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

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Resolution No. 20(LS) As amended.

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Introduced by:

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Relative to commending and congratulating Attorney Joaquin C. Arriola, Jr. for his service as the President of the Guam Bar Association.

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

2 **GUÅHAN**:

WHEREAS, Attorney Joaquin C. Arriola, Jr., affectionately known as
"Jay" by his family, friends, and associates, has continuously served as
President of the Guam Bar Association since 1997; and

6 WHEREAS, Attorney Arriola, the son of Attorney and Former Speaker
7 Joaquin C. Arriola and the late distinguished Senator Elizabeth P. Arriola, is a

1986 graduate of Rutgers University with a Bachelor of Arts Degree in
 Political Science and English, received his Juris Doctorate in 1989 from Santa
 Clara University School of Law; and

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WHEREAS, Attorney Arriola returned to Guam to practice law as a
Partner in the Arriola, Cowan & Arriola Law Firm in the areas of criminal
defense, civil litigation, probate, commercial, real estate, and corporate
litigation, after serving as Deputy Public Defender for the San Diego County
Law Office of the Public Defender in San Diego, California, and Senior Legal
Aide for the Santa Clara County Public Defender's Office in San Jose,
California; and

11 WHEREAS, Attorney Arriola is a member of the Commonwealth of the 12 Northern Mariana Islands Bar Association and the State Bar of California, 13 admitted to practice law in Guam, the Northern Mariana Islands, and the 14 State of California; having argued cases in those territorial and state courts as 15 well as the United States District Court of Guam, the United States District Court for the Northern District of California, the United States Court of 16 Appeals for the Ninth Circuit, and the Supreme Court of the United States; 17 18 and

WHEREAS, Attorney Arriola serves as a Member of the American Bar Association, the National Conference of Bar Presidents, State Representative for the National Conference of Criminal Justice Attorneys, Chairman of the Guam Criminal Justice Act Panel Attorneys Standing Committee, Member of the Public Defender Service Corporation Board of Trustees and the Board of Law Examiners of the Supreme Court of Guam; and

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WHEREAS, Attorney Arriola has exhibited strong community advocacy
 and volunteerism through his involvement with the Archdiocesan Board of
 Education and the Coral Life Foundation, in addition to his patronage of
 numerous community and civic organizations; and

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5 WHEREAS, among his numerous accomplishments as President of the 6 Guam Bar Association, Attorney Arriola focused on providing more continuing legal education opportunities for local attorneys; established the 7 Rules of Discipline governing attorney conduct; hired an Ethics Prosecutor to 8 timely adjudicate complaints against attorneys; advocated for the District 9 10 Court's panel of lawyers for court-appointed cases; and established a Guam 11 Bar Computer Satellite Room for use by Attorneys at the Guam Judicial 12 Center; and

WHEREAS, during his tenure as President of the Guam Bar, Attorney
Arriola was effective in advocating for members of the Guam Bar before the
Judicial Council in all procedural, technical, and logistical matters; and

16 WHEREAS, Attorney Arriola was steadfast in ensuring that all issues 17 relative to court appointments from the Guam Judiciary were expressed both 18 to the Guam Judiciary and to the Guam Legislature including concerns over 19 the longstanding unpaid liabilities owed to court appointed attorneys and the 20 effective use of legislative appropriations and the budget of the Guam 21 Judiciary relative to indigent legal services ensuring fairness for all; and

WHEREAS, all accomplishments of the Guam Bar Association have run
parallel with the reduction of bar dues for the first time in the history of the
Bar; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that *I Mina'Bente Ocho Na Liheslaturan Guåhan* does hereby,
 on behalf of the people of Guam, express its commendation and
 congratulations to Attorney Joaquin C. "Jay" Arriola, Jr. for his service as
 President of the Guam Bar Association; and be it further

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5 **RESOLVED,** that the Speaker certify, and the Secretary of the 6 Legislature attest to, the adoption hereof, and that copies of the same be 7 thereafter transmitted to Attorney Joaquin C. "Jay" Arriola, Jr.; to the Guam 8 Bar Association; to the Chief Justice of the Guam Judiciary; to the Attorney 9 General of Guam; and to the Honorable Felix P. Camacho, *I Maga'lahen* 10 *Guåhan*.

DULY AND REGULARLY ADOPTED BY I MINA'BENTE OCHO NA LIHESLATURAN GUÅHAN ON THE 2^{ND} DAY OF FEBRUARY 2005.

MARK FORBES

Speaker

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