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**Relative to welcoming Efren “Bata” “the Magician”
Reyes to Guam and expressing the peoples warm *Hafa Adai*
during his visit to Guam.**

1 **BE IT RESOLVED BY THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE OF I**
2 **LIHESLATURAN GUÅHAN:**

3 **WHEREAS**, as part of the Memorial Day 2007 weekend, Efren Reyes from
4 Angeles City, Philippines will be making his first official tour of Guam. Efren Reyes
5 whose nicknames are “Bata” and “The Magician” started his schooling in pool at the
6 age of five. Efren began working in his uncle’s pool room in Manila. Oftentimes he
7 could be found sleeping on the table, so he could get to playing right when he woke
8 up; and

1 **WHEREAS**, Efren picked up skills from players, good and bad, and taught
2 himself to make even the toughest shots. These skills have been perfected and has
3 earned Efren his nickname of “the Magician” due to the magic he works on the table
4 when the odds are stacked against him; and

5 **WHEREAS**, some of Efren brief achievements include the following: 1999
6 World Pool Champion; 1994 US Open Champion; World Pool League Champion
7 2001 & 2002; 2003 Mid-Atlantic Championship; San Miguel Asian 9-Ball Tour
8 Championship; Manila, 2003 Las Vegas 9-Ball Open Champion; 2006 IPT World 8-
9 Ball Champion; and the World All Around Title 2005 & 2007 (Derby City Classic);
10 and

11 **WHEREAS**, Efren Reyes is a living legend in his home country of the
12 Philippines where he is one of their highest profile sportsmen. When people arrive in
13 the Philippines, one of the first sights they see is a huge picture of Efren Reyes. His
14 1999 World Championship victory live on TV, elevated pool into the major league
15 and saw Efren Reyes become a national celebrity, starring in TV adverts for San
16 Miguel Beer and McDonalds among others; and

17 **WHEREAS**, Efren Reyes is the 2002 International Challenge of Champions
18 winner, the 2003 Mid-Atlantic 9-Ball Open Champion, the 1999 World 9-Ball
19 Champion, and was the 1999 Player of the Year. He was also inducted into the
20 Billiard Congress of America's Hall of Fame in 2003; and

21 **WHEREAS**, Efren Reyes began playing billiards in 1974 and currently resides
22 in Manila, Philippines. Now 54 years-old, Efren Reyes' talent shows no signs of
23 abating. A big win in 2004 of \$50,000 in the USA showed that when there is big
24 money on the table, Reyes comes into his own. Despite his success, Efren Reyes
25 remains as modest as ever and is a highly popular figure among his fellow
26 professionals. Recent accomplishments of Efren Reyes include the 2006 IPT World 8-
27 Ball Championship and the 2007 Derby City Classic All-Around title. He has

1 numerous television appearances and print media articles written about him; now,
2 therefore, be it

3 **RESOLVED**, that *I Mina'Bente Nuebi Na Liheslaturan Guåhan* does hereby,
4 on behalf of people of Guam, extend a warm *Hafa Adai* to Efren “Bata” “*The*
5 *Magician*” Reyes and wishing him well during his stay in Guam. Aside from being a
6 notable player in the game of nine-ball, Reyes possesses a masterful skill in straight
7 pool. Efren is widely known as the best player in the Philippines. In 1995, Efren
8 Reyes dominated the Maine Event besting very well-known names such as Jim
9 Rempe and Earl Strickland. His highest run in that tournament was 123; and be it
10 further

11 **RESOLVED**, that *I Mina'Bente Nuebi Na Liheslaturan Guåhan* does hereby,
12 recognize some of the commendations bestowed upon Efren Reyes, such as, the
13 Outstanding Filipino Awardee of the Philippines Jaycees; Recipient of the Philippines
14 Legion of Honor from the Philippine government; Athlete of the Year of the
15 Philippines Sportswriters Association; Asian Games and Southeast Asian Games Gold
16 medalist; and be it further

17 **RESOLVED**, that the Speaker certify, and the Secretary of the Legislature
18 attest to, the adoption hereof, and that copies of the same be thereafter transmitted to
19 Efren “Bata” “*the Magician*” Reyes; to Marianas Promotion; to the Honorable
20 Madeleine Z. Bordallo, Guam’s Delegate to the United States Congress and to the
21 Honorable Felix P. Camacho, *I Maga'lahen Guåhan*.