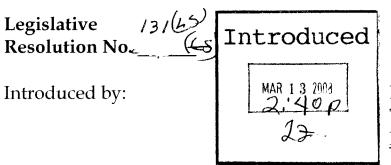
MINA'BENTE NUEBI NA LIHESLATURAN GUÅHAN 2008 (SECOND) Regular Session



Edward J.B. Calvo *free* T. R. Muña-Barnes <u>Frank F. Blas, Jr.</u>

Relative to congratulating Ms. AnnMarie T. Muña, President/General Manager, *AM Insurance* within our islands distinguished small business community awarded the 2008 Women In Business Champion of the Year.

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

WHEREAS, Ms. AnnMarie T. Muña comes from a dedicated, honest and hardworking people who are committed to supporting and helping others, a close-knit family with strong convictions, whose parents always did things for people and found joy in bringing families together; and

WHEREAS, Ms. AnnMarie T. Muña graduate with top honors from the University of Guam and holds a Bachelors Degree in Business Administration with a double major in Management and Public Administration; and

WHEREAS, Ms. AnnMarie T. Muña established "AM Insurance" (Access to Markets for Insurance/AMI) in January 1994 as a sole proprietorship and incorporated in June 1996 responding to a growing need for excess and surplus coverage for large local companies. She

entered the insurance industry as an insurance clerk and worked her way up as an underwriter. She also gained valuable insight into marketing and underwriting as Production Manager having been employed for 13 years with Universe Insurance Underwriters, Inc.; and

WHEREAS, Ms. AnnMarie T. Muña professional training include marketing and underwriting for casualty, property, auto, bond, aviation and marine insurance while her international training comprises seminars in aviation, bonds, energy and lien insurance; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Muña is a licensed Insurance Broker uniquely qualified to access Excess and Surplus Lines Insurance markets in Europe and the United States and is one of the most experience brokers in the servicing of government accounts on Guam and is also a licensed Real Estate Broker; and

WHEREAS, "AM Insurance" is an aggressive independent Insurance Broker managed by Ms. Muña whose knowledge and expertise of the local insurance industry combined with her good standing relationship with international underwriters has enabled her to build a portfolio surpassing others; and

WHEREAS, "AM Insurance" built a dossier of accounts totaling over ten (10) million dollars (\$10,000,000.00) in insurance premiums and consisting mostly of large government and commercial account after three (3) years of hard work; and WHEREAS, "AM Insurance" offers all lines of insurance and is staffed with professionals who can access numerous local and international markets for their clients. All of its employees undergo extensive training enabling them to provide personalized administrative and underwriting assistance, prompt and efficient claims support as well as risk management services to all their clients; and

WHEREAS, Ms. AnnMarie T. Muña serves on the Guam Chapter of the American Red Cross Board of Directors, member of the Guam Chamber of Commerce Board of Directors and is an officer of the Bill Muña Foundation; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Muña was one of the first thirty charter members of Soroptomist International of the Marianas (SIM) organization on Guam. SIM is part of a worldwide organization for women in management and professions working through service projects to advance human rights and the status of women that espouses that a Soroptimist is a leader in her community. Ms. Muña believes that by joining with other women and engaging in awareness, advocacy and action in the service of her community and society, she can make the world a better place for mankind; and

WHEREAS, the majority of Soroptimist's work to improve the lives of women and girls is done at the local club level and although Ms. Muña is not a current member of the Soroptimist organization, as a charter member, she continues to support their projects and other non-profit organizations to assist in their mission for the betterment of our island community; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Muña's father was an inspiration who taught her that when you give to someone sincerely, it would come back tenfold. She believes in "giving back" to the community and is supportive of community-based organization through her efforts with the American Red Cross, the American Cancer Society, the Salvation Army and numerous youth sports organizations most notably the Santa Teresita church in Mangilao. In celebration of "*AM Insurance's*" 10th Anniversary, Ms. Muña coordinated a golf tournament and 5K run to raise funds for the American Red Cross. Her efforts resulted in a donation of \$10,000.00; and

WHEREAS, She feels strongly that the Lord has blessed her with good fortune so that she can help other people. She also credits her family for her strength, wisdom and her passion for living and continues to volunteer for the Severe Combined Immunodeficiency (SCID) Kid Foundation in an effort to increase awareness and provide financial support for those diagnosed with the rare, life-threatening disease present at birth. SCID, also known as the "boy in the bubble" syndrome, causes a child to have very little or no immune system whereby the child's body is unable to fight off infections because living in the normal environment can prove fatal to children afflicted with the disease; and WHEREAS, like its president/general manager, "AM Insurance" owners believe in giving back to the community because they want to based on their commitment that social responsibility builds better communities, stronger families and better professional relationships. Through "AM Insurance," Ms. AnnMarie T. Muña is a business partner of the Airports Council International (ACI) and also a member of the Association of Pacific Ports (APP); and

WHEREAS, "AM Insurance" sets aside a portion of their annual income for charitable contributions to the American Cancer Society, Make a Wish Foundation, the American Red Cross and numerous other local organizations. "AM Insurance" sponsors or donates to local sports organization and donates to the numerous fundraising efforts for families in need to raise funds for medical reasons; and

WHEREAS, Ms. AnnMarie T. Muña has ventured into other enterprises as a shareholder and director for *Y Ma'gas Inc.* a locally, women-owned company, of which she was instrumental in the development and formation of the company in September 2004, that provides administrative services, event planning and bookkeeping services to small businesses on island. Her latest endeavor is the creation of *AM Properties* which offers mortgage brokering and real estate and property management still in its infancy and expected to begin operations in 2008; and WHEREAS, Ms. AnnMarie T. Muña has over twenty-eight (28) years of insurance knowledge and experience and her unique qualities and the phenomenal growth of *"AM Insurance"* afforded the company the reputation for being a leading broker on Guam; and, now therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that the members of *I Mina' Bente Nuebe Na Liheslaturan Guåhan* congratulate Ms. AnnMarie T. Muña, President/General Manager, "AM Insurance" within our islands distinguished small business community awarded the 2008 Women in Business Champion of the Year and further extend to her a sincere *Un Dangklo Na Si Yu'os Ma'åse'* for her outstanding contributions for the betterment 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 Ms. AnnMarie T. Muña and to the Honorable Felix P. Camacho, *I Maga'lahen Guåhan*.

DULY AND REGULARLY ADOPTED BY I MINA' BENTE NUEBE NA LIHESLATURAN GUÅHAN ON THE _____ DAY OF_____, 2008.

RAY TENORIO Acting Speaker JESSE A. LUJAN Senator and Secretary of the Legislature