

**I MINA'BENTE OCHO NA LIHESLATURAN GUÅHAN  
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**Resolution No. 133 (LS)**  
As amended.

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**Relative to commending and congratulating Kwang-ming Chen, M.D. on his retirement from the practice of medicine on Guam and to further extending the sincere appreciation of *I Mina'Bente Ocho Na Liheslaturan Guåhan*, on behalf of the people of Guam, to Dr. Chen for over forty (40) years to of service to the island of Guam as a healthcare provider.**

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

3           **WHEREAS, Kwang-ming Chen received his medical degree from the**  
4 **National Taiwan University College of Medicine in 1956 and completed his**  
5 **internship at National Taiwan University Hospital, from 1956 to 1957; and**

1           **WHEREAS**, after completing his residency in psychiatry in 1959 and his  
2 residency in neurology in 1961 at the Department of Neurology and  
3 Psychiatry at National Taiwan University, Dr. Chen served as Chief Resident  
4 in neurology and psychiatry of the Department of Neurology and Psychiatry  
5 at National Taiwan University from 1961 to 1962; and

6           **WHEREAS**, Dr. Chen served as an instructor in neurology and  
7 psychiatry from 1962 to 1963 and as a lecturer in neurology from 1963 to 1964  
8 at the Department of Neurology and Psychiatry at National Taiwan  
9 University; and

10          **WHEREAS**, Dr. Chen completed his residency in neurology at the  
11 prestigious Mayo Graduate School of Medicine in Rochester, Minnesota, from  
12 1967 to 1970; and

13          **WHEREAS**, , Dr. Chen first began his service on Guam as a Research  
14 Scientist in Neurology at the Guam Research Center, Epidemiology Branch,  
15 National Institute of Neurological Diseases and Blindness, National Institutes  
16 of Health from 1964 to 1967; and

17          **WHEREAS**, Dr. Chen received his Guam Medical License in 1965 and  
18 first began practicing medicine at the Guam Memorial Hospital (“GMH”) on  
19 August 25, 1965; and

20          **WHEREAS**, Dr. Chen returned back to Taiwan and served as an  
21 Associate Professor in Neurology and Psychiatry, at the National Taiwan  
22 University College of Medicine from 1970 to 1972;

23          **WHEREAS**. upon his return to Guam, Dr. Chen served as Staff  
24 Neurologist, at GMH (1972 to 1978); Officer-in-Charge, Guam Research

1 Center, National Institute of Neurological Diseases and Stroke, National  
2 Institutes of Health (1978 to 1983); consultant in neurology, GMH (1979 to  
3 1999); and consultant, Micronesian Health and Aging Study at the University  
4 of Guam (1990 to 2005) and holds the distinction of being the first individual  
5 of Chinese descent on the GMH Medical Staff and the first Neurology Medical  
6 Director at GMH; and

7       **WHEREAS**, since 1964, Dr. Chen has been a research scientist with the  
8 National Institute of Health and has been stationed on Guam collaborating in  
9 the research on the etiology of Amyotrophic Lateral Sclerosis (ALS) and  
10 Parkinsonism-Dementia Complex (PDC) of Guam, known locally as  
11 Lytico/Bodig, and has provided care for hundreds of patients stricken with  
12 Lytico/Bodig; and

13       **WHEREAS**, Lytico/Bodig is the term for a chronic neurodegenerative  
14 disorder highly prevalent in the native *Chamorro* population of Guam for  
15 many decades and in which Lytico refers to a progressive paralysis that  
16 resembles ALS and Bodig exhibits characteristics similar to PDC, which  
17 combines the tremor of Parkinson's disease with the memory loss of  
18 Alzheimer's disease; and

19       **WHEREAS**, Dr. Chen has made over twenty (20) presentations  
20 throughout various parts of the world including Tokyo, Chicago, Manila,  
21 New York, Taiwan, San Francisco, Washington, D. C. and Guam, to help  
22 educate others about Lytico/Bodig; and

23       **WHEREAS**, Dr. Chen has written or contributed to numerous scientific  
24 publications in prestigious international journals about Lytico/Bodig; and

1           **WHEREAS**, Dr. Chen was instrumental in forming the Lytico/Bodig  
2 Association in 1982, whose objective is to support patients and families of  
3 patients afflicted with Lytico/Bodig on Guam; and

4           **WHEREAS**, in 2005, Dr. Chen authored a book titled "*The Mysterious*  
5 *Diseases of Guam*" which discussed the history, including the discovery,  
6 identification and research on possible causes of Lytico/Bodig on Guam; and

7           **WHEREAS**, in addition to all his accomplishments in the practice of  
8 medicine, Dr. Chen has been or is still currently a member of various  
9 organizations including the Neurological Society of Taiwan, the American  
10 Academy of Neurology, the American Medical Association-Guam Chapter,  
11 the American Association of Neuromuscular and Electrodiagnostic Medicine,  
12 the Guam Medical Society and the Movement Disorder Society; and

13           **WHEREAS**, in December of 2005, Kwang-ming Chen retired from the  
14 practice of medicine, thus ending more than forty (40) years of healthcare  
15 service to the island of Guam and its residents; now, therefore, be

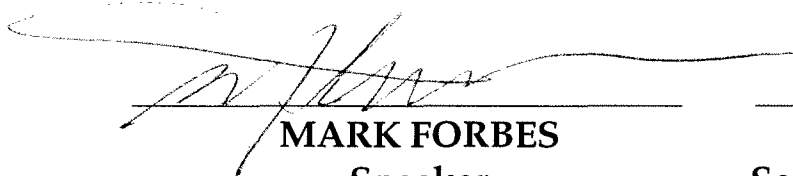
16           **RESOLVED**, that *I Mina' Bente Ocho Na Liheslaturan Guåhan* does hereby,  
17 on behalf of the people of Guam, recognize the medical and societal  
18 contributions of Kwang-ming Chen, M.D., to the island of Guam and its  
19 residents; and be it further

20           **RESOLVED**, that *I Liheslaturan Guåhan* does hereby, on behalf of the  
21 people of Guam, commend and congratulate Kwang-ming Chen, M.D. on his  
22 retirement from the practice of medicine on Guam; and be it further

23           **RESOLVED**, that the Speaker certify, and the Secretary of the  
24 Legislature attest to, the adoption hereof and that copies of the same be

- 1 thereafter transmitted to Kwang-ming Chen, M.D.; and to the Honorable Felix
- 2 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 Secretary of the Legislature