

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

Resolution No. 209(LS)

Introduced by:

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**RELATIVE TO RECOGNIZING THE MANY CONTRIBUTIONS MADE BY MR. WALTER "WALLY" DIAS AND BIDDING HIM BEST WISHES AND BUEN VIAJE AS HE ASSUMES HIS NEW POSITION AS MANAGING DIRECTOR – GREATER CHINA AND SOUTHEAST ASIA IN HONGKONG.**

**BE IT RESOLVED BY THE PEOPLE OF GUAM:**

**WHEREAS**, Mr. Walter Dias is the eldest of seven children to Walter Sr. and Virginia Dias and was raised in the Pocono Mountains in Pennsylvania; and

**WHEREAS**, after earning his Bachelors of Science in Accounting from Pennsylvania State University, Mr. Dias joined the prestigious firm Price Waterhouse and later worked at Geosource, Inc., where he obtained his license as a Certified Public Accountant, prior to joining Continental Airlines in 1987; and

**WHEREAS**, Mr. Walter "Wally" Dias moved to Guam in 1993 as Director of Marketing for Continental Micronesia, and was later promoted to Staff Vice-President of Sales and Marketing responsible for the development and execution of sales and promotion programs, advertising and public relations in Guam, People's Republic of China, Hong Kong, Taiwan, South Korea and Taiwan, the Philippines, Australia, Saipan, the Republic of Palau, the Federated States of Micronesia, and Republic of the Marshall Islands, and offshore sales in Southeast Asia; and

**WHEREAS**, Mr. Dias was one of the prime movers of our Visitor Industry and served four terms as a member of the Guam Visitors Bureau's Board of Directors, and held the positions of chair of GVB's Market Research committee, chair of GVB's China Asia Marketing committee, and as chair of the North America, Pacific and Armed Forces marketing committee from 2003 to 2005; and

**WHEREAS**, Mr. Dias also served on the board of the Guam Visitor Industry Education Council and on the Pacific Asia Travel Association Board of Directors for four years; and

**WHEREAS**, Mr. Dias worked to increase awareness of our region and boost visitor arrivals by participating in the development of the popular "Warmth of Paradise" multi-media advertisement

1 campaign, the “Resort Shuttle” campaign that featured works of art customized for Continental  
2 Micronesia by popular Australian artist Ken Done, and the “Magnificent Micronesia” program; and

3 **WHEREAS**, realizing the potential of Micronesia, Mr. Dias increased service to the region  
4 through flights from Taiwan, New Caledonia and Australia; and

5 **WHEREAS**, with the growth of China’s economy, Mr. Dias worked with Continental’s head  
6 office to request for special bi-lateral rights in the U. S. and China agreement for Guam and  
7 Micronesia, and lead a delegation of Guam passengers on an inaugural charter flight to Shanghai in  
8 2008; and

9 **WHEREAS**, Mr. Dias was instrumental in several humanitarian efforts including  
10 coordinating the travel of 2,000 Kurdish refugees to the Mainland in 1994, assisted in the  
11 repatriation of fishermen who were lost at sea to their home country, coordinated cargo shipments of  
12 medical supplies, clothing and food to devastated countries such as India, Philippine and Chuuk; and

13 **WHEREAS**, Mr. Dias was one of the founders of the Ayuda Foundation in 1996, and was  
14 instrumental in launching the Wings For Life One Pass program for patients in need of off-island  
15 medical care in Micronesia; and

16 **WHEREAS**, in his leisure time, Mr. Dias is involved in the Rotary Club of Guam, the  
17 Micronesia Area Research Council, the Guam Hotel and Restaurant Association Jingle Bell Run,  
18 and the Junior Golfers group; now therefore be it

19 **RESOLVED**, that *I Mina’Bente Nuebi Na Liheslaturan Guahan* does hereby, on behalf of  
20 the people of Guam, recognize the many contributions made by Mr. Wally Dias to the people of  
21 Guam and Micronesia during his time spent on Guam, and extend its sincerest “*Si Yu’us Ma’ase*”  
22 for jobs well done; and, be it further

23 **RESOLVED**, that *I Mina’Bente Nuebi Na Liheslaturan Guahan* does hereby, on behalf of  
24 the people of Guam, extends its “Best Wishes and *Buen Viaje*” to Mr. Wally Dias as he departs  
25 Guam to assume his next post as Managing Director - Greater China and Southeast Asia in Hong  
26 Kong; and be it further

27 **RESOLVED**, that the Speaker certify to, and the Chairman of the Executive Committee  
28 certify, and the Secretary of the Legislature attest to, the adoption hereof, and that copies of the same  
29 be thereafter transmitted to Mr. Wally Dias; to Continental Airlines; and to the Honorable Felix P.  
30 Camacho, *I Maga’lahen Guahan*.