

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

Resolution No. 175 (LS)

Introduced by:

L.F. Kasperbauer
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Relative to observing the opening of the University of Guam's Jesus S. and Eugenia A. Leon Guerrero School of Business and Public Administration Building and to commending the University of Guam Board of Regents, Endowment Foundation Board, President, Administration, College of Professional Studies, School of Business and Public Administration, Faculty, Staff, Students, and community donors on the celebration of this auspicious and historic occasion.

1 **Be it Resolved by *I Mina Bente Ocho Na Liheslaturan Guåhan*:**

2 **Whereas**, on July 26, 2006, the University of Guam ("the University"), a
3 land grant institution, will celebrate the opening of the Jesus S. and Eugenia A.
4 Leon Guerrero School of Business and Public Administration Building ("the
5 Building"; and

6 **Whereas**, the Building is the first major addition to the University's
7 campus facilities in more than ten (10) years; and

8 **Whereas**, the Building was first listed as a priority in the 1992 University
9 Master Plan, with funding for the initial Architecture and Engineering study
10 identified in 1995 by former university president Jose T. Nededog, DBA, then
11 serving as UOG's Vice President of Planning and Endowment; and

12 **Whereas**, Architects Laguana and Cristobal drew up plans for the
13 Building in 1995; and

1 **Whereas**, In 2001, Senators Felix P. Camacho, Joseph F. Ada, and Larry F.
2 Kasperbauer, Ph.D., and members of the 26th Guam Legislature passed Public
3 Law 26-48, establishing the University of Guam Capital Improvements Fund,
4 authorizing borrowing for construction of the new building, and allotting
5 \$500,000 per annum for debt service; and,

6 **Whereas**, Public Law 26-48 allowed for an innovative solution towards
7 the financing of the building by allowing a commitment of funding derived from
8 both public and community donors to be committed; and

9 **Whereas**, the UOG Endowment foundation was instrumental in
10 stewarding the project, helping to solicit and secure a commitment from the
11 government of Guam and community donors; and

12 **Whereas**, in 2003, the University secured funding for the Building through
13 a \$13.5 million USDA Rural Development Community Facilities Loan; and

14 **Whereas**, in 2003, the family of Jesus S. Leon Guerrero (deceased), founder
15 of the Bank of Guam and founder of the University of Guam Endowment
16 Foundation, and his wife, Eugenia A. Leon Guerrero, pledged \$1 million to the
17 Building Fund campaign; and

18 **Whereas**, corporate and private donors from the island community have
19 also made monetary commitments to the Building, to include IT&E Overseas
20 Communications, Inc., Henry Sy, Paul and Arlene Bordallo, Mobil Oil Guam,
21 Community First Federal Credit Union, Matson Navigation Co., ASC, Union
22 Bank, Baba Corporation; and

23 **Whereas**, preparation for the actual construction of the building began in
24 September 2004; and

25 **Whereas**, the Building is a two-story, 57,000 square foot facility, that
26 includes classrooms, a lecture hall, computer labs, a multipurpose room,
27 conference rooms, a research center, and a student meeting room; and

1 **Whereas**, this state-of-the-art structure will help to provide a solid
2 foundation of higher learning for generations of civic and business leaders to
3 come; and

4 **Whereas**, the Building is currently scheduled to house the faculty and
5 programs within the School of Business and Public Administration; the Small
6 Business Development Center, and administrative offices; and

7 **Whereas**, the new facility exemplifies the University's potential for
8 development based on its long-standing relationship with and support from the
9 island's business community and the government of Guam; and

10 **Whereas**, University graduates are an essential part of both the
11 government of Guam and private sector; and

12 **Whereas**, Harold L. Allen, Ph.D., President of the University, appointed
13 the Ribbon Cutting Committee to organize this event, whose membership
14 includes: Flora Baza-Quan (Chair), David M. O'Brien (Co-Chair), Sandra
15 McAuliffe, George Bamba, Ariel Bautista, Joe Blas, Lillian Chargualaf, Andy
16 Cristobal, Dr. Anita Enriquez, Joe Fernandez, Christine Mabayag, Felix Mansapit,
17 Bob McIntosh, Cathleen Moore-Linn, Bill Palomo, Sonny Perez, Francis Quinto,
18 Louise Toves, Frank Troy, and Monica Wintterle; and

19 **Whereas**, the University, in its quest to maintain its tradition of excellence,
20 continues to contribute to the Island's social, cultural, political and economic
21 advancement; now therefore, be it

22 **Resolved**, that *I Mina Bente Ocho Na Liheslaturan Guåhan* does hereby, on
23 behalf of the people of Guam, join in the celebration of the opening of the Jesus S.
24 and Eugenia A. Leon Guerrero School of Business and Public Administration
25 Building at University of Guam and does commend the University Board of
26 Regents, Endowment Foundation Board, President, Administration, College of

1 Professional Studies, School of Business and Public Administration, Faculty,
2 Staff, Students, and community donors; and be it further

3 **Resolved**, that the Speaker certify to and the Legislative Secretary attest
4 the adoption hereof and that copies of the same be thereafter transmitted to Mrs.
5 Eugenia A. Leon Guerrero and family; to Ms. Lorraine Pualani Shin, State
6 Director, Office of Rural Development, USDA; to Dr. Vivian Dames, Acting Dean
7 of the College of Professional Studies, to Dr. Wilfred P. Leon Guerrero, Chairman
8 of the UOG Endowment Foundation Board; to Dr. Harold L. Allen, President of
9 the University; to Mr. Ronald Leach, Chairman of the UOG Board of Regents;
10 and to the Honorable Felix P. Camacho, *I Maga Lahen Guåhan*.

Duly and regularly adopted on the _____ of July, 2006.

MARK FORBES
Speaker

EDDIE BAZA CALVO
Senator and Legislative
Secretary