

**I MINA'BENTE OCHO NA LIHESLATURAN GUÅHAN**  
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**Resolution No. 152 (LS)**

As amended.

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Relative to recognizing the 108<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Proclamation of Independence of the Republic of the Philippines and congratulating the Filipino Community of Guam on its observance of this historic occasion.

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

3        **WHEREAS**, the Proclamation of Independence of the Republic of the  
4 Philippines is observed every year on the twelfth (12<sup>th</sup>) of June; and

5        **WHEREAS**, the Republic of the Philippines gained its independence  
6 through the sacrifice of many Filipino Heroes such as Dr. Jose Rizal, the  
7 National Hero of the Philippines, who wrote 'Noli Me Tangere' (The Lost  
8 Eden), which popularized independence sentiment and whose execution by

1 the Spanish spawned public outrage and rebellion; Andres Bonifacio, who led  
2 the Cry of Balintawak; General Emelio Aguinaldo, who commanded the Battle  
3 of Binakayan; and Apolinario Mabini, known as the 'Sublime Paralytic' and  
4 the Brain of the Revolution; and

5         **WHEREAS**, the fight for freedom was also supported by noted Filipinas  
6 such as Melchora Aquino, known as 'Tandang Sora', who was exiled to the  
7 Marianas by the Spanish Government because of her activities; Teresa  
8 Magbanua, a twenty-eight (28) year old teacher, who was one of the first  
9 women to lead men on the battlefields; and other Filipina heroines from all  
10 walks of life who joined the Revolutionary Forces; and

11         **WHEREAS**, the struggle for independence culminated on June 12, 1898,  
12 when General Emelio Aguinaldo declared the Philippines' independence at  
13 his hometown of Kawit, Cavite, where thousands of people from the  
14 provinces gathered to witness the dramatic unfurling of the Philippine Flag  
15 while a band played the Philippine National Anthem, after which the "Act of  
16 the Declaration of Independence" was solemnly read by its author Ambrosio  
17 Rianzares Bautista, who had patterned it after the American Declaration of  
18 Independence; and

19         **WHEREAS**, such declaration was adopted by the Assembly of  
20 Municipal Presidents and was ratified by the Congress of the Republic of the  
21 Philippines assembled in Malolos, Bulacan on September 1898 as an  
22 expression of the sovereign will of the Filipino people; and

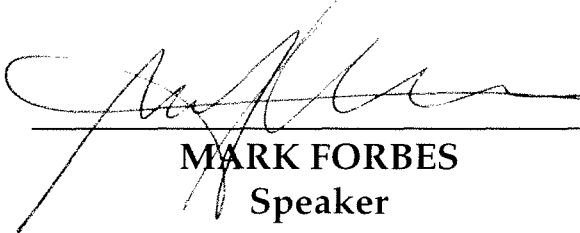
23         **WHEREAS**, the Filipino Community of Guam celebrates Philippine  
24 Independence annually with various activities such as: Wreath Laying at the  
25 Mabini Shrine located in the War at the Pacific National Park in Asan that

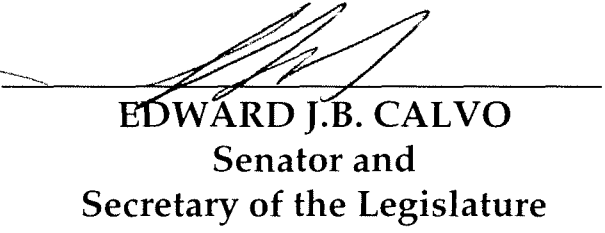
1 commemorates fifty-two (52) Filipino heroes including Apolinario Mabini  
2 who was exiled to Guam from 1901 to 1903; and the Filipino Community of  
3 Guam's Philippine Independence Ball; now, therefore, be it

4 **RESOLVED**, that *I Mina'Bente Ocho Na Liheslaturan Guåhan* does hereby,  
5 on behalf of the people of Guam, recognize the 108<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the  
6 Proclamation of Independence of the Republic of the Philippines and further  
7 congratulates the Filipino Community of Guam on its observance of the  
8 Anniversary on June 17, 2006 at this year's Philippine Independence Ball at  
9 the LeoPalace Resort, Guam; and be it further

10 **RESOLVED**, that the Speaker certify, and the Secretary of the  
11 Legislature attest to, the adoption hereof, and that copies of the same be  
12 thereafter transmitted to Ms. Nita Baldovino, President, Filipino Community  
13 of Guam; to the Honorable Teresita Mendiola, Philippine Consulate General  
14 to Guam; 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 30<sup>TH</sup> DAY OF MAY 2006.**

  
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**MARK FORBES**  
Speaker

  
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Senator and  
Secretary of the Legislature