MINA'BENTE OCHO NA LIHESLATURAN GUÅHAN 2005 (FIRST) Regular Session

Resolution No. 87 (LS)

Introduced by:

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Relative to commending and honoring the staff and management of Payless Supermarkets, a Division of Calvo Enterprises, on their celebration of fifty five (55) years of outstanding service to the people of Guam and to further recognizing their numerous and valuable contributions in the successful development and growth of our island community.

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

WHEREAS, a cornerstone of our island community, Payless Supermarkets originally opened their doors as Jones and Guerrero Thrifty Market in the Capital City of *Hagåtña* in March of 1950, where just a few years later the title ,"Payless", was added to the name of the company; and

WHEREAS, following the establishment of two (2) new stores between 1955 and the early 1970s in the northern and central regions of the Island, Jones

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and Guerrero Payless Market initiated air charters via Pan American Airlines between San Francisco, California and Guam, twice a week, importing fresh fruits, vegetable, dairy products, and a variety of baked goods for consumer sales; and

WHEREAS, on November of 1985, Calvo Enterprises purchased Jones and Guerrero Payless Markets and subsequently renamed the stores to "Payless Markets", followed by the purchase of Payless Oka from Pedro's Company on October 1987; attaining Safeway Store's lease at the Micronesia Mall in the Municipality of Dededo on February 1994; and the opening of its Payless Supermarket in the Municipality of Yigo on November 1999; and

WHEREAS, since the purchase of Jones and Guerrero Payless Markets in 1985, the new Payless Supermarkets have expanded over the years with a total of five-hundred and fifty (550) employees at seven (7) different store locations throughout the Island in *Hagåtña*, *Sinajana*, *Oka*, *Tamuning*, *Northgate*, *Tamuning*, *the Micronesia Mall*, *Dededo*, *and Yigo*; a Distribution Center in the Municipality of Maite; three (3) SuperDrug Pharmacies; and a Corporate Office in the Capital City of *Hagåtña*; and

WHEREAS, indicative of their initiative and dedication, the staff and management of Payless Supermarkets consistently serve as team players and diligently carry out the myriad duties required of them to ensure their company's firm establishment as a leader in the local business community; and

WHEREAS, the staff and management of Payless Supermarkets have been instrumental in their business' growth and have assisted in the expansion of the company to include its Seven (7) store locations, three (3) pharmacies, and Distribution Center; and

WHEREAS, looking to the future and working towards the betterment of our Island community, the staff and management of Payless Supermarkets have and continue to provide assistance in community affairs and civic endeavors and have donated money, time and resources to numerous philanthropic and professional organizations, donating an average of ninety thousand dollars (\$90,000) each year to our island community; and

WHEREAS, through their tireless and immeasurable demonstration of professionalism, the staff and management of Payless Supermarkets have successfully remained in business where others have attempted and failed, furthermore, these professionals have assiduously committed themselves to providing reliable and affordable services and products and have consistently sought to improve its operations throughout the years; and

WHEREAS, the staff and management of Payless Supermarkets have served as an invaluable resource upon which the island's future is sure to build upon, and in light of their continued service to the island and its people, recognition and commendation are in order; and, now therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that the members of *I Mina' Bente Ocho' na Liheslaturan Guåhan* commend and honor the staff and management of Payless Supermarkets,

a Division of Calvo Enterprises, on their celebration of fifty five (55) years of outstanding service to the people of Guam and further recognize their numerous and valuable contributions in the successful development and growth of our island community; and, be it further

RESOLVED, that the Speaker certify, and the Secretary of the Legislature attests to, the adoption hereof and that copies of the same be thereafter transmitted to the Management Team of Payless Supermarkets, including the Honorable Paul M. Calvo, President; Mrs. Kathy Calvo Sgro, Executive Vice-President; Mr. Curtis Wyatt, General Manager; and Mr. Mike Benito, Assistant General Manager; to the Guam Chamber of Commerce; and to the Honorable Felix P. Camacho, *I Maga'lahen Guåhan*.

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LIHESLATURAN GUÅHAN	ON THE	DAY OF		_, 2005.	
MARK FORBES		EDWARD J. B. CALVO			
Speaker	Senator	Senator and Secretary of the Legislature			