

**I MINA'BENTE OCHO NA LIHESLATURAN GUÅHAN**  
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**Resolution No. 132 (LS)**

As amended.

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Relative to commending Special Olympics Guam for providing Olympic-style sports for individuals with special needs and to extend *un dangkolo' na si Yu'os ma'åse'* to participants and volunteers of the community, government, and corporate entities who continue to support and provide services and care throughout the years.

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

3        **WHEREAS**, on July 21, 1968, the Chicago Park District and the Kennedy  
4 Foundation endorsed the First International Special Olympics Games held in  
5 Chicago's Soldier Field, hosting one thousand (1,000) athletes with special

1 needs from twenty six (26) states and Canada competing in track and field,  
2 floor hockey and aquatics; and

3       **WHEREAS**, Special Olympics Guam, a non-profit organization, was  
4 established in 1976 and in 1977 held its first Special Olympics games at John F.  
5 Kennedy High School with one hundred fifty (150) athletes participating in  
6 various sports; and

7       **WHEREAS**, the mission of Special Olympics Guam is to provide year-  
8 round sports training and competition on a variety of Olympic-type sports for  
9 individuals with special needs, giving them continuing opportunities to  
10 develop physical fitness, demonstrate courage, experience joy and participate  
11 in a sharing of gifts, skills, and friendship with their families, other Special  
12 Olympic athletes and the community; and

13       **WHEREAS**, Special Olympics Guam athletes participated in the  
14 Hawaiian State Games in 1978, in the 5<sup>th</sup> International Summer Special  
15 Olympics Games held at the State University of New York in 1977, and in  
16 1980, Guam became the first “foreign” team to participate in the Hong Kong  
17 State Games; and

18       **WHEREAS**, Special Olympics Guam continues to participate in off-  
19 island Olympics including the 8<sup>th</sup> International Summer Special Olympics  
20 Games held in Minneapolis, St. Paul, Minnesota, one of the largest special  
21 sporting events in the world consisting of six thousand (6,000) athletes from  
22 more than one hundred (100) countries; and

23       **WHEREAS**, the island community, government, and corporate  
24 organizations have supported Special Olympics Guam for many years by

1 providing more games and opportunities to improve services and treatment  
2 and establishing a more just community; and

3       **WHEREAS**, in 2002, the First Annual Law Enforcement Torch Run was  
4 created for the island community to foster closer relations and familiarity with  
5 the heroism of our athletes, who continue to face many challenges, but with  
6 their high spirits are able to prevail and continue to improve their way of life;  
7 now, therefore, be it

8       **RESOLVED** that *I Mina'Bente Ocho Na Liheslaturan Guåhan* does hereby,  
9 on behalf of the people of Guam, commend Special Olympics Guam, athletes,  
10 and volunteers for providing Olympic-style sports throughout the years; and  
11 be it further

12       **RESOLVED**, that *I Mina'Bente Ocho Na Liheslaturan Guåhan* does hereby,  
13 on behalf of the people of Guam, extend *un dångkolo' na si Yu'os ma'åse'* to the  
14 participants and volunteers of the community, government and corporate  
15 entities for their continued support and encourages the island community to  
16 take part in this rewarding event to celebrate the lives of those who have  
17 special needs; and be it further


18       **RESOLVED**, that the Speaker certify, and the Secretary of the  
19 Legislature attest to, the adoption hereof, and that copies of the same be  
20 thereafter transmitted to Special Olympics Guam; and to the Honorable Felix  
21 P. Camacho, *I Maga'lahaen Guåhan*.

DULY AND REGULARLY ADOPTED BY *I MINA'BENTE OCHO NA LIHESLATURAN GUÅHAN* ON THE 28TH DAY OF MARCH 2006.



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**MARK FORBES**  
Speaker



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**EDWARD J.B. CALVO**  
Senator and  
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