
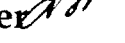



MINA' BENTE OCHO NA LIHESLATURAN GUÅHAN
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Resolution No. 133(LS)

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Relative to commending and congratulating Kwang-ming Chen, M.D. on his retirement from the practice of medicine on Guam and to further extending the sincere appreciation of *I Mina' Bente Ocho na Liheslaturan Guåhan*, on behalf of the people of Guam, to Dr. Chen for over forty (40) years of service to the island of Guam as a healthcare provider.

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

3 **WHEREAS**, Kwang-ming Chen received his medical degree from the
4 National Taiwan University College of Medicine in 1956 and completed his
5 internship at National Taiwan University Hospital from 1956-1957; and

6 **WHEREAS**, after completing his residency in psychiatry in 1959 and
7 his residency in neurology in 1961 at the Department of Neurology and
8 Psychiatry at National Taiwan University, Dr. Chen served as Chief
9 Resident in neurology and psychiatry of the Department of Neurology and
10 Psychiatry at National Taiwan University from 1961-1962; and

11 **WHEREAS**, Dr. Chen served as an instructor in neurology and
12 psychiatry from 1962-1963 and as a lecturer in neurology from 1963-1964 at
13 the Department of Neurology and Psychiatry at National Taiwan
14 University; and

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1 **WHEREAS**, Dr. Chen completed his residency in neurology at the
2 prestigious Mayo Graduate School of Medicine in Rochester, Minnesota
3 from 1967-1970; and

4 **WHEREAS**, Dr. Chen first began his service to Guam as a Research
5 Scientist in Neurology at the Guam Research Center, Epidemiology Branch,
6 National Institute of Neurological Diseases and Blindness, National
7 Institutes of Health from 1964-1967; and

8 **WHEREAS**, Dr. Chen received his Guam Medical License in 1965
9 and first began practicing medicine at the Guam Memorial Hospital
10 (“GMH”) on August 25, 1965; and

11 **WHEREAS**, Dr. Chen returned back to Taiwan and served as an
12 Associate Professor in Neurology and Psychiatry at the National Taiwan
13 University College of Medicine from 1970-1972; and

14 **WHEREAS**, upon his return to Guam, Dr. Chen has served as Staff
15 Neurologist, GMH (1972-1978); Officer-in-Charge, Guam Research Center,
16 National Institute of Neurological Diseases and Stroke, National Institutes
17 of Health (1978-1983); consultant in neurology, GMH (1979-1999); and
18 consultant with the Micronesian Health and Aging Study at the University
19 of Guam (1990-2005) and holds the distinction of being the first individual
20 of Chinese descent on the GMH Medical Staff and the first Neurology
21 Medical Director at GMH; and

22 **WHEREAS**, since 1964, Dr. Chen has been a research scientist with
23 the National Institute of Health and has been stationed on Guam
24 collaborating in the research on the etiology of Amyotrophic Lateral
25 Sclerosis (ALS) and Parkinsonism-Dementia Complex (PDC) of Guam,

1 known locally as Lytico/Bodig, and has provided care for hundreds of
2 patients stricken with Lytico/Bodig ; and

3 **WHEREAS,** Lytico/Bodig is the term for a chronic
4 neurodegenerative disorder highly prevalent in the native Chamorro
5 population of Guam for many decades and in which Lytico refers to a
6 progressive paralysis that resembles ALS and Bodig exhibits characteristics
7 similar to PDC, which combines the tremor of Parkinson’s disease with the
8 memory loss of Alzheimer’s disease; and

9 **WHEREAS,** Dr. Chen has made over twenty (20) presentations,
10 throughout various parts of the world including Tokyo, Chicago, Manila,
11 New York, Taiwan, San Francisco, Washington DC and Guam, to help
12 educate others about Lytico/Bodig; and

13 **WHEREAS,** Dr. Chen has written or contributed to numerous
14 scientific publications in prestigious international journals about
15 Lytico/Bodig; and

16 **WHEREAS,** Dr. Chen was instrumental in forming the Lytico/Bodig
17 Association in 1982, whose objective it is to support patients and families of
18 patients afflicted with Lytico/Bodig on Guam; and

19 **WHEREAS,** in 2005, Dr. Chen authored a book titled *The Mysterious*
20 *Diseases of Guam* which discussed the history, including the discovery,
21 identification and research on possible causes of Lytico/Bodig on Guam;
22 and

23 **WHEREAS,** in addition to all his accomplishments in the practice of
24 medicine, Dr. Chen has been or is still currently a member of various
25 organizations including the Neurological Society of Taiwan, the American

1 Academy of Neurology, the American Medical Association- Guam
2 Chapter, the American Association of Neuromuscular and
3 Electrodiagnostic Medicine, the Guam Medical Society and the Movement
4 Disorder Society; and

5 **WHEREAS**, in December of 2005, Kwang-ming Chen retired from
6 the practice of medicine, thus ending more than 40 years of healthcare
7 service to the island of Guam and its residents; now, therefore, be it

8 **RESOLVED**, that *I Liheslaturan Guåhan* does hereby, on behalf of the
9 people of Guam, recognize the medical and societal contributions of
10 Kwang-ming Chen, M.D., to the island of Guam and its residents; and be it
11 further

12 **RESOLVED**, that *I Liheslaturan Guåhan* does hereby, on behalf of the
13 people of Guam, commend and congratulate Kwang-ming Chen, M.D. on
14 his retirement from the practice of medicine on Guam; and be it further

15 **RESOLVED**, that *I Liheslaturan Guåhan* does hereby, on behalf of the
16 people of Guam, extend its sincere appreciation to Kwang-ming Chen,
17 M.D. for his over forty (40) years of service to the island of Guam as a
18 healthcare provider; and be it further

19 **RESOLVED**, that the Speaker certify and the Secretary of the
20 Legislature attest to the adoption hereof and that copies of the same be
21 thereafter transmitted to Kwang-ming Chen, M.D. and the Honorable Felix
22 P. Camacho, *I Maga'låhen Guåhan*.

**DULY AND REGULARLY ADOPTED BY I MINA' BENTE OCHO NA
LIHESLATURAN GUÅHAN ON THE _____ DAY OF _____, 2006.**

MARK FORBES
Speaker

EDWARD J.B CALVO
Secretary of the Legislature