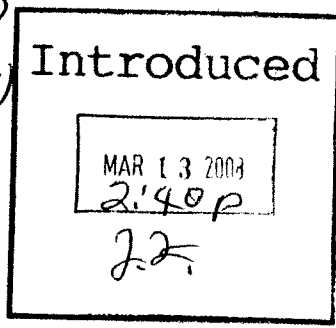


MINA'BENTE NUEBI NA LIHESLATURAN GUÁHAN
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Legislative 128(55)
Resolution No. 128(55)



Introduced by:

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Relative to congratulating Mrs. Dolores "Laling" McDonald Pangelinan, Owner/Buyer, *Special Events by Les Papillon* within our islands distinguished small business community awarded the 2008 Home-Based Business Champion of the Year.

BE IT RESOLVED BY I MINA' NUEBE NA LIHESLATURAN GUÁHAN:

WHEREAS, Mrs. Dolores, "*Laling*" McDonald Pangelinan is a woman of reverence whose story is one of sacrifice, tragedy and ultimately triumph. Mrs. Pangelinan is the eldest of 12 siblings who understood early in life the value of family and that through love and support, one can overcome anything; and

WHEREAS, Mrs. Dolores "*Laling*" McDonald Pangelinan learned her son was stricken with cerebral palsy and decided to retire from her full-time job to be able to care for and spend the last years of her son's life with him. *Laling* decided to start a business that would keep her close to home and supplement her family's income with her skill for baking and experience with party planning. *Laling* obtained her business license and started "*Special Events by Les Papillon.*"; and

WHEREAS, running a home-based business afforded *Laling* the flexibility to be the main caregiver for her son who has since passed on. She somberly recalls the days of rushing home after setting up a party to ensure that someone was always home to care for him. *Laling's* toughest challenge these days is ensuring she is there to care for her grandchildren and often plans and works her schedule around her baby-sitting hours; and

WHEREAS, as with many small communities, success can be generated naturally with family networks as in the case for *Laling*, success came easy from a snowballing of referrals garnered through the many local celebrations that she has baked for and has helped plan; and

WHEREAS, "*Special Event by Les Papillon*" was established in 1986 as a bakeshop/event planning business on Guam owned and operated in the home by Mrs. Dolores "*Laling*" McDonald Pangelinan. Establishing the business from the comforts of home was the best decision for *Laling* as it allowed her to stay home to care for her late son and it keeps her close to her family; and

WHEREAS, to assist *Laling* with her flourishing business, "*Special Events by Les Papillon*", and allow her to offer more services, her husband, John, constructed a small building adjacent to the family home where the majority of the business operates. Mr. Pangelinan has also built many of the props she uses for all the parties she organizes. *Laling's* children have also helped decorate backgrounds and organize parties; and

WHEREAS, “*Special Events by Les Papillon*” has expanded to include cake decorating, floral arrangement, event planning, special function organization and prop background setting. Her home business has been extended for extra storage and bakery space to handle projects at a commercial level. Her four (4) storage areas include one (1) room for table skirts and fabric, one (1) room for ribbons, cake supplies and flowers, one (1) room for tables and one (1) room for additional props. *Laling’s* home also includes three (3) kitchens - one (1) for the family’s personal use, a second for baking and the third for decorating cakes; and

WHEREAS, through money saved while working full-time, *Laling* was able to purchase supplies as well as a van to deliver the decorations and pastries to events. She became a member of special events and attended many conventions to keep up with the changing market, provided her great exposure and allowed her to keep abreast with new trends in her field of business. *Laling* also offers a website featuring her product offering and showcases many of her previous events; and

WHEREAS, a true advocate for the community, *Laling* hopes that more local people will be inspired to start their own business which could help stimulate the economy. *Laling McDonald Pangelinan* is pleased with the success of “*Special Events by Les Papillon*” and hopes to continue to offer her services for generations to come; and

WHEREAS, *Laling* proclaims how absolutely overjoyed she is to provide services to customers who have gone through her before, stating “It feels like meeting up with long-lost relatives.” She demonstrates that success can be achieved through dedication, hard work and maintaining the value of family; and

WHEREAS, with over 20 years of experience, *Laling* prides herself in referrals and return business as many of her satisfied customers have vowed to use her services for other special events or have referred her services to their family and friends. In the end, the spirit of her son lives on through the success of “*Special Events by Les Papillon*”, a fact that *Laling* will never forget; and, now therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that the members of *I Mina’ Bente Nuebe Na Liheslaturan Guåhan* congratulate Mrs. Dolores “*Laling*” McDonald Pangelinan Owner and Buyer, “*Special Events by Les Papillon*” within our islands distinguished small business community awarded the 2008 Home-Based Business Champion of the Year and further extend to her a sincere *Un Dangklo Na Si Yu’os Ma’åse’* for the outstanding joy and contribution she has brought to countless number of residents of our Island Community; and, be it further

RESOLVED, that the Speaker certify, and the Secretary of the Legislature attests to, the adoption hereof and that copies of the same be thereafter transmitted to Mrs. Dolores “*Laling*” McDonald Pangelinan and to the Honorable Felix P. Camacho, *I Maga’lahen Guåhan*.

DULY AND REGULARLY ADOPTED BY *I MINA' BENTE NUEBE NA LIHESLATURAN GUÁHAN* ON THE _____ DAY OF _____, 2008.

RAY TENORIO
Acting Speaker

JESSE A. LUJAN
Senator and
Secretary of the Legislature