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

Exec. Comm.
Resolution No. 231

Introduced by:

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1 RELATIVE TO COMMENDING AND CONGRATULATING SKIP
2 ENTERTAINMENT COMPANY ON THEIR PHENOMENAL ACHIEVEMENTS
3 WINNING CHAMPIONSHIPS AND HONORS IN RECENT INTERNATIONAL
4 AND NATIONAL DANCE COMPETITIONS AND THE TROUPES
5 CONTINUED REPRESENTATION OF GUAM OF WORLD-CLASS
6 PROGRAMMING OF INTEREST TO THE ISLAND'S FILIPINO COMMUNITY
7 AND THE PUBLIC OF GUAM, IN GENERAL.

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

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11 WHEREAS, *The SKIP Entertainment Company* was founded in 1982 as a Non-profit
12 organization, Children's Productions. Prior to the birth of SKIP, Children's
13 Productions first staged a number of childrens musicals including "Swinging on a
14 Star, "Candy Man," and "High Hopes." The focus soon turned to dance, giving
15 thousands of Guam's youth an opportunity to excel and learn with instructors and
16 choreographers from Los Angeles and New York City and after staging several

1 musical productions and being invited to perform for the International Congress of
2 Pediatrics in Honolulu in 1986, opening for Natalie Cole on Guam and changing the
3 group's name to *SKIP Entertainment Company* in 1990 ; and

4 **WHEREAS**, in 1985 *SKIP* completed their first U. S. Mainland tour, and since that
5 time has traveled to dance competitions and performances in the U.S. Mainland,
6 Europe and Australia every year *since that time SKIP Entertainment Company* proudly
7 represents Guam in international competitions; and

8 **WHEREAS**, in 1991, members of *SKIP* performed on International Star Search, aired
9 in over 63 countries. During the summer of 1993, four *SKIP* dancers were selected to
10 attend the first "Winners" Showcase, organized by Tony Selznick, in Los Angeles
11 which was aired in California. Later that year, *SKIP* was once again selected to
12 appear on Ed McMahon's Star Search. That same year, *SKIP* dancers were featured
13 on the cover of *PERFORMER'S EDGE*, a national dance publication.; and

14 **WHEREAS**, from 1991 through 1998, *SKIP* have participated and won National
15 Dance Championships held in various cities around the U.S. including the 1996 Jazz
16 Dance World Congress held at the Kennedy Center in Washington, D.C. where *SKIP*
17 won the International Choreographic Leo's Gold Award. Due to this honor, *SKIP*
18 was selected as featured performers at the 1997 Jazz Dance World Congress in
19 Weisbaden, Germany; and

20 **WHEREAS**, in addition to winning numerous national and world championship
21 titles, many *SKIP* Dancers have gone on to prestigious professional dance careers,
22 including *SKIP* dancer, Michael Lomeka, the first and only Guam trained dancer to
23 graduate from the prestigious Juilliard School of Dance in New York City. *SKIP* was
24 honored to present Mikhail Baryshnikov and the White Oak Dance Project,
25 including Lomeka, to sold out audiences, on Guam in March 2001. In August 2003,

1 SKIP dancer Tony Francisco was selected to tour and perform with Britney Spears.
2 who continues to tour with Latin Pop Star, Paulina Rubio. Other notable *SKIP*
3 alumni, include Tammy Torres-Hunter, formerly the dance captain for the Disney
4 World Lion Kingdom Show; and

5 **WHEREAS**, after a week of grueling competition among some of the toughest and
6 most talented dancers from Canada, Mexico, Japan, Germany, Italy, Portugal,
7 Poland, Nepal, Austria , the *SKIP Entertainment Company* did bring honor and pride
8 to Guam once again as winners in both Junior and Senior Canadian National
9 Championships in Vancouver, B.C. with the highest three scores awarded during
10 the entire competition in the Junior Division (Below the age of 12) and the Senior
11 Division (ages 13 and above) and were named overall Champions; and

12 **WHEREAS**, after a week of grueling competition among some of the toughest and
13 most talented dancers from Canada, Mexico, Japan, Germany, Italy, Portugal,
14 Poland, Nepal, Austria , the *SKIP Entertainment Company* did bring honor and pride
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16 Championships in Vancouver, B.C. with the highest three scores awarded during
17 the entire competition in the Junior Division (Below the age of 12) and the Senior
18 Division (ages 13 and above) and were named overall Champions; and

19 **WHEREAS**, following the exhausting Canadian finals, the group then traveled to
20 Las Vegas for the Star Power National Finals and during the preliminary
21 competition of more than 1,500 entrants, *SKIP* won the most First Place platinum
22 awards in their categories and placed Fourth overall in the competition; now,
23 therefore, be it

1 **RESOLVED**, that the Executive Committee of *I Mina'Bente Nuebi Na Liheslaturan*
2 *Guåhan* (the 29th Guam Legislature) does hereby, on behalf of *I Liheslaturan Guåhan*
3 and the people of Guam commend *SKIP Entertainment Company* on the occasion of
4 their latest accomplishment in international competition representing Guam; and be
5 it further

6 **RESOLVED**, that the Speaker certify, and the Secretary of the Legislature attest to,
7 the adoption hereof, and that copies of the same be thereafter transmitted to Sharla
8 Torre Montel-Cohen of Lotus Television, Maria Ressa of ANC – The ABS-CBN News
9 Channel, and to the Honorable Felix P. Camacho, *I Maga'lahaen Guåhan*.

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

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Speaker and
Chairperson, Executive Committee

TINA ROSE MUÑA BARNES
Senator and
Secretary of the Legislature