

**I MINA'BENTE OCHO NA LIHESLATURAN GUÅHAN
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Resolution No. 149 (LS)

As amended.

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Relative to commending and congratulating Mr. Jonathan Pilarca as a recipient of the 2005 Presidential Award for Excellence in Mathematics and Science Teaching as one of the top mathematician teachers in the United States.

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

3 **WHEREAS, Mr. Jonathan Pilarca, a mathematics teacher at John F.**
4 **Kennedy High School, Tamuning, Guam, is one of only two (2) teachers from**
5 **the U.S. Territories and one of just one hundred (100) middle and high school**
6 **teachers in the United States to receive a 2005 Presidential Award for**

1 Excellence in Mathematics and Science Teaching, the highest commendation
2 in that profession; and

3 **WHEREAS**, Mr. Pilarca’s patience and willingness to try new
4 techniques have helped him empower his students to take control of their
5 learning, resulting in a group of young people who are well prepared to be
6 lifelong learners of math; and

7 **WHEREAS**, Mr. Pilarca’s sincere dedication to teaching has earned him
8 the admiration and respect of his students, their parents, and his colleagues;
9 and

10 **WHEREAS**, Mr. Pilarca graduated from the University of Guam with a
11 Bachelor of Arts in Education in 1998, and obtained a Masters Degree in
12 Human Relations from the University of Oklahoma, Advanced Program,
13 Andersen, Guam in 2005; and

14 **WHEREAS**, for his exemplary teaching abilities, Mr. Pilarca has a Five
15 Thousand Dollar (\$5,000) C.R.E.A.T.E. Grant Award from the Pangasinan
16 Community of Guam, was named to Who's Who Among American Teachers,
17 obtained the Future Leaders of Annual Meeting Support Award from the
18 Mathematics Fund, won One Thousand Dollar (\$1,000) worth of math and
19 reading books, DVD and CD players for his classroom as the Read-A-Thon
20 2001 Top Fundraiser School Teacher (island-wide), and the 2002 Top
21 Fundraiser School Teacher (in school), won a computer for his classroom as
22 the ISLA for the Arts Top Teacher Fundraiser Island-wide for the school year
23 2001-2002, received the semifinalist award for competing in the “Innovate to
24 Educate Challenge” sponsored by Citibank for the school years 2000-2001 and
25 2001-2002, and was awarded the 2001 Board AP Fellows Grant to attend an

1 Advanced Placement Institute, and was also named the John F. Kennedy High
2 School Alumni of the Year Award in 2001; and

3 **WHEREAS**, Mr. Pilarca was chosen by a panel of renowned
4 mathematicians, scientists and educators to receive a 2005 Presidential Award
5 for Excellence in Mathematics and Science Teaching; and

6 **WHEREAS**, the Presidential Award for Excellence in Mathematics and
7 Science Teaching were established in 1983, by an Act of Congress and
8 administered for the White House by the National Science Foundation. The
9 annual Presidential Awards identify highly qualified mathematics and science
10 teachers from all fifty (50) States, the District of Columbia, Puerto Rico, the
11 U.S. territories, and the U.S. Department of Defense Schools for their
12 contributions in the classroom and to their profession; and

13 **WHEREAS**, Mr. Pilarca and the other recipients of the Presidential
14 Awards each received a Presidential Citation from President George W. Bush,
15 a Ten Thousand Dollar (\$10,000) grant from the National Science Foundation,
16 an all expense-paid trip to Washington D.C. for a week of celebratory events
17 and a wide variety of teaching tools; and

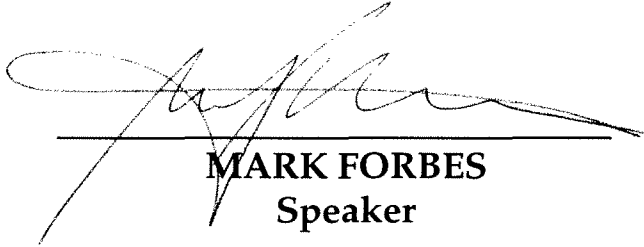
18 **WHEREAS**, Mr. Pilarca has brought great honor, pride and national
19 recognition to himself, to John F. Kennedy High School and to the Guam
20 Public School System; now, therefore, be it

21 **RESOLVED**, that *I Mina' Bente Ocho Na Liheslaturan Guåhan* does hereby,
22 on behalf of the people of Guam, commend and congratulate Mr. Jonathan
23 Pilarca as a recipient of a 2005 Presidential Award for Excellence in
24 Mathematics and Science Teaching as one of the top mathematics teachers in
25 the United States. Mr. Pilarca is a model teacher who not only educates his


1 students, but also provides for them the opportunity to live complete and
2 successful lives as the future leaders of our community; and be it further

3 **RESOLVED**, that the Speaker certify, and the Secretary of the
4 Legislature attest to, the adoption hereof, and that copies of the same be
5 thereafter transmitted to Mr. Jonathan Pilarca; to the John F. Kennedy High
6 School display case; to Mr. Luis Reyes, Acting Superintendent of Education;
7 and to the Honorable Felix P. Camacho, *I Maga'lahaen Guåhan*.

**DULY AND REGULARLY ADOPTED BY I MINA'BENTE OCHO NA
LIHESLATURAN GUÅHAN ON THE 26TH DAY OF MAY 2006.**



MARK FORBES
Speaker



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