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

Resolution No. 165 (LS) As amended.

Introduced by:

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Relative to welcoming the Honorable Senator Ron Menor to Guam on the occasion of his keynote speech at the Philippine Independence Ball, and to further honor him for his accomplishments as a leader and Senator in the State of Hawaii.

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

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WHEREAS, Senator Ron Menor was born on September 29, 1955 in Hilo, Hawaii to the late Hawaii Supreme Court Justice Benjamin Menor, who 4 5 was the first person of Filipino ancestry to serve as a State Senator and State 6 Supreme Court Justice in the United States, and Lillian Menor; and

1 WHEREAS, Senator Ron Menor is married to Patricia Ann Menor and 2 they are blessed with three (3) children: Benjamin, Andrew and Anthony; and

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3 WHEREAS, Senator Ron Menor graduated from Iolani High School in 4 1973 and continued his studies at the University of California, Los Angeles, obtaining a Bachelor of Arts Degree in Political Science in 1977; and further 5 obtained his Juris Doctor Degree from Georgetown University Law Center in 6 7 1980; and

8 WHEREAS, Senator Ron Menor's honors include Commencement 9 Speaker, UCLA, 1977; Georgetown University Law Center National Moot 10 Court Team, 1979; and Semi-finalist, Georgetown University Law Center 11 Leahi Cup Advocacy Competition in 1980; and

12 WHEREAS, Senator Ron Menor was a Law Clerk for Chief Justice 13 William Richardson from 1980 to 1981 and also served as Deputy Attorney 14 General at the Office of the Attorney General in the State of Hawaii from 1981 15 to 1982; became a private attorney and small businessman in the State of Hawaii and began his political career in the Hawaii State House from 1982 to 16 17 1985 and from 1992 to 2000; and served in the Hawaii State Senate from 1986 18 to 1990 and again from 2000 to present; and

19 WHEREAS, Senator Ron Menor currently Chairs the Commerce, Consumer Protection, and Housing Committee and is a member of the 20 21 Senate's Business and Economic Development Committee as well as the 22 Transportation and Government Operations Committee; and

23 WHEREAS, Senator Ron Menor has twenty two (22) years of experience in the Legislature and has authored many pieces of legislation such as the 24

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Hawaii Rx Plus Prescription Drug Reform Law and the landmark legislation
 for Health Care and Consumer Rights; and

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WHEREAS, Senator Ron Menor has helped many Filipino communities outside of Hawaii by collecting monetary and household items for victims of Typhoon *Pongsona* in Guam in December 2003; organizing a network of Filipino Americans and friends to form the Aloha Mabuhay Tondo Victims Relief Fund Drive in 2004 to assist the fire victims of Tondo, Manila; and helping the mudslide victims in Southern Leyte in February 2006 by establishing the Leyte Disaster Fund; and

WHEREAS, Senator Ron Menor is a member of the Democratic Party in
Hawaii, District 17 for Mililani-Waipio, is currently running for the U.S.
House seat, and if successful, he will make history by becoming the first full
Filipino in the United States to serve as in the Halls of Congress; and

WHEREAS, Senator Menor's contributions to the Community of Hawaii
include membership in the Mililani Lions Club; board member of the Mililani
YMCA; past member of Mililani Waena Elementary SCBM Committee; Past
President of the Mililani High School Advisory Council; Past Chairman of
Mililani Crime Watch Program; and

WHEREAS, in 2004 during the National Federation of Filipino American Association's (NaFFAA) National Empowerment Conference, Senator Ron Menor led Hawaii's delegation in securing Hawaii as the site for the NaFFAA 7th National Empowerment Conference in 2006. Hawaii will host the 2006 Global Convention and both events will attract thousands of delegates and create economic benefit to the State of Hawaii and enhance the national and international force of the worldwide Filipino Community; now,
 therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that *I Mina'Bente Ocho Na Liheslaturan Guåhan* does hereby,
on behalf of the people of Guam, welcome the Honorable Senator Ron Menor
to Guam on the occasion of his keynote speech at the Philippine Independence
Ball and to further honor him for his accomplishments as a leader and a
Senator in the State of Hawaii; and be it further

8 **RESOLVED,** that the Speaker certify, and the Secretary of the 9 Legislature attest to, the adoption hereof, and that copies of the same be 10 thereafter transmitted to the Honorable Senator Ron Menor; to Ms. Nita 11 Baldovino, President, Filipino Community of Guam; to the Honorable Teresita 12 Mendiola, Philippine Consulate General of Guam; and to the Honorable Felix 13 P. Camacho, *I Maga'lahen Guåhan*.

DULY AND REGULARLY ADOPTED BY I MINA'BENTE OCHO NA LIHESLATURAN GUÅHAN ON THE 14TH DAY OF JUNE 2006.

FORBES Speaker

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