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Resolution No. 35 (EE)

Introduced by:

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Relative to recognizing and congratulating Perez Brothers Incorporated, Thomas D. Perez, Gregory D. Perez and John D. Perez, as the U.S. Small Business Administration's 2007 "Jeffrey Butland Family-Owned Business of the Year," for exceptional achievement in their respective fields and recognizing their civic contributions to the community of Guam.

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

3 WHEREAS, the U.S. Small Business Administration (SBA) was
4 established in 1953 to provide financial, technical, and management
5 assistance to spur the number of small business start-ups, encourage their
6 expansion and sustain growth throughout the nation's states and
7 territories; and

8 WHEREAS, America's estimated 25.8 million small businesses
9 employ more than half of the nation's private work force, generate more
10 than half of the nation's gross domestic product, and are the principal
11 source of new jobs in the U.S. economy; and

12 WHEREAS, Guam's estimated 3,000 business establishments with
13 employment, contribute 41 percent to the island's total monthly payroll,
14 accounting for nearly 43,000 individuals in private sector employment; and

15 WHEREAS, the SBA first opened its Guam Branch Office in 1962, and
16 it provides loan guarantees to participating lending institutions in Guam
17 for the island's small businesses, which ensures the needed working

1 capital, inventory financing, and capital improvements to maintain the
2 viability of small business concerns, adding to our island's local tax base,
3 providing employment opportunities, and whose owners participate and
4 support community activities as good corporate citizens; and

5 WHEREAS, since 1990 the SBA Guam Branch Office has participated
6 in the annual, nationwide SBA "Small Business Awards" program,
7 recognizing the achievements of Guam's small business owners and the
8 accomplishments of advocates of small business in Guam, and providing
9 aspiring island entrepreneurs with successful role models to follow; and

10 WHEREAS, the "2007 Jeffrey Butland Family-Owned Business of the
11 Year Award" honors a family-owned and operated business with at least a
12 15-year track record and which has been passed on from one generation to
13 another, Perez Bros Inc., currently owned by Thomas D. Perez, Gregory D.
14 Perez, and John D. Perez, the Perez family having been continuously
15 operating their family-owned business since 1951; and

16 WHEREAS, this team of brothers has persevered during our island's
17 hard economic times, and through their hard work and commitment they
18 have truly defined the term "entrepreneurship" by maintaining the core
19 structure of a family-owned and operated business; and

20 WHEREAS, Perez Brothers, Inc., was initially started over fifty five
21 years ago by three brothers, namely Frank D. Perez, Gregorio D. Perez, and
22 Ricardo D. Perez; and

23 WHEREAS, since the founding of their business, the locally owned
24 Perez Brothers, Inc., has grown to become a family operated manufacturer
25 and retailer of crushed coral aggregate, ready mix concrete, concrete
26 blocks, and asphalt; and

27 WHEREAS, Perez Brothers, Inc. pioneered the development of
28 housing subdivisions throughout the island and contributed to the

1 progress of our island's infrastructure through the paving of hundreds of
2 miles of Guam's highways and roads; and

3 WHEREAS, Perez Brothers, Inc., is presently owned and managed by
4 children of Frank D. Perez, namely, Thomas, Gregory, and John, and is
5 poised to meet the needs of our island's future and to take advantage of the
6 opportunities that will arise from our island's economic growth; and

7 WHEREAS, Perez Brothers Inc. continues to sustain a legacy of a
8 family owned business, providing dedication, commitment, and
9 community involvement throughout the island; and

10 WHEREAS, Perez Brothers Inc. has remained a key business player
11 and a good neighbor to the people of Guam, contributing to the
12 community through sponsorships, donations, training programs, and
13 scholarships; now, therefore, be it

14 RESOLVED, that *I Mina' Bente Nuebi Na Liheslaturan Guåhan* hereby
15 congratulates the winner of the U.S. Small Business Administration's "2007
16 Jeffrey Butland Family-Owned Business of the Year" award, Perez Brothers
17 Incorporated, and Thomas D. Perez, Gregory D. Perez and John D. Perez
18 for their exceptional achievement in their respective fields and recognizing
19 their civic contributions to the community of Guam; and be it further

20 RESOLVED, that the Speaker certify to, and the Secretary of the
21 Legislature attest the adoption hereof, and copies of the same be thereafter
22 transmitted to Perez Brothers Incorporated, to Thomas D. Perez, to
23 Gregory D. Perez to John D. Perez, to the Small Business Administration
24 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 21ST
DAY OF FEBRUARY, 2007.