

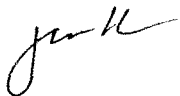
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MINA' BENTE NUEBI NA LIHESLATURAN GUÅHAN

2008 (SECOND) Regular Session

Res. No. 190 (LS)

Introduced by:

J. V. Espaldon 

RELATIVE TO CONGRATULATING THE DEDICATED EMPLOYEES, MANAGEMENT AND THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE JOSE D. LEON GUERRERO PORT AUTHORITY AS THEY CELEBRATE THEIR THIRTY-THIRD (33RD) ANNIVERSARY AND OBSERVE OCTOBER 20, 2008 THROUGH OCTOBER 24, 2008 AS PORT WEEK.

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

3 WHEREAS, the Jose D. Leon Guerrero Port Authority was established as a
4 public corporation and autonomous government agency on October 1975; and

5 WHEREAS, over the last three decades, our Port has provided full services
6 to ocean passenger, cargo and fishing vessels who have called upon our seaport
7 and has developed into a major transshipment center for the Western Pacific; and

8 WHEREAS, the Port is the lifeline to our island and critical to our country's
9 national security. It is essential for the continued development of our economy and
10 the anticipated military buildup as well as well as for the survival of the people of
11 Guam due to our dependence on imported goods including food, fuel, medical
12 supplies, equipment and raw materials; and

13 Whereas, in 2007, the Port moved two million sixty eight thousand seven
14 hundred seventy-five revenue tons of cargo (2,068,775) and about ninety-nine
15 thousand six hundred thirty (99,630) containers; and

1 Whereas, the three hundred forty six (346) dedicated and hardworking
2 employees handle port operations as stevedores, cargo checkers, equipment
3 operators, accountants, tariff specialists, administrative staff, and managers for the
4 five (5) cargo handling piers, a container yard, two (2) fuel piers, two (2) marinas
5 and a harbor of refuge; and

6 Whereas, the Port annually services over one thousand one hundred seventy
7 (1,170) cargo ships and fishing vessels from around the world; and

8 Whereas, over the past fiscal year, the Port recognized a \$3.6 million increase
9 in operating revenues due to the rise in the number of cargo handled and rate
10 adjustments; and

11 Whereas, the Port continues to maintain its ageing equipment and successfully
12 passed the annual Occupational Safety and Health Administration inspection for all
13 cargo handling equipment; and

14 Whereas, the Port has made significant strides in preparing for the impending
15 military buildup by laying out the road map for the Port's modernization through
16 the Master Plan Updates and; and

17 Whereas, the Port is addressing the military's concern that the facility is the
18 "chokepoint" for the build-up through the completion of the Port Master Plan
19 Updates, the Financial Feasibility Study and the agency's move to partner with
20 various federal agencies that will assist and facilitate the modernization and
21 expansion programs; and

22 Whereas, the Board of Directors, Management and employees stand committed
23 to delivering cargo in a timely and efficient manner, and to moving forward with
24 the recommendations outlined in the Master Plan Updates to transform the Port
25 Authority of Guam into a modern facility; now, be it therefore

1 RESOLVED, that *I Mina'Bente Na Liheslaturan Guåhan* does hereby on
2 behalf of the people of Guam, congratulate and commend the dedicated employees,
3 management and the Board of Directors of the Jose D. Leon Guerrero Port
4 Authority on their thirty-third (33rd) anniversary; and be it further

5 RESOLVED, that *I Mina'Bente Na Liheslaturan Guåhan* does hereby, on
6 behalf of the people of Guam, recognize the importance of “Port Week” and
7 encourage the people of our island to actively participate in the many activities
8 relating to the thirty-third celebration; and be it further

9 RESOLVED, that the Speaker certify to, and the Secretary of the Legislature
10 attest to, the adoption hereof, and that copies of the same be thereafter transmitted
11 to Mr. Glenn Leon Guerrero, General Manager of the Jose D. Leon Guerrero Port
12 Authority; to Mr. Monte Mesa, Chairman of the Jose D. Leon Guerrero Port
13 Authority; and to the Honorable Felix P. Camacho, *I Maga'lahaen Guåhan*.

DULY AND REGULARLY ADOPTED BY *I MINA' NUEBI NA LIHESLATURAN GUÅHAN* ON THE ____ DAY OF SEPTEMBER 2008.

JUDITH T. WON PAT
Speaker

TINA ROSE MUNA BARNES
Secretary of the Legislature