

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

Resolution No. 173 (LS)

Introduced by:

Mark Forbes

Relative to commending and congratulating Mr. Joseph F. Mesa, General Manager, for his dedicated services to the Jose D. Leon Guerrero Commercial Port and the people of Guam and to wish him well in his future endeavors

1 **BE IT RESOLVED BY *I MINA'BENTE OCHO NA LIHESATURAN***
2 ***GUAHAN:***

3 **WHEREAS, Mr. Joseph F. Mesa served four years in the**
4 **United States Air Force beginning in 1970; and**

5 **WHEREAS, Mr. Mesa has served the Government of Guam in**
6 **various capacities including Executive Director of the Guam**
7 **Election Commission, Chief of Staff for former Congressman Ben**
8 **Blaz, Chief Officer of the former Public Utilities Agency of Guam,**

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1 Chief of Staff for former Senator Alberto Lamorena and Executive
2 Director of the Guam Legislature since May of 1974; and

3 WHEREAS, Mr. Mesa has served in leadership positions in several
4 civil volunteer organizations including the Jaycees International
5 and the American Red Cross; and

6 WHEREAS, Mr. Mesa has served as the General Manager for
7 the Port Authority of Guam, Jose D. Leon Guerrero Commercial
8 Port since January 8, 2003; and

9 WHEREAS, Mr. Mesa since taking that position has acted
10 aggressively, and in unity with other government agencies, private
11 companies and the island community in promoting Guam
12 throughout the Asia-Pacific region; and

13 WHEREAS, Mr. Mesa has led the Jose D. Leon Guerrero
14 Commercial Port in turning around its financial condition and
15 allowing it to show a profit for the past three fiscal years; and

16 WHEREAS, Mr. Mesa oversaw the operations of the Port and
17 managed more than 300 dedicated men and women who are
18 responsible for moving more than 95 percent of the imported goods
19 into Guam; and

1 **WHEREAS, When Mr. Mesa first took office at the Port,**
2 **Super Typhoon Pongsona had left the Port in shambles, both**
3 **financially and physically. Under his leadership, the Port**
4 **experienced a significant turnaround in one year. Many of the**
5 **initiatives undertaken are still ongoing, including repairs to all of**
6 **the Port buildings, the purchase of new equipment and the**
7 **continued renewed financial accountability; and**

8 **WHEREAS, Mr. Mesa’s leadership promoted a working team**
9 **mentality among Port employees, which over time became a**
10 **family; and**

11 **WHEREAS, Mr. Mesa will step down as General Manager of**
12 **the Jose D. Leon Guerrero Commercial Port on June 30, 2006 and he**
13 **will be severely missed by all Port employees and they do wish**
14 **him the best in all of his future endeavors; now therefore, be it**

15 **RESOLVED, that *I Mina’bente Ocho na LihelaturtanGuåhan***
16 **and the people of Guam commend and congratulate Mr. Joseph F.**
17 **Mesa for his dedicated service to the Jose D. Leon Guerrero**
18 **Commercial Port and the people of Guam; and be it further**

19 **RESOLVED, that the Speaker and the Legislative Secretary**
20 **attest to, the adoption hereof and that copies of the same be**

1 thereafter transmitted to Mr. Joseph F. Mesa; Mr. Monte Mesa,
2 Chairman of the Jose D. Leon Guerrero Port Authority Board of
3 Directors; to the Honorable Madeleine Z. Bordallo, Member of
4 Congress, U.S. House of Representatives; and to the Honorable
5 Felix P. Camacho, *I Maga'låhen Guåhan*.

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

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9 MARK FORBES

EDWARD J.B. CALVO

10 Speaker

Secretary of the Legislature