


I MINA'BENTE OCHO NA LIHESLATURAN GUÅHAN  
2006 (SECOND) Regular Session

~~Executive Committee~~  
Resolution No. 149(25)

Introduced by:

J. T. Won Pat 

Relative to commending and congratulating Mr. Jonathan Pilarca as a recipient of the 2005 Presidential Award for Excellence in Mathematics and Science Teaching as one of the top mathematician teachers in the United States.

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

3            **WHEREAS**, Mr. Jonathan Pilarca a mathematician teacher at John F.  
4 Kennedy High School, Tamuning, Guam, is one (1) of only two (2) teachers  
5 from the U.S. Territories and one (1) of just one hundred (100) middle and  
6 high school teachers in the United States, to receive the 2005 Presidential  
7 Awards for Excellence in Mathematics and Science Teaching, the highest  
8 commendation in their profession; and

9            **WHEREAS**, Mr. Pilarca's patience and willingness to try new techniques  
10 have helped him to be very successful in empowering his students to take  
11 ownership of their learning, resulting in a group of young people who are

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1 well prepared to be lifelong learners of math; and

2       **WHEREAS**, Mr. Pilarca’s sincere dedication to teaching has earned him  
3 the admiration and respect of his students, their parents, and his colleagues;  
4 and

5       **WHEREAS**, Mr. Pilarca graduated from the University of Guam with a  
6 Bachelor of Arts in Education in 1998 and a Masters Degree in Human  
7 Relations from the University of Oklahoma, Advanced Program, Andersen,  
8 Guam in 2005; and

9       **WHEREAS**, for his exemplary teaching abilities, Mr. Pilarca has received  
10 numerous awards and grants, including a five thousand dollars (\$5,000)  
11 C.R.E.A.T.E. Grant Award from the Pangasinan Community of Guam, named  
12 to Who's Who Among American Teachers, obtained the Future Leaders of  
13 Annual Meeting Support Award from the Mathematics Fund, won One  
14 Thousand dollars (\$1000) worth of math and reading books, DVD and CD  
15 players for his classroom as the Read-A-Thon 2001 Top Fundraiser School  
16 Teacher (island-wide) and the 2002 Top Fundraiser School Teacher (in  
17 school), won a computer for his classroom as the ISLA for the Arts Top  
18 Teacher Fundraiser Island-wide for the school year 2001-2002, received the  
19 semifinalist award for competing in the Innovate to Educate Challenge  
20 sponsored by Citibank for the school years 2000-2001 and 2001-2002, awarded  
21 the 2001 Board AP Fellows Grant to attend an Advanced Placement Institute  
22 and named the John F. Kennedy High School Alumni of the Year Award in  
23 2001; and

1           **WHEREAS**, Mr. Pilarca was chosen by a panel of renowned  
2 mathematicians, scientists and educators to receive the 2005 Presidential  
3 Award for Excellence in Mathematics and Science Teaching; and

4           **WHEREAS**, the Presidential Award for Excellence in Mathematics and  
5 Science Teaching were established in 1983 by an Act of Congress and  
6 administered for the White House by the National Science Foundation. The  
7 annual Presidential Awards identifies highly qualified mathematics and  
8 science teachers from all 50 states, the District of Columbia, Puerto Rico, the  
9 U.S. Territories and the U.S. Department of Defense Schools for their  
10 contributions in the classroom and to their profession; and

11           **WHEREAS**, Mr. Pilarca and the other recipients of the Presidential  
12 Awards each received a Presidential Citation from President George W. Bush,  
13 a Ten Thousand Dollar (\$10,000) grant from the National Science Foundation,  
14 an all expenses-paid trip to Washington D.C. for a week of celebratory events  
15 and a wide variety of complementary teaching tools to enhance their abilities  
16 to engage and enthrall their students; and

17           **WHEREAS**, Mr. Pilarca, whose commitment to educating the future  
18 mathematicians, scientists, doctors, teachers, lawyers, business men and  
19 women and political leaders, has brought great honor, pride and national  
20 recognition to himself, to John F. Kennedy High School and to the Guam  
21 Public School System; now therefore be it

22           **RESOLVED**, that the Executive Committee of *I Mina' Bente Ocho Na*

1 *Liheslaturan Guåhan* does hereby, on behalf of *I Liheslaturan Guåhan* and the  
2 people Guam, commend and congratulate Mr. Jonathan Pilarca as a recipient  
3 of the 2005 Presidential Awards for Excellence in Mathematics and Science  
4 Teaching as one of the top mathematician teachers in the United States. Mr.  
5 Pilarca is a shining example of a model teacher who does not only educates  
6 his students, but he also provides for them the opportunity to live complete  
7 and successful lives as the future leaders of our community and be it further

8 **RESOLVED**, that the Speaker and the Chairman of the Executive  
9 Committee certify, and the Secretary of the Legislature attest to, the adoption  
10 hereof, and that copies of the same be thereafter transmitted to Mr. Jonathan  
11 Pilarca; to the John F. Kennedy High School display case; to Mr. Luis Reyes,  
12 Acting Superintendent of Education and to the Honorable Felix P. Camacho,  
13 *Maga'lahaen Guåhan*.

**DULY AND REGULARLY ADOPTED BY THE EXECUTIVE  
COMMITTEE OF I MINA'BENTE OCHO NA LIHESLATURAN GUÅHAN  
ON THE \_\_\_\_\_ DAY OF MAY 2006.**

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**MARK FORBES**  
**Speaker and**  
**Chairman, Executive Committee**

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