

I MINA'BENTE OCHO NA LIHESLATURAN GUÅHAN
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As amended.

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Relative to commending and honoring the members of the Guam Rugby Football Union and its members, the Guam and *Para Todu* Rugby Clubs, for their efforts in organizing the 2007 Rugby World Cup's first qualifying match here on the Island, and to further extending to them a sincere "*un dangkolo na si Yu'os ma'åse'*" for supporting Guam's economic progress through sports tourism.

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

3 **WHEREAS,** the sport of Rugby has been played on Guam and in the
4 region of Micronesia for many years by a core of American college, military

1 and expatriate Australian, New Zealand and European rugby enthusiasts;
2 and

3 **WHEREAS**, players from Guam have competed regularly in Rugby
4 tournaments in Asia and Hawaii, as well as at home in Micronesia, and have
5 participated in international and inter-island competition with the people of
6 the Republic of Palau and Federated States of Micronesia; and

7 **WHEREAS**, in 1996, it was decided to formalize and develop the sport
8 of Rugby on Guam, and in 1997, the Guam Rugby Club, Inc. was incorporated
9 as a non-profit organization, with membership of the Club open to all who
10 are interested, eventually undertaking the inaugural "Guam Rugby
11 International Tournament" in 1998; and

12 **WHEREAS**, during the pursuit to host Rugby's component of the 1999
13 South Pacific Games (SPG), the history of Rugby on Guam was truly forged as
14 the Guam Rugby Club was unanimously approved as a sporting federation of
15 the Guam National Olympic Committee (GNOC) in December 1996, with
16 control for the sport of Rugby at the GNOC level transferred to the Guam
17 Rugby Football Union; and

18 **WHEREAS**, during these challenging economic times it is important
19 that our island make the most of every economic opportunity that may benefit
20 the people of Guam through new and attractive activities that could be
21 incorporated into our local tourism industry; and

22 **WHEREAS**, tourism is and will continue to be the lifeblood of our
23 island's economy and it is important that we recognize the developments in
24 this industry such as the expansion of the sport of Rugby in recent years,

1 which holds great promise to help strengthen and stabilize our tourism
2 industry; and

3 **WHEREAS**, on June 18, 2005, the people of Guam, through the hard
4 work and determination of the Guam and *Para Todu* Rugby Clubs, which help
5 make up the Guam Rugby Football Union, will share the *Håfa adai* spirit with
6 visiting teams and supporters as they witness the 2007 Rugby World Cup's
7 first qualifying match between Guam and India; and

8 **WHEREAS**, it is clear that aggressive promotion, such as the
9 coordination and implementation plans developed through the Guam Rugby
10 Football Union, sports tourism will bring many more visitors to our island
11 while raising the visibility of our entire tourism product; now, therefore, be it

12 **RESOLVED**, that *I Mina'Bente Ocho Na Liheslaturan Guåhan* does hereby,
13 on behalf of the people of Guam, commend and honor the members of the
14 Guam Rugby Football Union and its members, the Guam and *Para Todu*
15 Rugby Clubs, for their efforts in organizing the 2007 Rugby World Cup's first
16 qualifying match here on the island, and further extends to them a sincere "*un*
17 *dångkolo na si Yu'os ma'åse'* " for supporting Guam's economic progress
18 through sports tourism; and, be it further

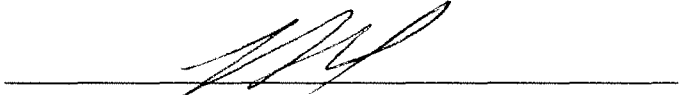
19 **RESOLVED**, that the Speaker and the Secretary of the Legislature attest
20 to the adoption hereof, and that copies of the same be thereafter transmitted
21 to the Guam Rugby Football Union; to the Guam Rugby Club; to the *Para*
22 *Todu* Rugby Club; to the Guam National Olympic Committee; and to the
23 Honorable Felix P. Camacho, *I Maga'lahaen Guåhan*.

DULY AND REGULARLY ADOPTED BY I MINA'BENTE OCHO NA

LIHESLATURAN GUÁHAN ON THE 14TH DAY OF JUNE 2005.



MARK FORBES
Speaker



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