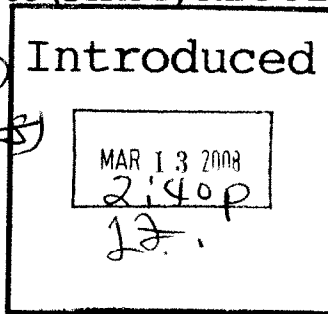


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Relative to congratulating Ms. Farida "Faye" Varias, Editor, "Glimpses" Publication, within our islands distinguished small business community awarded the 2008 Journalist of the Year.

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

3 WHEREAS, Ms. Farida "Faye" Balmonte Varias attended the University  
4 of Hawaii at Manoa from 1998 - 2002 graduating with a Bachelor of Arts in  
5 English; and

6 WHEREAS, Ms. Farida "Faye" Balmonte Varias's journalism career  
7 began way before she knew it. As a child, Ms. Varias liked writing having  
8 been the winner of an island-wide essay contest when she was in the eighth  
9 grade progressing to become the editor-in-chief of her high school yearbook;  
10 and

11 WHEREAS, Ms. Faye Varias was a freelance writer, January 2000 -  
12 November 2005, for various publications including *Guam Business* during her  
13 college years and with her English degree, Ms. Varias spent a few years  
14 writing a variety of lifestyle, business and advertorial articles for Hawaii-

1 based and Guam-based publications – *Hawaii Woman Magazine* in her capacity  
2 as Editorial Assistant, December 2003 – November 2004, as the Assistant  
3 Editor, November 2004 – November 2005 with *Hawaii Home+Remodeling*, *R&R*  
4 *Pacific Magazine* and *GU Magazine*; and

5       **WHEREAS**, Ms. Faye Varias returned to Guam in December 2005, a  
6 place she considers home to work in a community in which she is familiar and  
7 feels she has the ability to make a difference. Ms. Varias was hired as the  
8 editor for *Guam Business*, a bi-monthly business publication with stories about  
9 Micronesia and *R&R Pacific*, a lifestyle magazine catered to Guam’s military  
10 population. Six (6) months later she took on another local publication, *Marine*  
11 *Drive Magazine*, Guam’s most circulated lifestyle magazine; and

12       **WHEREAS**, with Ms. Faye Varias as editor of *Guam Business* its  
13 frequency increased from a quarterly to bi-monthly publication; *R&R Pacific*  
14 increased its frequency from a bi-annual to bi-monthly publication, and  
15 *Marine Drive Magazine* had doubled in size; and

16       **WHEREAS**, Ms. Varias as the editor for three (3) Guam-based  
17 publications is in a position to inform the public about several events and  
18 activities of organizations who aid small businesses. Ms. Varias plays a major  
19 role in the execution of high-profile events such as the annual *Guam Business*  
20 Executive of the Year Program and the First Hawaiian Bank and *Guam*  
21 *Business Businesswoman of the Year Maga’haga Award* program which  
22 promotes small business and increases awareness through coverage of  
23 thriving and upcoming small businesses and small business sponsors; and

1           **WHEREAS,** *Guam Business* received the 2007 Most Generous  
2 Scholarship Support Award from the University of Guam for the First  
3 Hawaiian Bank and *Guam Business* Businesswoman of the Year *Maga'haga*  
4 Award Program Scholarship and the *R&R Pacific* received a commendation  
5 from the Guam Visitors Bureau as the Most Outstanding Local Media  
6 Promotion in 2006 with Ms. Varias' coordination and editorial activities  
7 direction for the publications from conceptualization to press checks, planning  
8 and execution of company-sponsored events. Within the last year, Ms. Varias  
9 played a major role in the launch of three (3) new promotions for *Marine Drive*  
10 *Magazine* which increased reader interest and circulation supervising  
11 reporters and freelancers who assist in selecting and preparing material for  
12 publication in the magazines. *Guam Business, Marine Drive Magazine and R&R*  
13 *Pacific* highlight small businesses issues in a variety of ways often allowing  
14 business owners to share their experiences in their own words as they bring a  
15 greater understanding of the achievements and bringing light to the  
16 challenges that confront small business owners to the readership.; and

17           **WHEREAS,** Ms. Faye Balmonte Varias list of accomplishments and  
18 recognition include - publicity committee head of the University of Hawaii at  
19 Manoa *Rock the Vote* campaign in 2000, voted 2001 Resident Advisor of the  
20 Year at the University of Hawaii at Manoa. Ms. Varias volunteered for *Hawaii*  
21 *Business'* Black Book event honoring Hawaii's Top 250 companies in 2005,  
22 served as a volunteer for the San Vicente School's Read-A-Thon program and  
23 completed a Guam Judges/Journalist Workshop for the National Center for  
24 Courts and Media in 2006. In 2007, Ms. Varias represented *Guam Business* as a

1 Career Day guest speaker in 2006 and 2007 for the University of Guam, Notre  
2 Dame High School, the Department of Defense High School and the Academy  
3 of Our Lady of Guam; and

4       **WHEREAS**, Ms. Faye Balmonte Varias further completed a Superior  
5 Performance Evaluation Webinar, Watson Training & Development in 2007,  
6 since 2006 to present continues to organize publicity efforts and gala  
7 arrangements for the First Hawaiian Bank and *Guam Business* Businesswoman  
8 of the Year *Maga'haga* Award Program. She has since 2005 plans and  
9 coordinates the annual *Guam Business* Executive of the Year program with the  
10 American Red Cross, Guam Chapter. Ms. Varias launched three (3) new  
11 promotions for *Marine Drive Magazine (MDM)* in 2007 - the *MDM* Cover Girl  
12 Search, the Little Miss *MDM* Photo Contest and the Little Dream Dude Photo  
13 Contest; and

14       **WHEREAS**, Ms. Varias is the recipient of a commendation from the  
15 Guam Visitors Bureau's Most Outstanding Local Media Program in 2006 for  
16 *R&R Pacific* magazine. She was awarded the Guam 2007 Small Business  
17 Administration Journalist of the Year and the 2007 Most Generous Scholarship  
18 Support Award from the University of Guam for the First Hawaiian Bank and  
19 *Guam Business* Businesswoman of the Year *Maga'haga* Award Program  
20 Scholarship; and

21       **WHEREAS**, *Guam Business*, *Marine Drive Magazine*, and *R&R Pacific*  
22 emphasize the contribution of small business to the islands economy. Ms.  
23 Faye Balmonte Varias' understanding of the central role of small business and  
24 the importance of news of small business development and events extends to

1 community organizations and many small business members. She regularly  
2 interacts with small business owners to increase their coverage in the  
3 magazines and to discuss matters of mutual interests; and

4       **WHEREAS**, Ms. Farida “Faye” Balmonte Varias is involved with her  
5 high school alumni organization and her alma mater’s activities and recently  
6 started volunteering for the Make-a-Wish Foundation of Guam. Since 2006,  
7 Ms. Varias remains active in the Guam Chamber of Commerce and the Guam  
8 Hotel & Restaurant Association. She retained membership in 2005 with the  
9 Hawaii Publishers Association, the Hawaii Society of Professional Journalists  
10 and the National Kitchen & Bath Association, Aloha Chapter; and

11       **WHEREAS**, Ms. Farida “Faye” Balmonte Varias has built relationships  
12 with a variety of companies that impact small businesses and has a broad  
13 understanding of the prominence of small businesses in contributing to the  
14 economy of Guam and Micronesia; now, therefore, be it

15       **RESOLVED**, that *I Mina’Bente Nuebi Na Liheslaturan Guåhan* does  
16 hereby, on behalf of the people of Guam, congratulate Ms. Fraida B. “Faye”  
17 Varias, Editor, *Glimpses* publication, within our islands small business  
18 community awarded the 2008 Small Business Administration Journalist of the  
19 Year; and be it further

20       **RESOLVED**, that the Speaker certify, and the Secretary of the  
21 Legislature attest to, the adoption hereof and that copies of the same be  
22 thereafter transmitted to Ms. Fraida B. “Faye” Varias; and to the Honorable  
23 Felix P. Camacho, *I Maga’lahen Guåhan*.

DULY AND REGULARLY ADOPTED BY *I MINA'BENTE NUEBI NA LIHESLATURAN GUÁHAN* ON THE \_\_\_\_ DAY OF \_\_\_\_\_ 2008.

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JUDITH T. WON PAT, Ed. D.  
Speaker

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TINA ROSE MUÑA-BARNES  
Senator and  
Secretary of the Legislature