

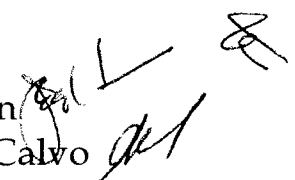
I MINA'BENTE NUEBI NA LIHESLATURAN GUÁHAN
2008 (SECOND) Regular Session

10:00 AM 3

Resolution No. 118 (LS)

Introduced by:

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Relative to recognizing and commending Michael Fowler for his valuable contributions to the advancement of mixed martial arts, particularly Brazilian Jiu-Jitsu, and raising the stature of Guam's mixed martial artists in the region.

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

3 **WHEREAS**, Michael Fowler, a native of Virginia Beach, Virginia, began
4 Jiu-Jitsu training at age 18 and quickly excelled in the sport while studying
5 under the tutelage of Master Lloyd Irvin. He received his Brazilian Jiu-Jitsu
6 (BJJ) black belt within 3 and a half years from the Lloyd Irvin Brazilian Jiu-
7 Jitsu Academy in Maryland, becoming one of only three Americans to achieve
8 black belt status in such a short amount of time; and

9 **WHEREAS**, as a BJJ black belt, Mr. Fowler became a rising star in the
10 world of Brazilian Jiu-Jitsu winning numerous competitions nationally and
11 internationally, including being a 5-time BJJ National Champion, BJJ World
12 Cup Medalist, 4th Place Overall in the 2007 ADCC Submission Wrestling
13 World Championships, and Pan American Silver Medalist; and

14 **WHEREAS**, Mr. Fowler came to Guam in 2006 as a guest instructor at
15 Team Purebred/Lloyd Irvin Brazilian Jiu-Jitsu Academy; and quickly saw the

1 potential of mixed marital artist in the islands. He took up permanent
2 residence in Guam in 2007 and has shared his skills and training techniques
3 while teaching BJJ at Team Purebred/Lloyd Irvin Brazilian Jiu- Jitsu
4 Academy; and

5 **WHEREAS**, in his short tie as a Guam resident, Mr. Fowler, along with
6 several other Guam residents, has represented our island on several occasions
7 at international BJJ tournaments, including serving as head coach for Team
8 Guam at the 2007 Pan Asia Brazilian Jiu-Jitsu Championships and winning
9 gold at the 2007 All Japan Brazilian Jiu-Jitsu Championships; and

10 **WHEREAS**, Mr. Fowler's stature in the world of Brazilian Jiu-Jitsu has
11 in turn helped raise the level of awareness of the capabilities in many of
12 Guam's own BJJ competitors on the international scene to the point that Guam
13 in now considered a regional powerhouse for Brazilian Jiu-Jitsu; now
14 therefore, be it

15 **RESOLVED**, that I Mina'Bente Nuebi Na Liheslaturan Guåhan does
16 hereby, on behalf of the people of Guam, recognize and commend Mr.
17 Michael Fowler for his outstanding contributions to the world of Brazilian Jiu-
18 Jitsu, especially in promoting the sport within Guam and assisting in gaining
19 recognition for Guam's own athletes in the world of Brazilian Jiu-Jitsu; and be
20 it further

21 **RESOLVED**, that the Speaker certify, and the Secretary of the Legislature
22 attest to, the adoption hereof and that copies of the same be thereafter transmitted to
23 Mr. Mike Fowler, Head Instructor, Team Purebred/Lloyd Irvin Brazilian Jiu Jitsu
24 Academy, Guam; to Mr. Lloyd Irvin, Lloyd Irvin Brazilian Jiu Jitsu Academy, Camp
25 Springs, Maryland; and to the Honorable Felix P. Camacho, I Maga'lahren Guåhan.

