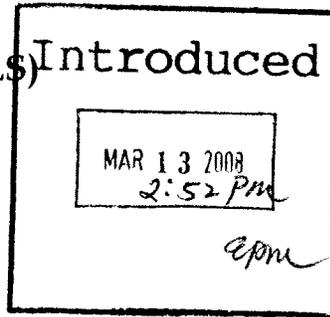


**I MINA'BENTE NUEBE NA LIHESLATURAN GUÅHAN  
2008 (SECOND) REGULAR SESSION**

Resolution No. <sup>135</sup> \_\_\_ (LS) **Introduced**

Introduced by:



Edward J.B. Calvo *[Signature]*  
Frank T. Ishizaki *[Signature]*  
Frank F. Blas, Jr. *[Signature]*

**Relative to congratulating the Guam Chamber of Commerce for hosting the 41<sup>st</sup> Asia-Pacific Council of American Chambers of Commerce Conference, March 13-15, 2008 on Guam in coordination with the Asia Pacific Council of American Chambers of Commerce.**

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

3        **WHEREAS,** the Guam Chamber of Commerce is a non-profit voluntary  
4 association of business and professional individuals and firms united in their  
5 desire to improve business and build a better social and economic community  
6 on Guam. The organization is strong because of an extensive membership  
7 united in its goals of advancing the general welfare and prosperity of Guam  
8 and guided by its Code of Ethics.; and

9        **WHEREAS,** the Guam Chamber of Commerce's Mission Statement is to  
10 advance the general welfare of its members by promoting the economic, social  
11 and environmental well-being of the Territory of Guam; and

12        **WHEREAS,** the Guam Chamber of Commerce seeks to develop,  
13 encourage, promote and protect the commercial, professional, financial, and  
14 general business interest of the Territory of Guam, to extend and promote the

1 trade and commerce, and foster, develop and protect the industry of the  
2 Territory, to procure laws and regulations desirable for the benefit of business  
3 in general, and to provide a forum for the reflection of sentiments of business  
4 regarding matters affecting its interest; and

5       **WHEREAS**, the Chamber has only four (4) employees with no  
6 bureaucracy to strangle proposals but rather encourages membership input.  
7 The Chamber is the salesman and watchdog unceasingly promoting the  
8 products and services of local businesses while at the same time protecting  
9 their interests. This is particularly important in the political arena where a  
10 single voice can go unheard, but the collective, united voice of the Chamber of  
11 Commerce has often proven effective and beneficial to businesses; and

12       **WHEREAS**, the Asia Pacific Council of American Chambers of  
13 Commerce (APCAC) members combine their resources and knowledge to  
14 develop a common understanding of regional issues, problems and concerns  
15 facing the American business community in Asia-Pacific to discuss and adopt  
16 positions on priority issues. APCAC develops a strategy for expressing and  
17 giving effect to its opinions on each issue. Organizations are identified with  
18 mutual interests and pursue a course of action to disseminate and  
19 communicate its positions to relevant governments and other organizations;  
20 and

21       **WHEREAS**, APCAC meets annually with U.S. Government decision-  
22 makers during a "Washington Doorknock" in June at which time the  
23 chairman leads a delegation to the Nation's Capital to meet with leaders of  
24 Congress and senior members of the Administration. APCAC's annual trip

1 increases the U. S. Governments awareness of American business activities  
2 and concerns in the region. APCAC is well-received at the highest levels  
3 establishing mutually beneficial relationships and areas of cooperation are  
4 identified; and

5       **WHEREAS**, APCAC delegations annually meet with United States  
6 government and business leaders visiting the Asia-Pacific region to discuss  
7 trade and investment issues that affect the competitiveness of American  
8 business. The organization also maintains regular communications with high-  
9 level host country government officials through its member American  
10 Chambers of Commerce;

11       **WHEREAS**, the American Chambers of Commerce members are on  
12 Guam to attend the 41<sup>st</sup> Asia Pacific Council of American Chambers of  
13 Commerce (APCAC) Conference from March 13-15, 2008. The Conference will  
14 provide delegates with opportunities to network with U. S. Government and  
15 national security professionals, business leaders and peers from around the  
16 region, including fellow members of American Chambers of Commerce's  
17 Boards of Governors, senior executives from multi-national corporations and  
18 entrepreneurs that have developed substantial APCAC-based businesses; and

19       **WHEREAS**, the 2008 Conference theme, "*Economic Security and*  
20 *Opportunities in the Asia Pacific Region,*" will provide us with a forum to gain  
21 insight and discuss regional security issues and, collaborate on regional and  
22 industry levels as well as share ideas on how to maximize the growing  
23 opportunities available in the markets this year and in the immediate future;  
24 and

1           **WHEREAS**, additional highlights of the Conference will include  
2 keynote addresses and participation by senior U. S. government officials  
3 including the Honorable Felix P. Camacho, *I Maga'lahren Guåhan*, and the  
4 Director of the Joint Guam Program Office, Captain Robert Lee, and  
5 discussion and preparation for the annual "Doorknock" in Washington, DC;  
6 now, therefore, be it

7           **RESOLVED**, that *I Mina'Bente Nuebi Na Liheslaturan Guåhan* does  
8 hereby, on behalf of the people of Guam, congratulate the Guam Chamber of  
9 Commerce for hosting the 41<sup>st</sup> Asia-Pacific Council of American Chambers of  
10 Commerce Conference, March 13-15, 2008 on Guam in coordination with the  
11 Asia Pacific Council of American Chambers of Commerce; and be it further

12           **RESOLVED**, that the Speaker certify, and the Secretary of the  
13 Legislature attest to, the adoption hereof and that copies of the same be  
14 thereafter transmitted to the Guam Chamber of Commerce, the Asia Pacific  
15 Council of American Chambers of Commerce and to the Honorable Felix P.  
16 Camacho, *I Maga'lahren Guåhan*.

**DULY AND REGULARLY ADOPTED BY I MINA'BENTE NUEBI NA  
LIHESLATURAN GUÅHAN 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