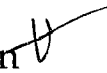



I MINA'BENTE NUEBI NA LIHESLATURAN GUÅHAN
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RELATIVE TO COMMENDING MR. JOHN VANDERBURGH FOR HIS SERVICE WITH THE SOCIAL SECURITY ADMINISTRATION AND CONGRATULATING HIM ON HIS RETIREMENT AFTER ELEVEN YEARS OF SERVICE TO THE PEOPLE OF GUAM

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

3 WHEREAS, Mr. Vanderburgh, in 1974, began his career with the
4 Social Security Administration as a Claims Representative in San Francisco,
5 California; and

6 WHEREAS, Mr. Vanderburgh joined the Disability Quality Branch in
7 the San Francisco Regional Office in 1988 to focus solely on Social
8 Security's disability program; and

9 WHEREAS, in 1995, Mr. Vanderburgh ventured to Guam to run the
10 Guam Federal Disability Office as the Disability Programs Coordinator;
11 and

1 **WHEREAS**, as Disability Programs Coordinator for the Guam
2 Federal Disability Office, Mr. Vanderburgh, amongst other duties,
3 manages, coordinates, and monitors the accomplishment of major
4 management and operational program goals; trains team and medical
5 consultants on work methods, policies, procedures, guidelines, including
6 technical aspects of disability claims processing in the Western Pacific and
7 operational areas such as budget tracking; participates as chairperson and
8 represents the region on inter- and intra-component workgroups;
9 represents the Administration in dealing with the Western Pacific local
10 governments; authorizes the full-range of disability determinations
11 including initial, reconsideration, and continuing disability review cases,
12 from the simple to the most complex; coordinates technical assistance and
13 guidance regarding the entire disability evaluation process as frequently
14 requested of the examiner by Disability Determination Service and Social
15 Security Administration personnel; and

16 **WHEREAS**, the Guam Federal Disability Office is a federal Disability
17 Determination Service that is responsible for all Social Security
18 Administration disability workloads with an expansive coverage area,
19 servicing American Samoa, the CNMI and Guam; and

20 **WHEREAS**, the Guam Federal Disability Office offers disability
21 applicants virtually one stop service, from initial application through an
22 Office of Hearing and Appeals, Administrative Law Judge, and Video
23 Teleconferencing hearing; and

1 **WHEREAS**, the Guam Federal Disability Office is a full process
2 model site with single decision makers, wherein, a disability decision is
3 made on most cases without medical consultant concurrence; and

4 **WHEREAS**, in the Guam Federal Disability Office, claimants are
5 often observed as they are being interviewed, and in cases of obvious
6 disability, a disability allowance decision while the claimant is still in the
7 office, thus being able to process approximately one thousand (1,000)
8 disability claims each year; and now, therefore, be it

9 **RESOLVED** that the 29th Guam Legislature hereby, on behalf of the
10 People of Guam, commends Mr. John Vanderburgh for his service as
11 Disability Programs Coordinator for the Guam Federal Disability Office for
12 the past eleven (11) years, and congratulates him on a successful career of
13 over thirty-five (35) years of federal service; and be it further

14 **RESOLVED**, that the Speaker certify, and the Secretary of the
15 Legislature attest to the adoption hereof, and that copies of the same be
16 thereafter transmitted to Mr. John Vanderburgh and the Honorable Felix P.
17 Camacho, *I Maga'lahaen Guahan*.

**DULY AND REGULARLY ADOPTED BY I MINA'BENTE NUEBI NA
LIHESLATURAN GUÅHAN ON THE DAY OF 2007.**

MARK FORBES
Speaker

RAY TENORIO
Senator and Secretary of the Legislature