## MINA'BENTE NUEBI NA LIHESLATURAN GUĂHAN 2007 (FIRST) Regular Session

Executive Committee Resolution No.  $\underline{\mathcal{A}}\underline{\mathcal{A}}$ 

Introduced by:

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Relative to recognizing and congratulating Mr. Alfred C. Ysrael for being selected as the Guam Business 2007 Executive of the Year.

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

WHEREAS, Mr. Alfred C. Ysrael is the eldest of seven children, born and raised in the Philippines to Arab Syrian immigrants; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Alfred C. Ysrael is married to Diane Zeien and they have five children: Michael, Elizabeth, Mariana, Catherine, and Donna; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Alfred C. Ysrael began his career as a salesman of women's lingerie at Divisoria, an outdoor marketplace in the Philippines; and

WHEREAS, after graduating from college, Mr. Alfred C. Ysrael came to the island in May 1951, as an H-2 worker for Andersen Air Force Base; and

WHEREAS, while working for Andersen Air Force Base he was able to obtain a three-year period as an accountant for the bowling alley on Andersen Air Force Base; and

WHEREAS, in 1955, Mr. Alfred C. Ysrael purchased six surplus

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bowling alley lanes from the Navy and built the first civilian bowling establishment on Guam, which soon became a popular recreation. This lead to the concept Royal Lanes in which Mr. Ysrael was instrumental in the organization and construction; and

WHEREAS, his advancement in the business community was briefly delayed shortly after acquiring his United States Citizenship in which two weeks later was drafted in the United States Army for two years; and

WHEREAS, although away for Guam, his vision for economic growth continued to thrive as well as his desire to carry out his service to the people of Guam, by serving in the twelfth (12<sup>th</sup>) and thirteenth (13<sup>th</sup>) Guam Legislature, Mr. Ysrael was able to implement legislation in anticipation of industrial development and diversity on Guam; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Alfred C. Ysrael's simultaneous success of the bowling alley, as a public servant, and savvy real estate acquisitions, led to the birth of Tanota Partners; and

WHEREAS, with no formal education or training related to the construction of large structures, Mr. Ysrael's undeterred vision for Tanota Partners drove his determination for success; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Alfred C. Ysrael erected the Fujita Hotel in 1968, Guam's first 24-hour lodging, after discovering that Japanese tourists slept on the beach when their planes arrived shortly after midnight, due to hotels staying closed until the morning; and

WHEREAS, with the success of the Fujita, the Ysrael family helped develop what is now the Hilton Guam Resort & Spa along with the Sun Route Hotel, the Guam Regency Hotel, and Outrigger Guam Resort; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Alfred C. Ysrael, along with Tanota Partners continue to make an impact on the community by contributing to various organizations such as the Boy Scouts of America, Guam Chapter of the American Red Cross, most especially the American Cancer Society in which our island is grateful; now therefore, be it

**RESOLVED**, that *I Mina'Bente Nuebi Na Liheslaturan Guåhan* does hereby, on behalf of the people of Guam, commend the Guam Business Magazine for hosting this year's 2007 'Executive of the Year' gala in which proceeds will benefit the Guam Chapter of the American Red Cross; and be it further

**RESOLVED**, that *I Mina'Bente Nuebi Na Liheslaturan Guåhan* does hereby, on behalf of the people of Guam, recognize and congratulate Mr. Alfred C. Ysrael on being selected as the Guam Business Magazine 2007 'Executive of the Year' on January 13, 2007; and be it further

**RESOLVED,** that *I Mina'Bente Nuebi Na Liheslaturan Guåhan* does hereby, on behalf of the people of Guam, recognize and congratulate Mr. Alfred C. Ysrael for his hard work, contributions, and accomplishments for providing services to the people of Guam; and be it further

**RESOLVED**, that the Speaker and the Chairman of the Executive Committee certify, and the Secretary of the Legislature attest to, the adoption hereof and that copies of the same be thereafter transmitted to Mr. Alfred C. Ysrael, Founder of Tanota Partners; Tanota Partners; and to the Honorable Felix P. Camacho, *I Maga'lahen Guåhan*. DULY AND REGULARLY ADOPTED BY THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE OF *I MINA'BENTE NUEBI NA LIHESLATURAN GUÅHAN* ON THE \_\_\_\_\_ DAY OF JANUARY 2007.

MARK FORBES Speaker and Executive Committee Chairman RAY TENORIO Senator and Secretary of the Legislature