

I MINA'BENTE NUEBI NA LIHESLATURAN GUÁHAN
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Resolution No. 163 (EC)

Introduced by:

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RELATIVE TO COMMENDING ERIC ANTHONY PEREZ SOTTO FOR HIS SUSTAINED SUPERIOR ATHLETIC PERFORMANCE FOR GUAM SOCCER TEAMS, AND CONGRATULATING HIM ON EARNING AN ATHLETIC SCHOLARSHIP TO ATTEND OAKLAND CITY UNIVERSITY OF INDIANA, A MEN'S SOCCER NCAA DIVISION II PARTICIPATING INSTITUTION

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

WHEREAS, Eric Anthony Perez Sotto entered our lives on September 10, 1990, compliments of Manuel and Laretta Sotto; and

WHEREAS, Eric Sotto interest in soccer actively began at the age of three, and continued through out his childhood, playing for Sidekicks and Hyundai Under-16; and

WHEREAS, young Eric participated in team play for his middle school's Bishop Baumgartner Obispos, which were champions of their league in 2001 and 2002; and

WHEREAS, Eric's scoring has been publicly highlighted in Pacific Daily News sports articles since 2002; and

WHEREAS, as a traveling member of Guam's first Under-12 National Team, Eric scored Guam's first goal in the 2002 Ryugasaki Friendship Tournament in Japan, and was named one the tournament's standout players; and

WHEREAS, young Eric contributed goals toward wins in competition in China and at a tournament held at Leo Palace Resort on Guam as a member of Guam's Under-14 National Team; and

WHEREAS, as a member of Guam's Under-17 National Team, Eric trained at Japan's J-Village and competed in a tournament held in North Korea, where he scored three goals in two games; and

WHEREAS, in July 2006, Eric participated in an under-16 team representing Guam in the Hawaii International Cup, where he scored against Hawaii's top team and helped his team tie for first place; and

WHEREAS, Eric participated as a member of Guam's Under-19 National Team in training at Japan's J-Village and in competition at the San Diego Surf Cup, where he scored two goals in group stage and one goal in Semifinals play; and

WHEREAS, Eric Sotto, having earned the Golden Boot award for 33 goals in eleven games, was the first pick selected overall in a Guam Football Association player



draft, conducted in September 2007 to distribute the talent of the Guam National Team among teams in the domestic league; and

WHEREAS, most recently, Eric Sotto was selected to compete in Macau as a member of Guam's Men's National Team; and

WHEREAS, young Eric's participation in tournament play as a member of Guam national teams has been concurrent with his matriculation at Father Duenas Memorial School; and

WHEREAS, as a member of the Father Duenas Friars soccer team, Eric Sotto distinguished himself as a valuable scorer, with 24 goals in his junior year; and

WHEREAS, in part for goals scored in his junior year, Eric Sotto garnered the most team coach votes of any Independent Interscholastic Athletic Association of Guam Boys Soccer League player selected to the 2006 All-Island Team; and

WHEREAS, Eric Sotto excelled as an athlete while accumulating a 3.2 grade point average overall, with particular aptitude for mathematics; and

WHEREAS, from the age of six to the present, Eric also devoted his time and attention to spiritual life in his community, as a Knight of the Altar at St. Jude Thaddeus Catholic Church and at St. Fidelis Capuchin Friary; and

WHEREAS, as a graduating senior, Eric placed his athletic achievements at the service of his academic aspirations to study engineering or business management, through his self-directed investigation of college athletic scholarship opportunities; and

WHEREAS; Eric Anthony Perez Sotto was offered a major athletic scholarship by Oakland City University in Gibson County, Indiana, to defray 75% of tuition costs in his first year; and

WHEREAS, this scholarship offer was publicly accepted in a signing ceremony at Father Duenas Phoenix Center on April 28, 2008, with family members, school officials and news media present; and

WHEREAS, this athletic scholarship affords Eric the opportunity to train and participate in progressively challenging settings appropriate for his age and skill level, as a member of Oakland City University's Men's Soccer team in NCAA Division II competition; and

WHEREAS, the hopes and dreams of parents everywhere is for the innate potential of their children to be nurtured and flourish in their community; and

WHEREAS, the fundamental purpose of community institutions as schools, public facilities and non-profit sports programs is fulfilled to the extent that our youth apply themselves wholeheartedly to developing their skills and talents in preparation for a lifetime of citizenship and contribution to their community as adults; and

WHEREAS, through personal choices made daily throughout his young life, Eric Anthony Perez Sotto has demonstrated his appreciation for the advantages and opportunities presented to him by his loving parents, island community and country; and

WHEREAS, *I Liheslaturan Guåhan* wishes to publicly recognize outstanding individuals within our community whose complete character and particular achievements commend them to be deemed models of good citizenship worthy of emulation; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that *I Mina' Bente Nuebi Na Liheslaturan Guåhan* does hereby, on behalf of the people of Guam, Commend Eric Anthony Perez Sotto for his sustained superior athletic performance as a scoring member of Guam soccer teams at the school, league and national team levels; and be it further

RESOLVED, that *I Mina' Bente Nuebi Na Liheslaturan Guåhan* does hereby, on behalf of the people of Guam, extend its Congratulations to Eric Anthony Perez Sotto on the occasion of his recognition as a scholar-athlete worthy of substantial financial incentive to attend Oakland City University of Gibson County, Indiana, and to

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participate in its Men's Soccer program in NCAA Division II competition; and be it further

RESOLVED, that the Speaker certify, and the Secretary of the Legislature attest to the adoption hereof, and that copies of the same be thereafter transmitted to Eric Anthony Perez Sotto, to his parents Manuel and Laretta Sotto, to Father Duenas Memorial School, to the Guam Football Association, and to the Governor of Guam.

DULY AND REGULARLY ADOPTED BY I MINA'BENTE NUEBI NA LIHESLATURAN GUÅHAN ON THE ____ DAY OF MAY, 2008.

JUDITH T. WON PAT, Ed.D
Speaker

TINA ROSE MUNA BARNES
Senator and Secretary of the Legislature