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

Legislative

Resolution No. 138 (65)

Introduced by:

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Relative to congratulating Mr. Gary North on his retirement as Senior Vice President, Pacific with Matson after a 27 year career to include a maritime career spanning four (4) decades and to further extending him a sincere appreciation and *Un Dangkolo Na Si Yu'os Ma'åse'* for the start up of our Guam service, formation of the Stevedoring Services of America (SSAT) for the betterment of our Island Community.

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

WHEREAS, Mr. Gary North attended public elementary and junior high school on Guam; graduated from Father Dueñas Memorial High School in 1984; earned a Bachelor's degree in Business Management from Oregon State University, Portland, Oregon in 1989; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Gary North started with Matson dating back to 1967, as a cargo planner in Hawaii's freight department. From 1968 - 1970, Mr. North held sales and booking positions in the company's

freight marketing and operations departments. He transferred to San Francisco in 1970 as fleet operations supervisor and in 1971, Mr. North accepted a management position with Seatrain Lines; and

WHEREAS, in 1974 Mr. Gary North joined U.S. Lines and throughout his career with U. S. Lines, he held various senior management positions on the U.S. East and West Coast. He has also served as vice president, Far East, and was based in Hong Kong for five (5) years. In 1986, he was promoted to executive vice president, Pacific Services, and returned to the East Coast; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Gary North rejoined Matson as vice president, area manager, Hawaii, in 1987 and was promoted to vice president, operations, and transferred to Matson's headquarters in San Francisco in 1990. In 1991, Mr. North was assigned the additional responsibility of serving as president of Matson Terminals, Inc. With the guidance and management capabilities of Mr. North, Matson Terminals introduced the first Automatic Equipment Identification (AEI) in the industry, resulting in significant improvements in gate turn times.

WHEREAS, Mr. North's role as president of Matson Terminals also involved modernizing Matson's Sand Island operation by introducing innovative new technologies that have improved

efficiency and overall customer service at our hub facility in the Pacific and became senior vice president of Matson Navigation Company in 1993; and

WHEREAS, in the 1990s, Mr. North oversaw Matson Terminals, both on the West Coast and in Hawaii, served on the Board of the Pacific Maritime Association and was involved in two (2) contract negotiations. He later administered a major overhaul of Matson Terminals' operations in the latter part of the decade, which encompassed converting to a wheeled operation and introducing state-of-the-art GPS technology for container tracking; and

WHEREAS, during his career at Matson, Mr. North has had an instrumental role in a number of important initiatives that have been key to the company's growth and development. He was closely involved in the start up of Matson's Guam service when it was a joint operating agreement with American President Lines (APL) in 1996; and

WHEREAS, when Matson partnered with Stevedoring Services of America in 1999 to form SSAT on the West Coast, Mr. North was the primary point person for the transition and start up of the new entity.

WHEREAS, prior to Mr. North's transfer to Hawaii in 2003 as senior vice president, Pacific, he was involved in the operations component of the construction of the first two (2) ships built at Aker Philadelphia Shipyard; and

WHEREAS, Mr. North had an equally important role in transitioning our Guam service to a Matson-dedicated operation. He also spearheaded the expansion of Matson's presence in the region by developing a bi-weekly liner service for Micronesia in mid-2006; and

WHEREAS, Allen Doane, Matson chairman and A&B chairman recognized Mr. Gary North's remarkable contributions to Matson's business operation, he equally acknowledged Mr. North's tremendous compassion for community service. He further commended Mr. North for his efforts in extending Matson's, as well as the A&B Foundation's, charitable reach in the Pacific to remote regions such as Micronesia and the Marshall Islands. He further expounded on Mr. North's tremendous job representing Matson in a wide range of community service programs and has done so in a heartfelt, genuine manner; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Gary North currently serves on the Board of the American Red Cross local chapter, the Hawaii Food Bank and Aloha United Way. He had a leadership role supporting First Lady

Joann Camacho's effort to revive Guam's Bookmobile in 2004 which had been out of service for nearly 10 years; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Jim Andrasick, Matson president and CEO recognized Mr. Gary North as being very well respected and regarded within the Matson organization known to speak with sincere emotion about his employees at company functions and has hired a number of highly valued members of Matson's management team, including senior executives Ron Forest and Dave Hoppes. Mr. Andrasick further commended Mr. North for being passionate about Matson and its people which has been reflected in all that he has done for the company over the years; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Gary North's contributions to Matson have been enormous and encompassed such milestones as the start up of our Guam service, formation of the Stevedoring Services of America (SSAT) and automation of the company's hub at Sand Island in Honolulu, Hawaii; and

WHEREAS, most recently, Mr. Gary has been at the forefront of the Hawaii Harbors Users Group (HHUG) in its efforts to address the need to modernize the state's port facilities; while Mr. North will officially retire on April 1, 2008, he will continue to work for Matson on a consulting basis on matters pertaining to HHUG, replacement

cranes for Guam and other key initiatives involving Matson's operations in the Pacific and, now therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that the members of *I Mina' Bente Nuebe Na Liheslaturan Guåhan* congratulate Mr. Gary North after a maritime career that has spanned four decades, including 27 years with Matson, and further extend to him a sincere *Un Dangkolo Na Si Yu'os Ma'åse'* for the service and contributions he has made 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 Mr. Gary North, Senior Vice President - Pacific, Matson Navigation Company, Inc., Mr. James S. Andrasick, President and Chief Executive Officer, Matson Navigation Company, Inc., Mr. Matthew J. Cox, Chief Operating Officer, Matson Navigation Company, Inc., Mr. Nelson N. S. Chun, Senior Vice President and Chief Legal Officer, Alexander & Baldwin, Inc., Mr. Dave Hoppes, Senior Vice President (Ocean Services), and to the Honorable Felix P. Camacho, *I Maga'lahaen Guåhan*.

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

JUDITH P. WON PAT, Ed. D.
Speaker

TINA ROSE MUÑA-BARNES
Senator and
Secretary of the Legislature