



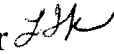




I MINA'BENTE OCHO NA LIHESLATURAN GUÅHAN
2006 (Second) Regular Session

Resolution No. 212 (LS)

Introduced by:

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M. Forbes 
A.R. Unpingco 

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Relative to honoring and extending a sincere *Un dangkulo na si Yu'os ma'åse'* to the Honorable Joanne M. Salas Brown for her invaluable service to the people of Guam following six (6) consecutive terms as a member of *I Liheslaturan Guåhan*; and to further recognizing her for the outstanding contributions she has made in safeguarding Guam's natural resources for this and future generations.

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

2 **GUÅHAN:**

3 **WHEREAS**, Vice-Speaker Joanne M.S. Brown is the daughter of James
4 Albert and Rosita Salas Brown of Pago Bay. Born and raised on Guam, Vice-
5 Speaker Brown's grandparents are the late Maria Ignacio Perez and Jesus
6 Lujan Salas and Mariete Geary and James Albert Brown, Sr.; and

7 **WHEREAS**, Vice-Speaker Joanne M.S. Brown graduated as an honor
8 student from Notre Dame High School in 1983 and later graduated as the
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3 Valedictorian and Summa Cum Laude with a Bachelor of Science Degree in
4 Political Science from the University of Guam (UOG) in 1987. While a student
5 at UOG, she was the first youth representative to be elected to two
6 consecutive terms as the Youth Speaker of the Tenth and Eleventh Guam
7 Youth Congresses. Vice-Speaker Joanne M.S. Brown also received her Master
8 of Arts Degree in Political Science from the University of Hawaii at Manoa in
9 1988; and

10 **WHEREAS**, Vice-Speaker Joanne M.S. Brown began her public service
11 career in 1989 as a Staff Assistant to Governor Joseph F. Ada and also served
12 as the Executive Director of the Guam War Reparations Commission. In 1991,
13 she was appointed Deputy Administrator of the Guam Environmental
14 Protection Agency (GEPA), the youngest and first female to serve in that
15 capacity. In addition to her duties at GEPA, Vice-Speaker Brown returned to
16 the University of Guam as an adjunct instructor of Political Science under
17 UOG's College of Arts and Sciences; and

18 **WHEREAS**, as a freshman senator in *I Mina Bente Tres na Liheslaturan*
19 *Guåhan*, Vice-Speaker Joanne M.S. Brown serves as a member of several
20 Committees including: Judiciary, Criminal Justice and Environmental Affairs;
21 Education; and Tourism and Transportation; and

22 **WHEREAS**, during *I Mina Bente Kuattro na Liheslaturan Guåhan*, Vice-
23 Speaker Joanne M.S. Brown served as Legislative Secretary and Chairperson
24 of the Committee on Natural Resources, having oversight of the Guam

1 Waterworks Authority, Guam Environmental Protection Agency and the
2 Aquatic and Wildlife Division of the Department of Agriculture. Vice-Speaker
3 Brown served as Vice-Chairperson of the Committee on Tourism, Economic
4 Development and Cultural Affairs, and as a member of the following
5 Committees: Finance and Taxation; Rules; Government Reform and Federal
6 Affairs; Education; Judiciary, Public Safety and Consumer Protection; and
7 Transportation, Telecommunications and Micronesian Affairs; and

8 **WHEREAS**, Vice-Speaker Joanne M.S. Brown has been a member of the
9 Association of Pacific Island Legislatures (APIL), a regional legislative body
10 with representative membership from throughout Micronesia, for the past
11 five years, and is currently serving her second term as the association's
12 president. Vice-Speaker Brown previously served as APIL Vice-President
13 from 2003-2004, Secretary in 2002-2003 and Treasurer during the 2001-2002.

14 **WHEREAS**, Vice-Speaker Joanne M.S. Brown's contributions in
15 protecting Guam's natural resources include the authorship of dozens of laws
16 aimed at ensuring more effective and efficient public utility agencies,
17 improving Guam's air and water quality, and protecting Guam's natural
18 resources; and

19 **WHEREAS**, on December 31, 2006, Vice-Speaker and Chairperson of the
20 Committee on Natural Resources and Utilities, Joanne M.S. Brown, will
21 complete her sixth term as a member of *I Liheslaturan Guåhan*, leaving behind
22 a legacy that will be remembered through the preservation of Guam's natural
23 resources and unique culture; and, safeguarding the quality of life for this and
24 future generations; now therefore be it

25 **RESOLVED**, that *I Mina'Bente Ocho Na Liheslaturan Guåhan* does hereby,

1 on behalf of the people of Guam honor Vice-Speaker Joanne M.S. Brown, on
2 the occasion of her departure from *I Liheslaturan Guåhan*; and further
3 recognize her many years dedicated to protecting Guam's natural
4 environment; and be it further

5 **RESOLVED**, that the Speaker certify, and the Secretary of the
6 Legislature attest to, the adoption hereof, and that copies of the same be
7 thereafter transmitted to the Honorable Vice-Speaker Joanne M.S. Brown; to
8 Mr. and Mrs. James Albert and Rosita Salas Brown; to Speaker Mark Forbes;
9 and to the Honorable Felix P. Camacho, *I Maga'lahren Guåhan*.

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