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

F. B. AGUON, IR

Resolution No. 22 (EC)

Introduced by:

Relative to extending the support of I Mina Bente O'cho Na Lehislaturan Guahan on the passage of Bill No. H.R. 873 by Congress, that would provide for a nonvoting delegate to the House of Representatives to represent the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands and allow the people of the CNMI to have a "voice in our democracy" and furthermore, enhance the relationship between the CNMI and the United States Congress.

- 1 BE IT RESOLVED BY I MINA'BENTE O'CHO NA LIHESLATURAN
- 2 GUÅHAN:
- 3 WHEREAS, the Chairman of the House of Resource Committee, Mr.
- 4 Richard Pombo, primary sponsor of this legislation, Mr. Nick Rahall, minority
- 5 leader and 17 other lawmakers including our very own, Congresswoman
- 6 Madeline Z. Bordallo, member of Congress, House of Representatives are
- 7 instrumental in supporting and co-sponsoring Bill No. 873; and
- 8 WHEREAS, Bill No. 873 would provide the CNMI with a nonvoting
- 9 delegate to the House of Representative to represent the Commonwealth of
- 10 the Northern Mariana Islands and for other purposes; and
- 11 **WHEREAS**, the possibility of the proposal body passed by Congress has
- 12 increased due to bipartisan support; and

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WHEREAS, the CNMI has made significant progress in its immigration and labor policies which solicited the support from Representative George Miller D-Calif., who has been critical in the pass of the treatment of non-resident workers in the CNMI; and

WHEREAS, the report of the legislation may result in a broader perspective toward obtaining increased federal aid and funding for the CNMI and the rest of the Mariana Islands and contributing toward issues and concerns affecting CNMI citizens; and

WHEREAS, Congresswoman Madeline Z. Bordallo has contributed, supported, and spearheaded legislation that has benefited Guam's people and the people of the CNMI as a whole; now therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that *I Mina'Bente O'cho Na Liheslaturan Guåhan* does hereby, on behalf of *I Liheslaturan Guåhan* and the people of Guam, extend their support on the passage of Bill No. H.R. 873 by Congress, that would provide for a nonvoting delegate to the House of Representatives to represent the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands and allow the people of the CNMI to have a "voice in our democracy" and furthermore to enhance the relationship between the CNMI and the United States House Congress; and be it further

**RESOLVED**, that the Speaker, and the Legislative Secretary attest to, the adoption hereof and that copies of the same be thereafter transmitted to Senator Richard Pombo, Chairman of the House of Resource Committee, United States Congress; Mr. Nick Rahall, Minority Leader, United States Congress; Mr. Pete A. Tenorio, Washington Representative; to Mr. Juan N.

- 1 Babauta , Governor of the CNMI; to the Honorable Phillip F. Carbullido,
- 2 Chief Justice of the Supreme Court of Guam; to the Honorable Madeleine Z.
- 3 Bordallo, Member of Congress, U. S. House of Representatives; and to the
- 4 Honorable Felix P. Camacho, I Maga'lahen Guåhan.

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