




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**MINA'BENTE NUEBI NA LIHESLATURAN GUÅHAN**  
**2007 (FIRST) Regular Session**

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Resolution No. 21 (EC)

Introduced by:

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Relative to welcoming the Reverend Fr. Ernesto M. Arceo, O.P., *Rector Magnificus* of the Pontifical and Royal University of Santo Tomas, the Catholic University of the Philippines, on behalf of the people of Guam, upon his visit to our island, welcome and congratulate him as Keynote Speaker on the occasion of the 23<sup>rd</sup> Anniversary of the University of Santo Tomas Alumni Association of Guam.

1           **WHEREAS**, Reverend Fr. Ernesto M. Arceo, O.P. was born on July  
2 23, 1956, to Pascual Arceo and Teofista Manalili as the second to the  
3 youngest in a brood of ten siblings in the outlying town of Inaon in  
4 Pulilan, Bulacan, Philippines; and

5           **WHEREAS**, Reverend Fr. Ernesto M. Arceo's innate sensitivity and  
6 flexibility to different personalities is attributed to being a member of a  
7 large family and with their support, realized his holy calling and  
8 aptitude for academic excellence, which was evident at a young age,  
9 graduating salutatorian in elementary and being a consistent honor  
10 student in high school; and

1           **WHEREAS**, Reverend Fr. Ernesto M. Arceo made his entry into the  
2 Order at Letran College in Manila in May 1973 and took his solemn  
3 profession in 1979, was ordained into the priesthood on April 30, 1983;  
4 and

5           **WHEREAS**, Reverend Fr. Ernesto M. Arceo's educational profile  
6 during his days at the seminary would reveal that he has fulfilled his  
7 academic obligations with the same hard work that he demonstrated in  
8 his earlier days at school. He earned his Bachelor's degree in Philosophy  
9 *magna cum laude* from the Philippine Dominican Center of Studies in  
10 Quezon City in 1979. He later pursued degrees in Philosophy from 1986  
11 to 1990 at the University of Santo Tomas, where he graduating  
12 *meritissimus* with his Master's degree at the UST Graduate School and  
13 *cum laude* with his Doctoral degree at the UST Faculty of Philosophy. In  
14 between studying Philosophy, he obtained a gained Bachelor's and  
15 Licentiate Degree in Theology, both *cum laude*, from the University of  
16 Santo Tomas Faculty of Theology, in 1982 and 1986, respectively; and

17           **WHEREAS**, Reverend Fr. Ernesto M. Arceo, O.P. was the Regent of  
18 the College of Commerce for the University of Santo Tomas from 1995 to  
19 1998 and, Conventional Prior at the Saint Thomas Aquinas Priory from  
20 1996 to 1999; and from 1998 to 2000, he occupied the post of Vice-Rector  
21 of the University of Santo Tomas. He became visible in the eyes of the  
22 Thomasian community, attending University events in his capacity as

1 Prior Provincial of the Dominican Province of the Philippines from 2000  
2 to 2004. More recently, in July of 2006, he was elected Rector of the  
3 University of Santo Tomas Central Seminary concurrent with being Dean  
4 of the Faculty of Philosophy at the University of Santo Tomas Faculty of  
5 Ecclesiastical Studies; and

6         **WHEREAS**, Reverend Fr. Ernesto M. Arceo shares his expertise in  
7 the field of Philosophy with students from the Ecclesiastical Faculties of  
8 Philosophy and Theology as well as the Graduate School and the  
9 Faculty of Medicine and Surgery. He has also taken his teaching  
10 ministry to places beyond the walls of the University of Santo Tomas.  
11 His affiliations with other educational institutions include the San Carlos  
12 Seminary in Makati City, Mary Help of Christians Major Seminary in  
13 Dagupan City and Recoletos Formation Center in Quezon City; and

14         **WHEREAS**, Reverend Fr. Ernesto M. Arceo, O.P., as *Rector*  
15 *Magnificus* of the Pontifical and Royal University of Santo Tomas, the  
16 Catholic University of the Philippines, is on Guam to deliver his keynote  
17 address to the University of Santo Tomas Alumni Association of Guam  
18 on January 20, 2007 at the Guam Reef Hotel during the association's 23<sup>rd</sup>  
19 Anniversary; now therefore, be it

20         **RESOLVED**, that *I Mina'Bente Nuebi Na Liheslaturan Guåhan* does  
21 hereby, on behalf of the people of Guam, express our heartfelt  
22 appreciation and welcome Reverend Fr. Ernesto M. Arceo, O.P., upon the

1 occasion of his visit to Guam and congratulate him as Keynote Speaker  
2 on the occasion of the 23<sup>rd</sup> Anniversary of the University of Santo Tomas  
3 Association of Guam; and be it further

4 **RESOLVED** that the Speaker and the Secretary of *I Mina'bente*  
5 *Nuebi Na Liheslaturan Guåhan* attest to the adoption hereof and that copies  
6 of the same be thereafter transmitted to Reverend Fr. Ernesto M. Arceo,  
7 O.P.; Her Excellency Gloria Macapagal-Arroyo, President of the Republic  
8 of the Philippines; to the Honorable Teresita Mendiola, Consul General  
9 of the Republic of the Philippines; and to the Honorable Felix P.  
10 Camacho, *I Maga'lahaen Guåhan* (Governor of Guam).

**DULY AND REGULARLY ADOPTED ON THE \_\_\_\_ DAY OF  
JANUARY 2007.**

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**Mark Forbes**  
**Speaker**

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**Ray Tenorio**  
**Senator and**  
**Secretary of the Legislature**