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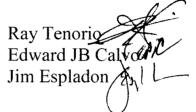
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Relative to recognizing the 110th Anniversary of the Proclamation of Independence of the Republic of the Philippines and congratulating the Filipino Community of Guam on its observance of this historic occasion.

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

WHEREAS, the Proclamation of Independence of the Republic of the Philippines is observed every year on the twelfth of June; and

WHEREAS, the Republic of the Philippines gained its independence through the sacrifice of many Filipino Heroes such as Dr. Jose Rizal, the

National Hero of the Philippines, who wrote 'Noli Me Tangere' (The Lost

8 Eden), which popularized independence sentiment and whose execution by

9 the Spanish fostered public outrage and rebellion; Andres Bonifacio, who led

10 the Cry of Balintawak; General Emelio Aguinaldo, who commanded the Battle

of Binakayan; and Apolinario Mabini, known as the "Sublime Paralytic" and

12 the Brain of the Revolution; and

WHEREAS, the fight for freedom was also supported by noted Filipinas such as Melchora Aquino, known as 'Tandang Sora', who was exiled to the

- 1 Marianas by the Spanish Government; Teresa Magbanua, a twenty-eight (28)
- 2 year old teacher who was one of the first women to lead men into battle; and
- 3 other Filipina heroines from all walks of life who joined the Revolutionary
- 4 Forces; and
- 5 **WHEREAS**, the culmination of the struggle for independence came on
- 6 June 12, 1898, when General Emelio Aguinaldo declared the Philippines'
- 7 independence at his hometown of Kawit, Cavite, where thousands of people
- 8 from the provinces gathered to witness this historic event, including the
- 9 dramatic unfurling of the Philippine Flag while the Philippine National
- 10 Anthem was played in public for the first time, after which the 'Act of the
- 11 Declaration of Independence' was solemnly read by its author Ambrosio
- 12 Rianzares Bautista, who patterned it after the American Declaration of
- 13 Independence; and
- 14 **WHEREAS,** said Declaration was adopted by the Assembly of
- 15 Municipal Presidents and was ratified by the Congress of the Republic of the
- 16 Philippines in Malolos, Bulacan on September 1898 as an expression of the
- 17 sovereign will of the Filipino people; and
- 18 WHEREAS, the Filipino Community of Guam celebrates Philippine
- 19 Independence annually with various activities such as: Wreath Laying at the
- 20 Mabini Shrine located in the War in the Pacific National Historical Park in
- 21 Asan that commemorates fifty-two (52) Filipino heroes, including Apolinario
- 22 Mabini, who were exiled to Guam; and the Filipino Community of Guam's
- 23 Philippine Independence Ball, an annual event that gathers many of Guam's
- 24 affluent to celebrate the numerous contributions that Filipinos have made to
- 25 the island; now, therefore, be it

1 **RESOLVED,** that the Executive Committee of I Mina Bente Nuebi Na 2 Liheslaturan Guåhan does hereby, on behalf of I Liheslaturan Guåhan and the people of Guam, recognize the 110th Anniversary of the Proclamation of 3 Independence of the Republic of the Philippines and further congratulates the 4 Filipino Community of Guam on its festivities in observance thereof on June 5 13, 2008 at this year's Philippine Independence Ball at the Sheraton Laguna 6 7 Resort; and be it further 8 **RESOLVED**, that the Speaker and the Chairman of the Executive 9 Committee certify, and the Secretary of the Legislature attest to, the adoption 10 hereof, and that copies of the same be thereafter transmitted to Mr. Rene 11 Quintans, President, Filipino Community of Guam; to the Honorable Bayani 12 Mercado, Consul General of the Philippines to Guam; the Honorable Gloria 13 Macapagal-Arroyo, President of the Philippines; and to the Honorable Felix P. Camacho, I Maga'lahen Guåhan. 14 DULY AND REGULARLY ADOPTED BY THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE OF I MINA'BENTE NUEBI NA LIHESLATURAN GUÅHAN ON THE DAY OF JUNE 2008.

JUDITH T. WON PAT
Speaker
TINA ROSE MUÑA BARNES
Senator and Legislative Secretary