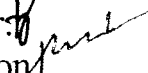




I MINA'BENTE NUEBI NA LIHESLATURAN GUÅHAN  
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Executive Committee  
Resolution No. 211

Introduced by:

F. F. Blas, Jr.   
J. V. Espaldon   
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**Relative to commending and congratulating John Finoña Blas for his most outstanding and dedicated service and contributions to the People of Guam serving as Executive Director for the Mayor's Council of Guam and wishing him well on his new endeavor as Executive Director of the Guam Election Commission.**

1           **BE IT RESOLVED BY THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE OF I**  
2 **LIHESLATURAN GUÅHAN:**

3           **WHEREAS**, John Finoña Blas was born on January 31, 1963 to Clotilde  
4 Finoña and the late Juan Guerrero Blas. He is the third oldest and oldest boy of ten  
5 (10) siblings. John is a 1981 graduate of John F. Kennedy High School. In pursuing a  
6 higher education, John studied Public Administration at the University of Guam. John  
7 also studied Architectural Engineering Science and Criminal Justice Administration at  
8 the Guam Community College; and

9           **WHEREAS**, John is married to the former Catherine T. Castro and they have  
10 six (6) children Lucas, Rochelle, John Jr., Kenneth, J Anthony and Jon Michael; and  
11 two (2) grandchildren Rai Jose and Elyssa Riley. John has been a vocalist and bass  
12 guitarist for over twenty (20) years and is presently with the band "*Local Brew*"  
13 providing local and cultural music to the People of Guam; and

1           **WHEREAS**, upon learning of the Executive Director vacancy within the  
2 Mayors' Council of Guam, John saw the opportunity to offer his Mayoral and  
3 Legislative experience to the Mayors and Vice Mayors of Guam and submitted his  
4 application to the Council. From a pool of seven (7) applicants interviewed for the job,  
5 John was one (1) of two (2) candidates selected by the Review Committee. During a  
6 Special Meeting of the Mayors' Council, John was selected by the Council to serve as  
7 their Executive Director. John has held this position since September 2001; and

8           **WHEREAS**, Upon assuming his duties and responsibilities as Executive  
9 Director for the Mayors' Council of Guam, John focused on ensuring that the  
10 operations of the Council was in compliance with all Guam Laws, Rules and  
11 Regulations, specifically those pertaining to the Mayors' Council of Guam; and

12           **WHEREAS**, with respect to emergencies and disasters, John was instrumental  
13 in increasing the MCOG recognition within Guam Homeland Security/Office of Civil  
14 Defense by ensuring that all preparedness, response and recovery operations involved  
15 the Mayors and Vice Mayors at all levels, as well as ensuring that the Council was  
16 included in all on-island Homeland Security/FEMA Trainings, Workshops and  
17 Exercises; and

18           **WHEREAS**, prior to assuming his duties and responsibilities as the Executive  
19 Director for the Mayors' Council of Guam, John was employed with the Guam  
20 Legislature and worked during the 16<sup>th</sup> thru the 19<sup>th</sup> Guam Legislatures, and

21           **WHEREAS**, in November 1988, John was elected Mayor for the Municipality  
22 of Yigo, where he faithfully served in that capacity from January 1989 to January  
23 1993. Being elected at the age of twenty-five (25) years old, John shares with his late  
24 father, the distinction of being one of the youngest Mayors ever elected; and

25           **WHEREAS**, upon leaving his elected office in January 1993, John returned to  
26 the Guam Legislature where he continued his public service in the 22<sup>nd</sup> thru the 25<sup>th</sup>  
27 Guam Legislatures; and

1           **WHEREAS**, leaving the Guam Legislature for the last time, John was then  
2 employed as a Special Projects Coordinator assigned to the Office of the General  
3 Manager of the Guam Telephone Authority from January 2001 to September 2001.  
4 While at GTA, John's duties and responsibilities were specific to the privatization  
5 process for the Authority, and

6           **WHEREAS**, while serving as the Executive Director for the Mayors' Council  
7 of Guam, John's motivation, aggressiveness and love for his job derived from his  
8 compassion for the services that the Mayors and Vice Mayors provide to their  
9 constituents, and the people of Guam as a whole; now, therefore, be it

10           **RESOLVED**, *I Mina'Bente Nuebi Na Liheslaturan Guåhan* does hereby, on  
11 behalf of the people of Guam commend and congratulate the support and dedicated  
12 contributions made by John Finoña Blas to the Mayors' Council of Guam and more  
13 importantly to the people of Guam, and be it further

14           **RESOLVED**, *I Mina'Bente Nuebi Na Liheslaturan Guåhan* acknowledges that  
15 John Finoña Blas resigned his post as Executive Director for the Mayors' Council of  
16 Guam effective the close of business Friday, May 30, 2008 and assume his duties and  
17 responsibilities as Executive Director for the Guam Election Commission Monday,  
18 June 2, 2008., therefore, be it

19           **RESOLVED**, that the Speaker certify and the Secretary of the Legislature  
20 attest to, the adoption hereof and that copies of the same be thereafter transmitted to  
21 Mr. John Finona Blas and his family, and to the Honorable Madeleine Z. Bordallo,  
22 Guam's Delegate to the United States Congress and to the Honorable Felix P.  
23 Camacho, *I Maga'lahaen Guahan*.

**DULY AND REGULARLY ADOPTED BY THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE  
OF I MINA'BENTE NUEBI NA LIHESLATURAN GUÅHAN ON THE 28<sup>TH</sup>  
DAY OF MAY 2008.**

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**JUDITH T. WON PAT, Ed.D.**  
**Speaker and Senator**  
**Chairperson, Executive Committee**

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**TINA ROSE MUNA BARNES**  
**Senator and**  
**Secretary of the Legislature**