Guam Memorial Hospital Volunteers Association
- 4 (GMHVA) is a non-profit organization started under the auspices of the
- 5 Guam Woman's Club with the late Senator Cecilia "Chilang" Cruz Bamba
- 6 serving as founding charter President with the mission and vision of
- 7 operating the Gift Shop, Gift Cart, Baby Photos, interpreter services and
- 8 fundraising to purchase durable medical equipment, furnishings and fixtures
- 9 and services for the Guam Memorial Hospital Authority (GMHA), Guam's
- 10 only civilian hospital; and

WHEREAS, the GMHVA membership consists of women who, through 1 2 their gift of time, talent and personal interest have pooled their efforts to provide the hospital with continuous service as well as fundraising over 3 \$3,500,000 since its inception on April 1965; and 4 5 WHEREAS, GMHVA provided to Guam Memorial Hospital (GMH) medical equipment, furnishings and services including: a stereotactic needle 6 7 biopsy mammography machine to detect breast cancer, treadmill, cardiac and 8 fetal monitors, vital signs monitors, high frequency oscillatory ventilators, 9 med-infusion pumps/IVAC's, patient transporter, suction unit, labor and delivery beds for the Obstetric and Gynecology (OB-GYN) Ward, infant 10 transporter system for airplanes, incubators, warmer lamps for neo-natal care, 11 neo-natal monitors and life support equipment, rocking chairs for nursery, 12 eye laser machines, blood warmer/rapid infusion unit, stretchers, crash carts, 13 wheelchairs, trauma beds, patient lifter stretcher, orthopedic fracture table, 14 automated clinical blood analyzer, portable x-ray units, swallow machine for 15 stroke victims, ten Pulse Oximeters, portable hemodialysis machines, a 16 fluoroscopy, sleeper recliners, electroencephalogram (EEG) equipment, 6 17 stryker beds to create the stepped down Progressive Care Unit (PCU) from the 18 Critical Care Unit (CCU) stepped down from the Intensive Care Unit (ICU), 19 mini-vision portable recordable endoscopy, laparoscope, various anesthesia 20 and operating room equipment, life pac defibrillator, EKG machines, portable 21 22 echocardiogram, stress echocardiogram machine, portable cardiovascular imaging system, 12 cardiac telemetry transmitters, numerous cardiac 23 machines, Cardiac care conference table, Cardiac Rehabilitation program 24

- equipment, patient bed scale, BEAM scale, bariatric beds for obese patients,
- 2 durable strength benches for patients with disabilities, various hospital
- 3 furniture, including but not limited to, 105 patient closets, 105 patient mirrors,
- 4 32 recliners/sleepers for patient rooms, blinds, drapes, television sets, twelve
- 5 waiting room chairs, bassinettes with drawers and tables, potted plants,
- 6 picture frames and matting for Chamoru masters posters, the Healing Tree
- 7 project, and many more. GMHVA also provided funds for the renovation of
- 8 the 3rd floor Nursing Unit, Viewing Room and purchased chairs for the
- 9 bereaved. GMHVA has paid for cablevision services to seven areas of the
- 10 GMH. Over the years, GMHVA has also donated the replacements of the
- same type of durable medical equipment that are more technologically
- 12 advanced and improved; and
- 13 WHEREAS, EVELYNA T. AKIMOTO, a retiree of the Superior Court of
- 14 Guam since December 1999, joined the GMHVA in the year 2000 and has
- since logged in more than 3,500 volunteer hours; and
- 16 WHEREAS, EVELYNA T. AKIMOTO served as President of GMHVA
- for 2006 and 2007, Director-at-large of the GMHVA Board in 2005 and
- 18 Secretary from 2000 to 2003; and
- 19 WHEREAS, served as Editor of The Big V quarterly newsletter from 2002
- to 2005, Chaired the 2002 Charity Ball, Co-Chaired the 2005 and 2006 Charity
- 21 Ball and chaired sub-committees of the Solicitation, Souvenir Booklet,
- 22 Advertising and Publicity, pioneered GMHVA's participation in the Macy's
- 23 Shop-for-a-Cause in 2007 which placed the GMHVA in the top 10 in card sales
- 24 netting additional revenue streams for the organization from sales of the cards

- and a bonus from Macy's Corporate headquarters in San Francisco, California,
- 2 and pioneered the GMHVA June 18 to July 25, 2004 Liberation Day Carnival
- 3 "Novelty Sales" and "Scratch-to-Win" Raffle tickets; and
- 4 WHEREAS, in addition to her teaching assignments, Felisa taught
- 5 English as a second language as part of the Department of Education's Adult
- 6 Basic Education Program; and
- WHEREAS, during the tenure of EVELYNA T. AKIMOTO with the
- 8 GMHVA and owing to her direct efforts, the GMHVA donated \$677,165 in
- 9 durable medical equipment, supplies, furnishings, fixtures, and services to
- 10 GMH; and
- 11 WHEREAS, National Volunteer Week was celebrated from April 27 to
- 12 May 3, 2008 and National Hospital Week is celebrated from May 11-17, 2008
- and in conjunction with those celebrations, the GMHVA has duly nominated
- and elected the 2007 Volunteer of the Year according to various established
- 15 criteria, the member's accomplishments and by popular vote; and
- WHEREAS; the GMHVA duly elected EVELYNA T. AKIMOTO as their
- 17 2007 Volunteer of the Year in recognition of her many achievements,
- accomplishments and accolades since becoming a member in the year 2000;
- 19 now, therefore, be it now, therefore, be it
- 20 **RESOLVED**, that the Executive Committee of *I Mina' Bente Nuebi Na*
- 21 Liheslaturan Guåhan does hereby, on behalf of I Liheslaturan Guåhan and the
- 22 people of Guam, commend EVELYNA T. AKIMOTO for her many
- 23 achievements, accomplishments and accolades and does further hereby

congratulate her for being chosen the 2007 Volunteer of the Year of the 1 2 GMHVA; and be it further; **RESOLVED**, that this Resolution does also serve to recognize 3 EVELYNA T. AKIMOTO for her contributions as well as the rest of the 4 members of GMHVA in their tireless efforts, civic responsibility and 5 tremendous humanitarian efforts to raise funds and serve GMH, Guam's only 6 7 civilian hospital serving the people of Guam and surrounding insular areas 8 according to the GMHVA mission and vision; and further be it **RESOLVED**, that the Speaker, and the Secretary of the Legislature 9 attest to, the adoption hereof and that copies of the same be thereafter 10 transmitted EVELYNA T. AKIMOTO, the 2007 GMHVA Volunteer of the 11 Year, to Mrs. Dorothy R. Borlas, 2008 GMHVA President, to Mrs. Beverly A. 12 Lotz, Secretary of the GMHVA for the archives of the GMHVA, to Mr. Peter J. 13 Camacho, Administrator of the GMH, and to the Honorable Felix P. Camacho, I 14 Maga 'lahen Gudhan. 15 DULY AND REGULARLY ADOPTED BY I MINA'BENTE NUEBI NA LIHESLATURAN GUÅHAN ON THE DAY OF May 2008. Judith T. Won Pat, Ed.D. **Tina Rose Muna Barnes** Speaker Senator and **Secretary of the Legislature**