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Relative to supporting, commending, and congratulating the Federal Bureau of Investigation's (FBI) Guam Resident Agency on its first FBI Citizens' Academy.

BE IT RESOLVED BY *I MINA'BENTE NUEBI NA LIHESLATURAN GUÅHAN*:

WHEREAS, the Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI) offers FBI Citizens' Academy at each respective locale nationally to foster public and community support of their overall mission; and

WHEREAS, the goodwill and public understanding of the FBI's mission through these make investigators' jobs easier; and

WHEREAS, the FBI on Guam held its first annual FBI Citizens' Academy commencing on April 8th through May 28th for seven (7) consecutive Wednesdays of classroom instruction and one (1) firearm field session; and

WHEREAS, The FBI Citizens' Academy provide business, civic, religious, and community leaders an inside look at federal law enforcement in general and the FBI in particular and overall goal is to foster relationships and understanding between an FBI field office and its community—and so improve the Bureau's ability to solve/detect crimes and help citizens' make their communities a better and safer place; and

WHEREAS, the attendees are selected from Business, Civic, and Religious Community, each nominated by a Bureau employee or a previous Academy graduate and that participants must be at least 21 years old (with no prior felony convictions) and must live and work in the area covered by the field office sponsoring the Academy; and

WHEREAS, because techniques used in criminal and national security cases are discussed, nominees must undergo a background check and final selection of attendees are made by the Special Agent in charge of each division office in order to attend; and

WHEREAS, the FBI executives, senior special agents, and program managers are the lead instructors for the FBI Citizens' Academy; and

WHEREAS, the curriculum taught consist of practical problems involving the collection and preservation of physical evidence; FBI's jurisdiction and congressional oversight; Structure and operation of an FBI field office and resident agency; Services the FBI provides to local, state, and territorial law enforcement agencies; Discussions on ethics, discipline policies, communications, drug enforcement, civil rights, human trafficking, espionage, and future trends in law enforcement; and Firearms training so participants get an idea of the extensive and responsible weapons training FBI Agents receive (also to foster an understanding of what it is like being faced with split-second, life-and-death decisions); and

WHEREAS, the primary objectives of the FBI Citizens' Academy are to increase public awareness about the FBI, its mission, its activities, and its people; to provide an avenue for the FBI to hear and respond to community issues and concerns; and to strengthen relationships and improve understanding between the FBI and the communities it serves; and

WHEREAS, the FBI - Guam office recruited its first cadre of nine (9) participants who successfully completed the necessary requirements in order to receive a certificate of completion; and

1	WHEREAS, the FBI Citizens' Academy will serve as a catalyst in bridging the gap between
2	the local community of Guam and the mission of the FBI; and
3	WHEREAS, the FBI Citizens' Academy will work with the community at large to educate
4	the public and community of its goodwill to serve and protect the people of Guam; and be it
5	RESOLVED, that I Mina'Bente Nuebi Na Liheslaturan Guåhan does hereby, on behalf of
6	the people of Guam, recommend the continued support of the public to engage in learning about
7	the FBI Citizens' Academy; and be it further
8	RESOLVED, that I Mina'Bente Nuebi Na Liheslaturan Guåhan does hereby, on behalf of
9	the people of Guam, offer its support and encouragement for the continued growth of the FBI
10	Citizens' Academy (Guam); and be it further
11	RESOLVED, that the Speaker certify, and the Secretary of the Legislature attest to, the
12	adoption hereof, and that copies of the same be thereafter transmitted to the Federal Bureau of
13	Investigation (FBI) - Honolulu Division; Robert S. Mueller, Director of the FBI; Janet L.
14	Kamerman, Special Agent in Charge (SAC), FBI Honolulu Division; Karen K. Lewis,
15	Supervisory Senior Resident Agent (SSRA), FBI Guam Resident Agency; Jerry Fogel, President,
16	FBI National Citizens Academy Alumni Association; Paul Suba, Chief of Police of the Guam
17	Police Department; Leonardo Rapadas, U.S. Attorney; Alicia Limtiaco, Attorney General of
18	Guam; to the Office of the Guam Delegate to Congress; and to the Honorable Felix P. Camacho,
19	I Maga'lahen Guåhan.

DULY AND REGULARLY ADOPTED BY *I MINA'BENTE NUEBI NA LIHESLATURAN GUÅHAN* ON THE 28th DAY OF MAY 2008.

JUDITH T. WON PAT, Ed. D. Speaker

TINA ROSE MUÑA BARNES
Senator and
Secretary of the Legislature