

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

Resolution No. 39 (LS)

As amended.

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Relative to honoring, commending and congratulating the St. Paul Assembly of God's Church on its 30th Anniversary and for all its spiritual contributions, dedication, guidance and spreading of God's word to the community and the people of Guam; and to extend a heartfelt *dangkolo na si Yu'os ma'ase* for its efforts to continue its good work and Christian responsibilities in our society.

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

3 **WHEREAS,** in 1958, Dr. Jon Pineda arrived on Guam and established
4 himself at the Yigo First Assembly of God Church. His Senior Pastors were
5 Carter, Buchette, Flewelling and Wiles. In 1961, Pastor John Burke took over

1 the leadership of the Yigo First Assembly of God Church. Immediately, he
2 saw the passion and the potential the young Pastor Jon Pineda had for the
3 Lord; and

4 **WHEREAS**, in 1972, Pastor Burke assigned Pastor Jon to take over a
5 young bible study group that was opened in the home of Greg and Irene
6 Calvo. The Bible Study group increased in numbers. In 1975, Pastor Burke
7 released Pastor Jon to establish a new church, which would reach the local
8 people of Guam. Taking a few families with him, Pastor John planted the
9 church's roots across from the home of Greg and Irene Calvo. It was a small
10 quonset hut that had no bathrooms, but it was a place to worship God as one
11 family; and

12 **WHEREAS**, in 1976, Typhoon Pamela devastated the island and
13 destroyed the little blossoming church. The word of the Lord came to Pastor
14 Jon that he had to continue the ministry by breaking bread house to house,
15 thus the birth of the "care cell system". The worshippers met at the Kinsella
16 home in Agat, the Calvo home in Tamuning, and the Tydingco home in
17 Mangilao, and for a short time, they were able to hold a Bible Study at the
18 home of Fr. Tim in Talofoto where nuns, priests, and the neighbors attended;
19 and

20 **WHEREAS**, two (2) months after Typhoon Pamela, the Burkes went on
21 furlough, leaving Pastor Jon to shepherd the Yigo Assembly of God and the
22 little Tamuning Church. The services were combined. At this time, another
23 quonset hut was opened for Friday night youth services where members from
24 Yigo, Tamuning, and another Pentecostal church sought counseling at a coffee

1 shop located in front. The location eventually took the name “Teen
2 Challenge”; and

3 **WHEREAS**, in 1977, upon the return of the Burkes, Pastor Jon was once
4 again released to shepherd the Tamuning Church. The Lord opened up a
5 space at 7th and 9th floors of the ITC building. In 1982, the official name of the
6 Tamuning church became “Guam Christian Charismatic Church”. In 1984,
7 the church had to move once again. Teen Challenge became the new location.
8 The coffee shop was closed down to expand the church and other parts of the
9 Quonset hut were refurbished to accommodate the growing needs of the
10 Guam Christian Charismatic Church family; and

11 **WHEREAS**, from 1985 to 1987, negotiations to purchase property on
12 Route 16 was being made. In the end, Pastor Jon was able to purchase the
13 property, which was appraised at the time for \$3M, for a miraculous sum of
14 One Hundred Thirty-five Thousand Dollars (\$135,000.00). However, the Lord
15 did not allow Teen Challenge to occupy the new location. In 1990, the church
16 offices were moved from the quonset hut to the Sunrise Apartments to once
17 again make room for the growing church. In 1992, with no more room to
18 expand, the church opened a second morning service; and

19 **WHEREAS**, in 1995, Senator Arriola sponsored a bill that changed
20 zoning for the target location of the new church from agricultural and
21 commercial, to a school zone, making it possible to finally break ground.
22 After many years of waiting, Pastor Jon saw that it was time to build a \$3.4M
23 multi-purpose structure located on Route 16 just below Motorola. The church
24 once again needed room to grow. So in a year’s time, ground was broken and
25 construction began; and

1 **WHEREAS**, in 1997, Teen Challenge moved to its new location, a one
2 building multi-functional facility. With the new building came a new vision
3 and a new name. The church is now called Saint Paul Assembly of God
4 Church, noting that the Apostle Paul had a great love for missions. In the fall,
5 a school was also founded, and initially was blessed with over one hundred
6 (100) students, ranging from K3-12th grades; and

7 **WHEREAS**, in 2001, Pastor Jon groomed his son, Pastor Paul, to take
8 over the leadership. This vision has always been to reach the island, the outer
9 islands, and all of Asia Pacific. Throughout the years, Pastor Jon had
10 groomed many leaders to reach the world. However, Pastor Jon knew that
11 the time was coming when that vision would be taken to new heights through
12 his sons. In 2004, Pastor Paul spoke to the church leaders, preparing them for
13 the pouring of “fresh water” from the Lord. He shared the vision that God
14 had given him for the church. Fifteen (15) new ministries arose, one of which
15 allowed the church to step into an arena it was always hesitant to walk into-
16 reaching the government leaders of Guam. Forums were held and the gospel
17 was shared with our government officials breaking ground in their hearts for
18 a great moving of the Lord; and

19 **WHEREAS**, on March 6, 2005, Pastor Jon announced that he was going
20 to move on to a different ministry, reaching the people of Mindanao and other
21 remote places. He stated that he would turn over the ministry through which
22 he and his wife had so faithfully served the Lord to his son the Rev. Paul
23 Pineda. The vision remains the same and will always be--to reach the world
24 for God. But a new generation has come and there are still so many new and

1 exciting things that God will show us in the years to come; now, therefore, be
2 it

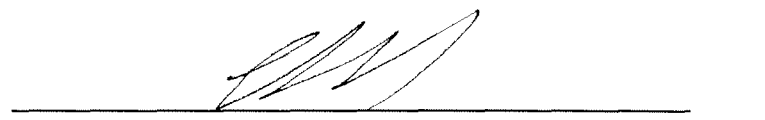
3 **RESOLVED**, that *I Mina'Bente Ocho Na Liheslaturan Guåhan* does hereby,
4 on behalf of the people of Guam, honor, commend and congratulate the St.
5 Paul Assembly of God's Church on its 30th Anniversary and for all its spiritual
6 contributions, dedication, guidance and spreading of God's word and the
7 people of Guam; and to extend a heartfelt *dangkolo na si Yu'os ma'ase* for its
8 efforts to continue its good work and Christian responsibilities in our society;
9 and be it further

10 **RESOLVED**, that the Speaker certify, and the Secretary of the
11 Legislature attest to, the adoption hereof, and that copies of the same be
12 thereafter transmitted to the St. Paul Assembly of God Church; to Pastor Jon
13 Pineda, Senior Pastor; to Pastor Eva Pineda, Senior Pastor; to Pastor Paul
14 Pineda, Senior Pastor; to the Honorable F. Philip Carbullido, Chief Justice of
15 the Supreme Court of Guam; to the Honorable Madeleine Z. Bordallo,
16 Member of Congress, U. S. House of Representatives; and to the Honorable
17 Felix P. Camacho, *I Maga'lahren Guåhan*.

DULY AND REGULARLY ADOPTED BY I MINA'BENTE OCHO NA LIHESLATURAN GUÅHAN ON THE 25TH DAY OF MARCH, 2005.



MARK FORBES
Speaker



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