

I MINA'BENTE NUEBI NA LIHESLATURAN GUÅHAN
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EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

Resolution No. 208

Introduced by:

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Relative to commending and congratulating Reverend Rodrick P. Calkins and his wife Sharon L. Calkins and faamily, proprietors of the Guam International Christian Academy, on the occasion of the tenth (10) anniversary celebration of the School's Charter; and to recognizing Reverend and Mrs. Calkins' dedication, and service to educating and education in Christ on Guam since 1991.

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

WHEREAS, in the Summer of 1991, Reverend Rodrick "Rod" P. Calkins and his wife Sharon L. Calkins, bid farewell to their college bound son Kelly, packed their belongings and left the creature comforts of their former residence in the City of American Falls in their home state of Idaho; and

WHEREAS, with their school-aged children in tow; Melissa, Jennifer, Tara, and Theresa, the family faithfully journeyed to the island of Guam as humble servants of God; and

WHEREAS, the Calkins family immersed themselves with the island culture and traditions and quickly adopted the "Hafa Adai Spirit" as Rev. and Mrs. Calkins served as Principals at the Trinity Christian School in Yigo beginning in the Fall semester of the academic school year in 1991 through the conclusion of the 1997 academic school year; and

WHEREAS, at the behest of many in the island community, Rev. Calkins answered a recognized need to offer a Christ Centered educational institution to serve the requirements of schoolchildren in the Central part of Guam; and

WHEREAS, in 1998, Rev and Mrs. Calkins and family established the Guam International Christian Academy (GICA) to serve students in grades K-3 through 12; and

WHEREAS, GICA adopted the official school colors of Forest Green, Black and White and sports the image of the great Gator as their school Mascot; and

WHEREAS, testimony to the school's success was an enrollment that peaked at just over 300 pupils, with a staff and faculty in excess of 30 at any given time; and

WHEREAS, Rev. and Mrs. Calkins operated the GICA campus with an "Open Heart," equally accepting of classroom whiz kids studying college preparatory courses with schoolchildren dubbed "at-risk" at other schools; and through Christ teachings and unconditional and unyielding care, fused the latter with the former – and molded the so-called underachievers into eager learners; and

WHEREAS, the Calkins extended their campus to students in all demographics, and often approved need based scholarships to families wishing to avail of the best education possible for their children without lengthy paper requirements or question; and

WHEREAS, in the Fall of 2003, the Calkins expanded the Great Gator School System with the purchase of the storied Evangelical Christian Academy (ECA) in Chalan Pago; and

WHEREAS, today the Guam International Christian Academy and the Evangelical Christian Academy localized to one Campus in Chalan Pago, offering distinct Curricula, GICA operated the A BEKA Curriculum, while ECA boasts the Accelerated Christian Education Curriculum; and

WHEREAS, Rev. Calkins, a staunch believer that athletics helps to balance academics, offered a humble sports program for students, under his direct tutelage, that often produced high caliber student-athletes and several championships in various sports; and

WHEREAS, GICA boasts schoolchildren that have made their mark in the world or at other schools, with over 200 graduates comprising the budding Gator alumni group of College Graduates, Blue and White Collar Workers, Federal, Military and Local Officers,

young business owners, Educators, Medical workers, and mid and top level managers and private and government workers throughout the island and around the world; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that *I Mina Bente Nuebi Na Liheslaturan Guåhan* does hereby, on behalf of the people of Guam, commend and congratulate Reverend Rodrick P. Calkins, his wife, Sharon L. Calkins and their children, proprietors of the Guam International Christian Academy, on the occasion of the tenth (10) anniversary celebration of the School's Charter; and be it further

RESOLVED, that *I Mina Bente Nuebi Na Liheslaturan Guåhan* does hereby, on behalf of the people of Guam, recognize Reverend and Mrs. Calkins' dedication, and service to educating and education in Christ on Guam since 1991; and be it further

RESOLVED, that the Speaker and the Chairman of the Executive Committee certify, and the Secretary of the Legislative attest to, the adoption hereof, and that copies of the same be thereafter transmitted to Reverend Rodrick Calkins, Headmaster, Guam International Christian Academy, to Mrs. Sharon L. Calkins, Principal, Evangelical Christian Academy; to Ms. Betty Rose Tupaz Cortes, inaugural director of the GICA Gator Alumni Group and to the Honorable Felix P. Camacho, *I Maga Lahen Guåhan*.

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

Judith T. Won Pat
Speaker

Tina R. Muna-Barnes
Senator and Legislative Secretary