
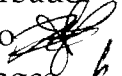



I MINA'BENTE OCHO NA LIHESLATURAN GUÅHAN
2005 (FIRST) Regular Session

Resolution No. 106 (LS)

Introduced by:

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RELATIVE TO COMMENDING AND CONGRATULATING THE GUAM EDUCATIONAL TELECOMMUNICATIONS CORPORATION, ALSO KNOWN AS THE ISLAND'S PUBLIC TELEVISION STATION, KGTF-TV CHANNEL 12 ON THE OCCASION OF ITS THIRTY-FIFTH (35TH) ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION AND TO THANKING THE STATION'S DEDICATED EMPLOYEES, MANAGEMENT AND BOARD OF TRUSTEES FOR THEIR SERVICE AND COMMITMENT THROUGHOUT THE YEARS.

BE IT RESOLVED BY I MINA'BENTE OCHO NA LIHESLATURAN GUÅHAN:

- 1 WHEREAS, thirty five (35) years ago, on October 30, 1970, television broadcasting
2 on Guam reached a significant milestone when public television KGTF-TV 12 signed on for
3 the very first time; and
- 4 WHEREAS, operating on a frequency assigned by the Federal Communications
5 Commission (FCC) and broadcasting from a 150-foot tower in the yard of its Mangilao
6 compound, the station has been providing programming that educates, informs, and
7 entertains the people of Guam for three and one half (3.5) decades; and
- 8 WHEREAS, Executive order 70-6 created the Guam Telecommunications
9 Commission, which was the licensee and operator of television station KGTF, the call sign
10 on the license issued by the FCC; and
- 11 WHEREAS, four (4) years later in 1974, the Twelfth (12) Guam Legislature passed
12 Public Law 12-194 on July 1, 1975, creating a non-profit, public corporation known today as
13 the Guam Educational Telecommunications Corporation and put in place a seven-member
14 Board of Trustees and Station Manager to oversee the operations of KGTF-TV 12; and

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1 **WHEREAS**, the station was initially funded by a One Hundred and Fifty Thousand
2 dollar (\$150,000) grant from the United States Department of Health, Education and
3 Welfare, matched by a fifty thousand dollar (\$50,000) appropriation from the government
4 of Guam; and

5 **WHEREAS**, today, funding surpasses the \$1 Million mark, of which GovGuam
6 provides approximately forty-three (43) percent of operational costs that ensure the
7 payment of Government employees, utilities and part of the programming rights from
8 Public Broadcasting System, and

9 **WHEREAS**, the Corporation for Public Broadcasting and private donations account
10 for the remaining forty-seven (47) percent of KGTF's funding; and

11 **WHEREAS**, for KGTF to continue to receive their Community Service Grant,
12 matching non-federal funds must be raised annually, making local donations essential to
13 assist in paying for other expenses, including assisting with the funding PBS programming
14 rights costs; and

15 **WHEREAS**, today, KGTF is staffed with twenty-one (21) professional employees
16 who average ten (10) years of service, half being government funded and the rest funded
17 by the Community Service Grant, all in support of ensuring public broadcasting for
18 seventeen (17) to eighteen (18) hours daily; and

19 **WHEREAS**, KGTF produces high quality documentaries, regular series, specials,
20 public service announcements, and live specials including teleconferencing, the annual
21 Liberation Day Parade, and programs on issues affecting our island, that showcase the
22 talents of the island community in numerous local plays and presentations; and

23 **WHEREAS**, in addition to KGTF-TV 12's own portrait of Guam series, Academic
24 Challenge Bowl, Buhay Pinoy, and Man, Land & Sea KGTF-TV 12 is known as the only
25 local source for award-winning PBS programs such as Sesame Street, Masterpiece Theatre,
26 NOVA, and NATURE, as well as other programs that spark the interest of both young and
27 experienced viewers alike; and

28 **WHEREAS**, KGTF works closely with the University of Guam, the Guam
29 Community College, elementary, middle and high schools, and government of Guam

1 agencies to assist in raising the standards of education by providing many outreach
2 activities, workshops and training sessions to parents, caregivers and educators of young
3 children, as the station endeavors to provide additional opportunities to the community, so
4 that those who wish, can help prepare children to be ready to learn everyday; and

5 **WHEREAS**, KGTF's staff and management remain committed and dedicated to
6 serving the island with the best in programming, reflecting the quality, educational,
7 entertaining and enlightening programs that have been a long-standing tradition of the
8 station; and

9 **WHEREAS**, KGTF-TV Channel 12 proudly continues to be the only public
10 television station in the western Pacific delivering PBS programs; and

11 **WHEREAS**, KGTF-TV 12 is tasked with the challenge of activating a Digital TV
12 transmitter by December 2005, which will enhance the station's offerings; and

13 **WHEREAS**, the past thirty-five (35) have been a great success and as KGTF-TV 12
14 strives for greater achievements in the years to come, the continued support of "viewers
15 like you" and from stakeholders throughout the community are invited to take part in the
16 celebrations marking the occasion from its Mangilao facility; now therefore, be it

17 **RESOLVED**, that the I Mina Bente Ocho Na Liheslaturan Guåhan does hereby, on
18 behalf of the people of Guam, commend and congratulate and thank the Guam Educational
19 Telecommunications Corporation, also known as Guam's Public Television Station KGTF-
20 TV 12, its Board of Trustees, management and employees, and "viewers like you;" on the
21 occasion of the organization's 35th Anniversary celebration; and be it further

22 **RESOLVED**, that the leadership, professional accomplishments, and unwavering
23 dedication to local television broadcast development is hereby lauded and recognized; and
24 be it further

25 **RESOLVED**, that the Speaker certify, and the Legislative Secretary attest to, the
26 adoption hereof and that copies of the same be thereafter transmitted to Ms. Jacqueline
27 Quitugua Ronan, General Manager on behalf of the Guam Educational
28 Telecommunications Corporation, KGTF-TV Channel 12; to the Federal Communications
29 Commission; and to the Honorable Felix P. Camacho, *I Maga Lahen Guåhan*.

MARK FORBES
Speaker

EDWARD J.B. CALVO
Senator and Secretary of the Legislature

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