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

Resolution No. 214 (LS As amended.

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Introduced by:

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Relative to honoring and extending a sincere Un Dangkulo Na Si Yu'os Ma'åse' to the Honorable Michael W. Cruz, M.D., for his invaluable service to the people of Guam as a member of I Liheslaturan Guåhan; and to further recognizing him for the outstanding contributions he has made towards ensuring the accessibility of quality health care for all residents.

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

GUÅHAN: 2

3 WHEREAS, Senator Michael W. Cruz, M.D., a son of Guam, is a

4 product of Guam's public education system; and WHEREAS, Senator Michael W. Cruz, M.D. was entrusted by the
 people of Guam to serve as a Senator of *I Mina'Bente Ocho Na Liheslaturan Guahan*; and

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WHEREAS, Senator Michael W. Cruz, M.D. was selected by his peers
to chair the Committee on Health and Human Services. As Chairman of the
Committee, Senator Cruz prioritized healthcare and further addressed
healthcare issues concerning the Island; and

8 WHEREAS, Senator Michael W. Cruz, M.D., in addition to his 9 legislative duties, was able to carry on his medical practice and further serve 10 the people as a soldier and physician; and

11 WHEREAS, Senator Michael W. Cruz, M.D. actively pursued the 12 implementation of preventive health programs for youth attending the Guam 13 Public School System by requiring Body Mass Index measurements to be 14 taken in an effort to use the statistics gathered as a foundation to increase 15 funding for physical education programs, health programs and nutritional 16 classes, and to ultimately address the alarming rates of serious diseases 17 including diabetes, hypertension, cancer, and end-stage renal disease; and

18 WHEREAS, Senator Michael W. Cruz, M.D. was able to secure the 19 support of his Colleagues to subsidize the Guam Memorial Hospital's 20 operations and to purchase much needed diagnostic equipment as part of 21 GMHA's efforts to provide quality medical services to island residents; and

WHEREAS, in furtherance of his service to his country, Senator Michael
W. Cruz, M.D. served as a Commander of the Guam National Guard Medical
Unit. He served the medical needs of America's veteran of both Operation

Desert Storm and Iraqi Freedom. His service to his fellow countrymen was so
 distinguished that he was awarded the Bronze Star; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that *I Mina'Bente Ocho Na Liheslaturan Guåhan* does hereby,
on behalf of the people of Guam, commends Senator Michael W. Cruz, M.D.
for his service as a Member of *I Mina'Bente Ocho Na Liheslaturan* Guahan; and
be it further

7 **RESOLVED**, that the Speaker certify, and the Secretary of the 8 Legislature attest to, the adoption hereof, and that copies of the same be 9 thereafter transmitted to Senator Michael W. Cruz, M.D.; and to the 10 Honorable Felix P. Camacho, *I Maga'lahen Guåhan*.

DULY AND REGULARLY ADOPTED BY I MINA'BENTE OCHO NA LIHESLATURAN GUÅHAN ON THE 29TH DAY OF DECEMBER 2006.

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Speaker

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