

I MINA'BENTE OCHO NA LIHESLATURAN GUÅHAN
2006 (SECOND) Regular Session

Resolution No. 137 (LS)

As amended.

Introduced by:

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Relative to commending and congratulating Mr. Thomas V. Babauta for being named the "2006 Social Worker of the Year" and commending Mr. Babauta for the work and contributions he has made on Guam and throughout Micronesia in the area of Social Work.

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

3 **WHEREAS, the Guam Chapter of the National Association of Social**
4 **Workers (NASW) celebrated "Professional Social Work Month" on March**
5 **2006 with the annual Awards Banquet held on March 28, 2006 at the Hilton**
6 **Guam Resort and Spa; and**

1 **WHEREAS**, Mr. Thomas V. Babauta received his Bachelor of Science
2 Degree in Social Work from Weber State University in 1993, and his Master’s
3 Degree in Social Work, with a specialty field of Mental Health from Our Lady
4 of the Lake University in 1994; and

5 **WHEREAS**, Mr. Babauta is licensed in Individual, Marriage and Family
6 Therapy and is certified by the National Association of Social Workers,
7 Academy of Certified Social Workers; and

8 **WHEREAS**, Mr. Babauta is currently the program coordinator with the
9 Division of Special Education at the Guam Public School System (GPSS) and
10 has served as a School Psychologist with GPSS since 2001; and

11 **WHEREAS**, Mr. Babauta provide services as an individual, marriage
12 and family therapist at Family Clinic; and

13 **WHEREAS**, Mr. Babauta has been described by his staff as a truly
14 special person who, although working mostly behind the scenes,
15 demonstrates the strength to hold families together; and

16 **WHEREAS**, Mr. Babauta has dedicated much of his life to the selfless
17 giving of himself to his profession while at the same time caring for his family,
18 consisting of two (2) children with special needs; and

19 **WHEREAS**, Mr. Babauta has contributed to the systems change in the
20 area of mental health and continues to be an advocate for persons with
21 disabilities by staying involved with the disability community and being a
22 member of the Guam Developmental Disabilities Council; and

1 **WHEREAS**, Mr. Babauta is currently the President of the National
2 Association of Social Workers for the Guam Chapter, and also serves on
3 various boards, commissions and task forces; and

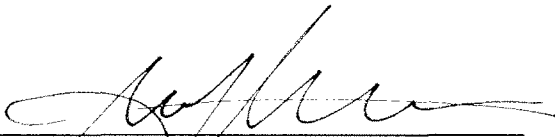
4 **WHEREAS**, the Guam Chapter of the National Association of Social
5 Workers (NASW) celebrated “Professional Social Work Month” in March
6 2006; and

7 **WHEREAS**, Mr. Babauta was selected as the recipient of the “2006
8 Social Worker of the Year” award by the NASW Guam Chapter and presented
9 with the award at the annual NASW Guam Chapter Awards Banquet held on
10 March 28, 2006 at the Hilton Guam Resort and Spa; now, therefore, be it

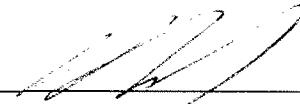
11 **RESOLVED**, that *I Mina’Bente Ocho Na Liheslaturan Guåhan* does hereby,
12 on behalf of the people of Guam, recognize and congratulate Mr. Thomas V.
13 Babauta as the recipient of the “2006 Social Worker of the Year” award and
14 further commends Mr. Babauta for the work and contributions he has made to
15 Guam and throughout Micronesia in the area of Social Work; and be it further

16 **RESOLVED**, that the Speaker certify, and the Secretary of the
17 Legislature attest to, the adoption hereof, and that copies of the same be
18 thereafter transmitted to Mr. Thomas Babauta, President, NASW Guam
19 Chapter; to Dr. Elvira Craig de Silva, President, NASW; to Dr. Harold Allen,
20 President, UOG; to the Honorable Madeleine Z. Bordallo, Member of
21 Congress, United States House of Representatives; and to the Honorable Felix
22 P. Camacho, *I Maga’lahen Guåhan*.

DULY AND REGULARLY ADOPTED BY I MINA’BENTE OCHO NA LIHESLATURAN GUÅHAN ON THE 31ST DAY OF MARCH 2006.



MARK FORBES
Speaker



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