I MINA'BENTE NUEBI NA LIHESLATURAN GUÅHAN 2007 (FIRST) Regular Session

Resolution No. (EC)

Introduced by:

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Relative to commending and congratulating the producers of "Portrait of Guam, U.S.A." for their outstanding pictorial representation of the Island of Guam and its people.

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BE IT RESOLVED BY I MINA'BENTE NUEBI NA LIHESLATURAN

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- 3 WHEREAS, Mr. Bert Reyes Unpingco, Publisher; Mr. Tony Palomo,
- 4 Editor; Mr. Victor Consaga III, Mr. J. R. Manuel, Mr. Eduardo C. Siguenza,
- 5 Photographers; and Big Fish Creative, Inc, have collectively made available to
- 6 the world community, the 2008 Edition of the Portrait of Guam, U.S.A. a
- 7 compilations of vivid photographs that capture the warmth, hospitality, and
- 8 beauty of today's Guam and the proud spirit of its past; and
- 9 **WHEREAS**, Mr. Unpingco, known fondly as Mr. Tourism, has 10 dedicated the *Portrait of Guam*, *U.S.A.* to all the tourism pioneers who
- preceded him, and as well to his contemporaries, who have developed and

promoted Guam's tourism industry to become one of the island's two main drivers of economic activity, the other being the U.S. Military; and

employment

WHEREAS, the *Portrait of Guam*, *U.S.A.* brings Guam to life, with two hundred twenty four pages and over three hundred photos displaying the island's industrious people, its rich history and culture and the unimaginable colors of the sea, land, villages, historical sites and recreation areas for those who visit as well as those fortunate enough to live here, revealing secrets most never see; and

WHEREAS, one of the main inspirations of Mr. Unpingco to publish the *Portrait of Guam*, *U.S.A.* was to educate and enlighten our people of the economic value and the many other benefits that tourism brings to Guam; and WHEREAS, in the year 2007, the island welcomed 1,225,323 tourists, the economic benefits from tourism accounted for more than \$1.35 billion worth of receipts representing sixty percent (60%) of Guam's total revenue, and various business that make up Guam's tourist industry account for more than

20,000 tourism related jobs, or thirty five percent (35%) of the island's total

WHEREAS, by showcasing the Antonio B. Won Pat Guam International Airport with its colorful, eighty eight thousand square foot "Hafa Adai! Welcome to Guam, U.S.A." mural by Master Artist Greg Flores; and the numerous first class hotels, restaurants, gift shops and shopping centers in it the Portrait of Guam U.S.A., will illustrate that tourism is a vital component of the Guam economy; and

WHEREAS, The Portrait of Guam, U.S.A. features an inventory, in

living color of the island's scenic, historical, recreational areas for residents

2 and visitors, including popular leisure activities and places to enjoy, such as

3 sightseeing, beaches, golfing, scuba diving, snorkeling, boating, fishing,

4 trekking, and shopping. The GHRA member hotels featured include:

5 Outrigger, Ohana Oceanview, Bay view Resorts, Hotel Nikko, Guam Hilton

6 Resort, Fiesta Resort, Grand Plaza, Hokday Resort, Hyatt Regency, Marriott

7 Resort, Pacific Islands Club, and Sheraton Laguna Resort. Also, Aurora

8 Resort, Bays Inn, Guam Reef, Imperial Suites, Onward Beach, Leo Palace,

9 Santa Fe, Westin Hotel and more; and

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WHEREAS, the colorful book provides a more detailed listing of the beautiful Guam Villages, Official Village flowers, beaches, parks, and other places of interest, public and private. The villages featured include: Agat, Asan-Maina, Barridgada, Chalan Pago-Ordot, Dededo Hagatna, Inarajan, Mangilao, Merizo, Mongmong-Toto-Maite, Piti, Santa Rita, Sinajana, Talofofo, Tamuning-Harmon-Tumon, Umatac, Yigo, Yona. The village sections included the Mayors, Vice Mayors, and much more; and

WHEREAS, With this beautiful book of Guam, residents and visitors alike can identify more places to see and avail themselves to a variety of activities to participate in, all in the hope of residents expressing their love and appreciation for Guam, and encouraging visitors to extend their stay an extra day while on vacation in our tropical resort island paradise. Guam community leaders are aware of the potential boost in income for Guam; and

WHEREAS, the success of the Portrait of Guam, U.S.A. is due in part to the outstanding support of various government of Guam Departments,

- 1 including: Guam Visitors Bureau, Guam Economic Development and
- 2 Commerce Authority, A.B. Won Pat Guam International Airport Autority,
- 3 Offices of Governor Felix P. Camacho and Lt. Governor Michael Cruz, M.D.,
- 4 University of Guam/MARC, Guam Mayors' Council, Department of
- 5 Chamorro Affairs, Council of Arts and Humanities Agency, and GPSS'
- 6 Chamorro Studies Division, No Federal or local funds were accepted or used
- 7 for its production. The Government's tourism facts and figures from various
- 8 agencies proved to be most invaluable
- 9 WHEREAS, Guam's tourism industry friends and supporters generous
- 10 contributions guaranteed its successful production including: Ambyth
- 11 Shipping Atkins Kroll, Inc. Baba Corp. (Atlantis, Coco Palm Garden, Burger
- 12 King); Calvo enterprise 9Mid-Pacific distributing Co. Two Lovers' Point)
- 13 Chode's, Compadres Mall, Cost U Less Center; DFS Galleria, Fiesta Resort,
- 14 GFS Group, GGEFCU, Grand Plaza Hotel, GTA Teleguam, GuamCell
- 15 Communication, Guam Greyhound park, Guam Hilton, Guam Premier
- Outlets, Holiday Resort, Hyatt Regency, J.C. Tenorio and Associates, Jimmy
- 17 Dee World Talent Media Group, King's Restaurants, Lone Star Steakhouse,
- Lujan, Aguigui and Perez LLP, Marriott Hotel, Micronesia Mall, Nikko Hotel
- 19 Guam, No Ka Oi Pest control Co., Outrigger Ohana Hotels. Paradise
- 20 Limousine, Perez Bros., Inc., J.L. Baker and Sons, Proa Restaurant, Segway,
- 21 Inc., South Pacific Petroleum Co./Access Ypao Project, Shell Guam, Inc.,
- 22 Takagi & Associate, Inc. and Take Care (FHP), and
- 23 WHEREAS, the completion of Portrait of Guam, U.S.A. and the quest
- 24 for up to date and accurate information were with the generous support from

- a variety of private sector sponsors identified above, now therefore, be it.
- 2 **RESOLVED**, that I Mina' Bente Nuebi Na Liheslaturan Guåhan does hereby,
- on behalf of the people of Guam, recognize and congratulate Mr. Bert Reyes
- 4 Unpingco, Mr. Tony Palomo, Mr. Victor Consaga III, Mr. J. R. Manuel, Mr.
- 5 Eduardo C. Siguenza and Big Fish Creative, Inc, for their outstanding pictorial
- 6 representation of the island of Guam and its people; and be it further
- 7 **RESOLVED**, that the Speaker certify, and the Secretary of the Legislature
- 8 attest to, the adoption hereof, and that copies of the same be thereafter
- 9 transmitted to Mr. Bert Reyes Unpingco; to Mr. Tony Palomo; to Mr. Victor
- 10 Consaga III; to Mr. J. R. Manuel; to Mr. Eduardo C. Siguenza; to Big Fish
- 11 Creative, Inc.; to the Honorable Madeleine Z. Bordallo, Member of Congress,
- and to the Honorable Felix P. Camacho, I Maga'lahen Guåhan.

DULY AND REGULARLY ADOPTED BY I MINA'BENTE NUEBI NA LIHESLATURAN GUÅHAN ON THE ___ DAY OF NOVEMBER 2008.

Dr. Judith T. Won Pat, Ed.D. Speaker

Tina Rose Muña-Barnes
Senator and
Secretary of the Legislature