

I MINA'BENTE OCHO NA LIHESLATURAN GUÅHAN
2005 (FIRST) Regular Session

Resolution No. 16 (LS)

As amended.

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Relative to honoring, commending and congratulating the *Pacific Daily News* on its Thirty-Fifth (35th) Anniversary and to extending "*Un Dångkolo Na Si Yu'os Ma'åse*" for its exclusive and informative news articles, and outstanding contributions and service to the people of Guam and our community.

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

3 **WHEREAS, on February 2, 1970, Robert E. Udick was named President**
4 **and Publisher of the *Guam Daily News* after Capital Investment of Hawaii**

1 bought the newspaper. The name of the paper at that time was *Guam Daily*
2 *News* and was changed after the purchase to *Pacific Daily News* (PDN); and

3 **WHEREAS**, on September 1971 Gannett Co., Inc. bought the PDN from
4 Capital Investment of Hawaii; and

5 **WHEREAS**, on October 4, 1978, the President of the Republic of Nauru,
6 Hammer deRoburt, filed a 7.5 million libel suit against the PDN and its parent
7 company, Gannett Co., Inc. The suit stems from stories published in 1978
8 about the Separatist Movement in the Marshall Islands, involving the
9 president of Nauru. In November 1985, a jury verdict in the United States
10 District Court in Hawaii found the PDN not liable; and

11 **WHEREAS**, on September 28, 1983, Mr. Lee Webber was named
12 Publisher of the *Pacific Daily News*. Mr. Webber had been the Marketing
13 Director for the newspaper; and

14 **WHEREAS**, on December 6, 1987, PDN began publishing the *Pacific*
15 *Sunday News* in broadsheet size. The new format at the time offered the
16 reader more news space, more color and better graphic presentation. After
17 three (3) years, the format returned to the more familiar tabloid size; and

18 **WHEREAS**, on August 11, 1980, an electrical explosion in the pressroom
19 halted publication of the newspaper. Dave Ecret and Jon Anderson of K-57
20 Radio read photocopies of some parts of the paper over the radio; and

21 **WHEREAS**, on March 31, 1989, after twenty-three (23) as the Editor of
22 the PDN, Joe Murphy retired. However, he continued to write his Pipe
23 Dreams column for the newspaper. Murphy was granted tenure at the PDN
24 came at the end of a thirty-three (33) year career in journalism; and

1 **WHEREAS**, on May 22, 1993, the PDN became the first business to
2 sponsor the Guam National Olympic Committee, contributing One Hundred
3 Forty Thousand Dollars (\$140,000.00) to help pay for Guam’s efforts towards
4 the 1996 Summer Olympics and the South Pacific Games; and

5 **WHEREAS**, on August 2000, the PDN launches guampdn.com, its
6 newspaper Web site. Since then, the newspaper has launched many more sites,
7 including guambrideguide.com and guampika.com, as well as many other
8 online sites and products; and

9 **WHEREAS**, on November 2003, the PDN launched its first multimedia
10 partnership with KSTO, a local FM radio station, where the paper’s news is
11 featured as part of the station’s news broadcast. Two more partnerships
12 followed with 101.9 KTKB and Joy 92; and

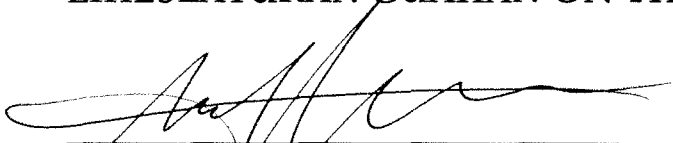
13 **WHEREAS**, on February 2, 2005, the *Pacific Daily News* celebrates its
14 Thirty-Fifth (35th) Anniversary; now, therefore, be it

15 **RESOLVED**, that *I Mina’ Bente Ocho Na Liheslaturan Guåhan* does hereby,
16 on behalf of the people of Guam, honor, commend and congratulate the *Pacific*
17 *Daily News* on its Thirty-Fifth (35th) Anniversary and extend to the *Pacific Daily*
18 *News* “*Un Dångkolo Na Si Yu’os Ma’åse*” for its outstanding contributions and
19 service to the people of Guam; and be it further

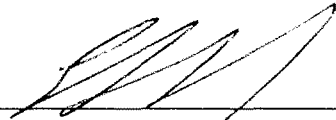
20 **RESOLVED**, that the Speaker certify, and the Secretary of the
21 Legislature attest to, the adoption hereof, and that copies of the same be
22 thereafter transmitted to Mr. Lee Webber, Publisher, *Pacific Daily News*; to the
23 Honorable F. Philip Carbullido, Chief Justice of the Supreme Court of Guam;

1 to the Honorable Madeleine Z. Bordallo, Member of Congress, U. S. House of
2 Representatives; 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 2ND DAY OF FEBRUARY 2005.



MARK FORBES
Speaker



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