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## MINA' BENTE NUEBI NA LEHISLATURAN GUÅHAN 2007 (First) Regular Session

Legislative Session Resolution No. 48 (LS)

Introduced by:

Ray Tenorio

Relative to recognizing and congratulating Ms. Christine Ann Won Pat Baleto, General Manager of Market Wholesale Distributors, Inc. on her selection as "2007 Businesswoman of the Year."

## BE IT RESOLVED BY I LIHESLATURAN GUÅHAN

WHEREAS, On Saturday April 14, 2007, Ms. Christine Ann Won Pat Baleto, General Manager for Market Wholesale Distributors, Inc., received the coveted award of "Businesswoman of the Year – *Maga'haga* Award for 2007"; and

WHEREAS, First Hawaiian Bank and Guam Business hosted the Second Annual Businesswoman of the Year - *Maga'haga* Award Program - designed to provide recognition to businesswomen who have "raised the bar" in their field; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Baleto was chosen among twelve nominees by a panel of judges which included businesswomen and community leaders for her commitment to making a difference in Guam's community through her hard work and contributions, displaying her best qualities as a businesswoman; and

WHEREAS, Christine Ann Won Pat Baleto started her commitment to hard work by obtaining a bachelor's degree in Behavioral Science in 1991 from Chaminade University and later earned her master's degree in Business Administration in 2003 from the University of Guam; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Baleto's efforts were not confined to school alone, but also through hands on experience where from 1993 to 2003, she worked at Sanctuary Inc., first as an administrative officer, then as Deputy Executive Director and eventually as Executive Director; and

WHEREAS, during her time at Sanctuary, Inc., Ms. Baleto was instrumental in stabilizing their finances, created Sanctuary's first endowment fund with approximately \$300,000 with the assistance of the U.S. District Court, secured a house valued at approximately \$200,000 with the assistance of Attorney David Lujan, and finally brought to fruition the construction of a \$2.8 Million facility that had been part of Sanctuary's strategic for plan 15 years; and

WHEREAS, in exploring new career opportunities, Ms. Baleto joined Pepsi Cola Bottling Co. of Guam as its Assistant General Manager in 2003 and has been the General Manager of Market Wholesale from 2005 to the present; and

WHEREAS, throughout her career, Ms. Baleto has received numerous awards recognizing her achievements, including the Sanctuary, Inc. Employee of the Year Award in 1993 and 1995, the 1993 Director's Leadership Award from

Sanctuary, Inc., a Commendation for Community Service from Governor Felix P. Camacho in 2003 honoring her service to the community; and while at Market Wholesale, was awarded the 2005 Recognition Award from Kraft Foods International for Outstanding Turnaround – Achievement of Business Target; and now, therefore, be it

**RESOLVED**, the *I Mina' Bente Nuebi Na Liheslaturan Guåhan* does, hereby, on behalf of the people of Guam, recognize and commend Ms. Christine Ann Won Pat Baleto, on being selected as the "2007 Businesswoman of the Year", for making a difference in our community, for "raising the bar" in her profession, and for displaying her best qualities as a businesswoman; and be it further

**RESOLVED,** that the Speaker certify, and the Legislative Secretary attests to, the adoption hereof and the copies of the same be thereafter transmitted to Ms. Christine Ann Won Pat Baleto, Mr. Frankie G. and Anna May Won Pat Baleto, and to the Honorable Felix P. Camacho, *I Maga'lahen Guåhan*.

DULY AND REGULARLY ADOPTED BY I MINA' BENTE NUEBI NA LEHISLATURAN GUÅHAN ON THIS \_\_\_\_ DAY OF \_\_\_\_\_, 2007.

Mark Forbes Speaker Ray Tenorio Senator Secretary of the Legislature