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Relative to congratulating Aurelio S. "Nonoy" Solidum on the occasion of his well-deserved retirement, and to recognize and honor his hard work and accomplishments as a self-made man who worked his way up from humble beginnings in the Philippines, to become a Certified Public Accountant and hold a number of important positions in both the Philippines and Guam, over a span of nearly 40 years.

1 **BE IT RESOLVED BY I MINA'BENTE NUEBI NA LIHESLATURAN**
2 **GUÁHAN:**

3 **WHEREAS**, Mr. Aurelio S. "Nonoy" Solidum was born in the tiny
4 mat and hat weaving village of Nabas, Aldan, Philippines on November 4,
5 1940, the sixth of 12 siblings, and was just a little more than a year old
6 when the Imperial forces of Japan invaded this former colony of the United
7 States; and

8 **WHEREAS**, Nonoy, as he is known to his relatives and friends,
9 attended school in his province and graduated from high school at the
10 Western Aldan Academy in March of 1954 and then began working in the
11 sugar cane fields as a harvester, cutting down the cane and loading it into
12 transport wagons that would take the cane for milling; and between
13 harvests worked as a gardener to protect the young cane plants; and

14 **WHEREAS**, the experience he gained working in the cane fields
15 taught him the importance of hard work and inspired him to strive to
16 achieve success, and upon recognizing that his life in the province would
17 lead to a dead end, he ventured to Manila in 1963, where he took a job

1 assembling parquet floorings and delivering and dumping sawdust in
2 dumping grounds, earning four Pesos a day for his labors; and

3 **WHEREAS**, Nonoy was ambitious but also possessed the virtues of
4 patience and confidence, knowing that through persistence and focus he
5 would one day achieve his goals, and worked his way up to become a
6 warehouseman and then a bookkeeper after he displayed a knack for
7 numbers;; and

8 **WHEREAS**, at the same time, Nonoy began his studies at the
9 University of the East in Manila, eventually receiving his Bachelor of
10 Science degree in Business Administration with an accounting major in
11 1967; and

12 **WHEREAS**, not satisfied with just his BS, he also enrolled in CPA
13 review classes at the University of the East, and in 1968 took and passed
14 the CPA Board examination and received CPA certificate No. 20252; and

15 **WHEREAS**, Nonoy took an entry-level job with Monja Securities
16 Corporation dealing in stocks at the Securities Exchange in Makati, and
17 was soon promoted to Audit Staff Assistant and then Finance Manager,
18 and then took advantage of an opportunity to earn a higher salary, moving
19 to another company as a Cost Accountant; and

20 **WHEREAS**, having achieved a measure of success, Nonoy married
21 the love of his life, physician Adoracion Abano in June 1971, the couple
22 recently celebrating their 36th wedding anniversary; and

23 **WHEREAS**, in 1974, Nonoy joined the United Nations Development
24 Program, Manila Field Office, until 1978 when he moved to the Food and
25 Agriculture Organization as an Administrative and Finance Officer; and

26 **WHEREAS**, during this time Nonoy had been applying to emigrate
27 to Guam and in 1979 received a visa number from the U.S. Embassy in
28 Manila, and was informed by the Embassy that if he didn't take immediate

1 advantage of the opportunity he would be moved to the back of the line
2 and the visa number would be assigned to another applicant; and

3 **WHEREAS**, the Solidum family decided to take advantage of their
4 good fortune and moved to Guam in December 1979, Nonoy quickly
5 landing a job with Bordallo Consolidated, which primarily dealt with
6 selling R.J. Reynolds products, and within three years the R.J. Reynolds
7 division employees were absorbed by Atkins Kroll Inc. and Nonoy became
8 Chief Accountant in 1982; and

9 **WHEREAS**, he left in 1989 to take the position of Accounting
10 Manager for Pacific Motors, and then was hired as Assistant Controller for
11 M.V. Pangilinan enterprises, a position he held until he joined the Guam
12 Visitors Bureau, on June 21,1991, his service at the Bureau lasting for
13 sixteen-and-a-half years, until his retirement from the Government of
14 Guam on December 31, 2007; and

15 **WHEREAS**, the Solidums have been blessed with three children:
16 Patricia, a Registered Nurse Practitioner; Aurelio Jr. a Registered Nurse; and
17 their youngest, Bernardo, a graduate of the University of Hawaii in Manoa
18 with a degree in Medical Technology, who works at a hospital in Las
19 Vegas, and they are additionally blessed with two grandchildren and a
20 third is due in January 2008; and

21 **WHEREAS**, perhaps because of his family's interest in health care,
22 Nonoy led an active lifestyle when he was younger, taking enjoyment in
23 playing basketball, volleyball and running, and more recently has taken up
24 the fitness hobby of walking to help maintain his health; and

25 **WHEREAS**, Nonoy has always been a caring individual who
26 gives back to his community through his involvement in civic and religious
27 organizations, including: as Eucharistic Minister, Mount Carmel Church,
28 Agat, from 1994 to the present; President, Mount Carmel School Financial

1 Board 1988-1992; Treasurer, Vice President, and Auditor of the Filipino
2 Community of Guam; Assistant Treasurer, Guam Accountants Association
3 in 1992; President, Aklan Association of Guam, 1985-1988; Treasurer,
4 UNDP Staff Association, Manila, Philippines; Treasurer, UNDP Staff
5 Savings & Loan Association, Philippines; and has also been a member of
6 the Knights of Columbus, holding the positions of Deputy Grand Knight,
7 Grand Knight, Financial Secretary, District Deputy and State Secretary;
8 now, therefore, be it

9 **RESOLVED**, that *I Mina'bente Nuebi Na Liheslaturan Guåhan* does
10 hereby, on behalf of the people of Guam, extend congratulations to Aurelio
11 S. "Nonoy" Solidum on the occasion of his well-deserved retirement, and
12 be it further

13 **RESOLVED**, that *I Mina'bente Nuebi Na Liheslaturan Guåhan* does
14 hereby, on behalf of the people of Guam, recognize and honor Aurelio S.
15 "Nonoy" Solidum as an example of the virtues of hard work, patience,
16 confidence and persistence and how they can lead to personal success; and
17 be it further

18 **RESOLVED**, that the Speaker certify, and the Secretary of the
19 Legislature attest to, the adoption hereof, and that copies of the same be
20 thereafter transmitted to his wife Adoracion Abano Solidum; to daughter
21 Patricia Solidum; to son Aurelio Solidum, Jr.; to son Bernardo Solidum; to
22 the Guam Visitors Bureau, and to the Honorable Felix P. Camacho, *I*
23 *Maga'lahaen Guåhan*.

**DULY AND REGULARLY ADOPTED BY I MINA'BENTE NUEBI NA
LIHESLATURAN GUÅHAN ON THIS 21st DAY OF DECEMBER 2007.**