

I MINA'BENTE OCHO NA LIHESLATURAN GUÅHAN
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As amended.

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Relative to commending and congratulating Mr. Joseph F. Mesa, General Manager, for his dedicated service to the Jose D. Leon Guerrero Commercial Port and the people of Guam and to wish him well in his future endeavors.

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

3 **WHEREAS**, Mr. Joseph F. Mesa served four (4) years in the United
4 States Air Force beginning in 1970; and

5 **WHEREAS**, since 1974, Mr. Mesa has served the government of Guam
6 in various capacities, including, Executive Director of the Guam Election
7 Commission, Chief of Staff for former Congressman Ben Blaz, Chief Officer of

1 the former Public Utilities Agency of Guam, Chief of Staff for former Senator
2 Alberto Lamorena and Executive Director of the Guam Legislature; and

3 **WHEREAS**, Mr. Mesa has served in leadership positions in several
4 volunteer organizations including the Jaycees International and the American
5 Red Cross; and

6 **WHEREAS**, Mr. Mesa has served as the General Manager for the Port
7 Authority of Guam, Jose D. Leon Guerrero Commercial Port since January 8,
8 2003; and

9 **WHEREAS**, Mr. Mesa has acted aggressively and together with other
10 government agencies, private companies and the island community in
11 promoting Guam throughout the Asia-Pacific Region; and

12 **WHEREAS**, Mr. Mesa has turned around the financial condition of the
13 Jose D. Leon Guerrero Commercial Port so that it has shown a profit for the
14 past three (3) fiscal years; and

15 **WHEREAS**, Mr. Mesa oversaw the operations of the Port and managed
16 more than three hundred (300) dedicated men and women who are
17 responsible for moving more than ninety-five percent (95%) of the imported
18 goods into Guam; and

19 **WHEREAS**, when Mr. Mesa first took office at the Port, Supertyphoon
20 *Pongsona* had left the Port in shambles, both financially and physically. Under
21 his leadership, the Port experienced a significant turnaround in one year.
22 Many of his initiatives are still ongoing, including repairs to the Port
23 buildings, the purchase of new equipment and continued renewed financial
24 accountability; and


1 **WHEREAS**, Mr. Mesa's leadership promoted a working team mentality
2 among Port employees, which over time became a family; and

3 **WHEREAS**, when Mr. Mesa steps down as General Manager of the Jose
4 D. Leon Guerrero Commercial Port on June 30, 2006, he will be missed by all
5 Port employees who wish him the best in all of his future endeavors; now,
6 therefore, be it


7 **RESOLVED**, that *I Mina' Bente Ocho Na Liheslaturan Guåhan* does hereby,
8 on behalf of the people of Guam, commend and congratulate Mr. Joseph F.
9 Mesa for his dedicated service to the Jose D. Leon Guerrero Commercial Port
10 and the people of Guam; and be it further

11 **RESOLVED**, that the Speaker certify, and the Secretary of the
12 Legislature attest to, the adoption hereof, and that copies of the same be
13 thereafter transmitted to Mr. Joseph F. Mesa; to Mr. Monte Mesa, Chairman of
14 the Jose D. Leon Guerrero Port Authority Board of Directors; to the Honorable
15 Madeleine Z. Bordallo, Member of Congress, U.S. House of Representatives;
16 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 29TH DAY OF JUNE 2006.



MARK FORBES
Speaker



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