

I MINA'BENTE OCHO NA LIHESLATURAN GUÅHAN  
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Introduced by:

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RELATIVE TO COMMENDING THE UNIVERSITY OF THE  
PHILIPPINES ALUMNI ON GUAM FOR THEIR MANY  
EDUCATIONAL, CIVIC AND CHARITABLE WORKS, ON THE  
OCCASION OF THE ASSOCIATION'S TWENTY-FIFTH  
ANNIVERSARY

1 BE IT RESOLVED BY I MINA'BENTE OCHO NA LIHESLATURAN  
2 GUÅHAN:

3 WHEREAS, University of the Philippines alumni residing on Guam  
4 initially organized to present a series of concerts on Guam by the University  
5 of the Philippines Concert Chorus in 1978; and

6 WHEREAS, the alumni group was formally chartered as a non-profit  
7 association in 1980, to be known as the University of the Philippines Alumni  
8 on Guam ("UP Alumni, Guam"); and

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1           **WHEREAS**, the membership of the University of the Philippines  
2 Alumni on Guam has grown over the years to number more than 100; and

3           **WHEREAS**, UP Alumni, Guam has directly contributed to the quality of  
4 life for its members and their families over the years through fraternal events,  
5 such as birthday observances, holiday get-togethers, hospital visits and  
6 sharing the burdens of hospitalization and passing of family members; and

7           **WHEREAS**, as an association of University graduates, the University of  
8 the Philippines Alumni on Guam sponsored appearances by expert public  
9 speakers on contemporary issues, including UP Professor Solita Monsod on  
10 “Investing in the Philippines” in 2002, UP political science professor Dr.  
11 Randy David in 2001, and the renowned Dr. Renato Constantino for a  
12 symposium on Commonwealth in 1993; and

13           **WHEREAS**, to support academic pursuits by deserving Guam residents,  
14 UP Alumni, Guam sponsored scholarships for Guam students attending the  
15 University of the Philippines in Quezon City and the University of Guam; and

16           **WHEREAS**, UP Alumni, Guam have materially expressed their  
17 dedication to continued quality education at their alma mater through a major  
18 donation to the University of the Philippines Library Fund; and

19           **WHEREAS**, the University of the Philippines Alumni on Guam  
20 promoted greater understanding of Philippine political evolution and thought  
21 through a donation to the Nieves Flores Memorial Library of books authored  
22 by noted Filipino historian and writer Dr. Renato Constantino; and

23           **WHEREAS**, the University of the Philippines Alumni on Guam have  
24 hosted distinguished UP alumni visiting other Guam-based civic

1 organizations, including Chief Justice Marcelo Fernan, Senator Miriam  
2 Defensor Santiago, UP Dean Dr. Raul de Guzman, UP professors Dr. Randy  
3 David and Froilan Madrinan, Members of the Philippine Congress, provincial  
4 Governors and town Mayors; and

5       **WHEREAS**, the University of the Philippines Alumni on Guam actively  
6 promote the common cultural affinity of all Guam residents of Filipino  
7 descent through fundraising for the Filipino Community of Guam clubhouse  
8 in Barrigada; and

9       **WHEREAS**, UP Alumni, Guam raised major project funds to construct a  
10 Picnic Shelter and Barbeque Pit at the Paseo de Susana for public use, which  
11 was donated to the Department of Parks and Recreation in October 2004; and

12       **WHEREAS**, over its 25 year history the University of the Philippines  
13 Alumni on Guam have sponsored numerous socio-cultural events and  
14 activities benefiting the community at large, such as the 1984 “Moda Filipina”  
15 fashion show by Jose Mari Hilario’s *Couture Manille* to benefit the original  
16 Chief Brodie Memorial School, also in 1984 the UP “Madrigal Singers” concert  
17 benefit for the Civic Center Foundation of Guam, the gastronomic forum and  
18 display “Delicacy in Wraps” in conjunction with the Guam Humanities  
19 Council in 2000, and others; and

20       **WHEREAS**, members of the University of the Philippines Alumni on  
21 Guam have consistently supported other worthy non-profit organizations  
22 with monetary contributions over its first 25 years, namely the Guam Chapter  
23 of the American Red Cross, Guam Lytico-Bodig Association, American Cancer  
24 Society, Make-A-Wish Foundation, St. Dominic’s Senior Care Home, St.

1 Martin de Porres Hospital in Manila, Isla Center for the Arts at the University  
2 of Guam, and to send Close Up Program participants from John F. Kennedy  
3 High School and Simon Sanchez High School to Washington, D.C.; and

4 **WHEREAS**, the University of the Philippines Alumni on Guam have  
5 materially expressed their empathy for suffering victims of natural disasters  
6 on Guam and in the Philippines, contributing generously towards their relief  
7 following major typhoons, and the eruptions of Mt. Pinatubo and the Mayon  
8 Volcano; and

9 **WHEREAS**, the various aforementioned activities of the University of  
10 the Philippines Alumni on Guam reflect the members' individual and  
11 collective pride in their cultural heritage, the quality of education received at  
12 the University of the Philippines, and subsequent success in their adopted  
13 community; now, therefore, be it

14 **RESOLVED**, that *I Liheslaturan Guåhan* commends the University of the  
15 Philippines Alumni of Guam for the many educational, civic and charitable  
16 works performed on Guam and in the Philippines over the course of 25 years  
17 of organized effort; and be it further

18 **RESOLVED**, that *I Liheslaturan Guåhan* hereby congratulates, on behalf  
19 of the People of Guam, the University of the Philippines Alumni of Guam on  
20 the occasion of their 25<sup>th</sup> Anniversary, celebrated on April 23, 2005 at the  
21 Guam Hilton Resort and Spa; and now be it further

22 **RESOLVED**, that *I Liheslaturan Guåhan* extends to the Members, Officers  
23 and Directors of the University of the Philippines Alumni of Guam, our  
24 heartfelt Best Wishes for every success in the years to come; and be it further

1           **RESOLVED**, that the Speaker certify, and the Secretary of the  
2 Legislature attest to, the adoption hereof, and that copies of the same be  
3 thereafter transmitted to Mr. Alfredo C. Cantoria, President, University of the  
4 Philippines Alumni of Guam; and to the Governor of Guam.

**DULY AND REGULARLY ADOPTED BY I MINA'BENTE OCHO NA  
LIHESLATURAN GUÅHAN ON THE                   DAY OF                   2005.**

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**MARK FORBES**  
Speaker

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**EDWARD J.B. CALVO**  
Senator and Secretary of the Legislature