

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

RESOLUTION NO. 16 (LS)

Introduced by:

F. B. AGUON, JR.



Relative to Honoring, Commending and Congratulating the Pacific Daily News on their Thirty-Fifth (35TH) year Anniversary and for their exclusive and informative news articles we extend a *Un Dangkolo Na Si Yu'os Ma'ase* for their Outstanding Contributions and Service to the People of Guam and to our Community

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

3 **WHEREAS**, on February 2, 1970, Robert E. Udick was named President
4 and Publisher of the Guam daily News after Capital Investment of Hawaii
5 bought the newspaper. The name of the paper at that time was Guam Daily
6 News and was changed after the purchase to Pacific Daily News; and

7 **WHEREAS**, on September 1971 Gannett Co., Inc. bought the PDN from
8 Capital Investment of Hawaii; and

9 **WHEREAS**, on October 4, 1978, the President of the Republic of Nauru,
10 Hammer deRoburt, filed a 7.5 million libel suit against the PDN and its parent
11 company, Gannett Co., Inc. The suit stems from stories published in 1978
12 about the Separatist Movement in the Marshall Islands, involving the
13 president of Nauru. In November 1985, a jury verdict in the U.S. District
14 Court in Hawaii found the PDN not liable.; and

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1 **WHEREAS**, on September 28,1983, Mr. Lee Webber was named
2 publisher of the Pacific daily News. Mr. Webber was the Marketing Director
3 for the newspaper; and

4 **WHEREAS**, on December 6, 1987, PDN began publishing the Pacific
5 Sunday News in broadsheet size. The new format at the time offered the
6 reader more news space, more color and better graphic presentation. After
7 three (3) years, the format returned to the ,more familiar tabloid size; and

8 **WHEREAS**, on August 11, 1980, an electrical explosion in the press
9 room halts publication of the newspaper. Dave Ecret and Jon Anderson of K-
10 57 radio read photocopies of some parts of the paper over the radio; and

11 **WHEREAS**, on March 31, 1989 after twenty-three (23) as the editor of
12 the PDN, Joe Murphy retired. However, he continued to write his Pipe
13 Dreams column for the newspaper. Murphy tenured at the PDN came at the
14 end of a thirty-three (33) year career in journalism; and

15 **WHEREAS**, on May 22, 1993, the PDN became the first business to
16 sponsor the Guam National Olympic Committee, contributing \$140,000 to
17 help pay for Guam’s efforts towards the 1996 Summer Olympics and the
18 South Pacific Games; and

19 **WHEREAS**, on August 2000, the PDN launches guampdn.com, its
20 newspaper Web site. Since then, the newspaper has launched many more sites,
21 including guambrideguide.com and guampika.com, as well as many other
22 online sites and products; and

23 **WHEREAS**, on November 2003, the PDN launched its first multimedia
24 partnership with KSTO, a local FM radio station, where the paper’s news is

1 featured as part of the station's news broadcast. Two more partnerships
2 followed with 101.9 KTKB and Joy 92; and

3 **WHEREAS**, on February 2, 2005, the Pacific Daily News celebrates its
4 Thirty-Fifth (35th) year anniversary ; now therefore, be it **RESOLVED** that the
5 Executive Committee of *I Mina'Bente O'cho Na Liheslaturan Guåhan* does
6 hereby, on behalf of *I Liheslaturan Guåhan* and the people of Guam, honor,
7 commend and congratulate Pacific Daily News on its 35th year anniversary
8 and extend a *Un Dangkolo Na Si Yu'os Ma'ase* for its outstanding contributions
9 and service to the people of Guam; and be it further

10 **RESOLVED**, that the Speaker and the Executive Committee certify,
11 and the Legislative Secretary attest to, the adoption hereof and that copies of
12 the same be thereafter transmitted to Mr. Lee Webber, Publisher Pacific Daily
13 News; to the Honorable Phillip F. Carbullido, Chief Justice of the Supreme
14 Court of Guam; to the Honorable Madeleine Z. Bordallo, Member of
15 Congress, U. S. House of Representatives; and to the Honorable Felix P.
16 Camacho, *I Maga'lahaen Guåhan*.

**DULY AND REGULARLY ADOPTED BY THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE
OF *I MINA'BENTE O'CHO NA LIHESLATURAN GUÁHAN* ON THE -----
DAY OF FEBRUARY, 2005.**

MR. MARK FORBES
Speaker/Chairman of Executive Committee

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Senator/Legislative Secretary