I MINA' BENTE NUEBE NA LIHESLATURAN GUÅHAN 2007 (First) Regular Session

Resolution No. 69(25)

Introduced by:

J. V. Espladon

T. R. Muna-Barnes

F. F. Blas, Jr.

Relative to commending Attorney Daniel Somerfleck for twelve years of service to the people of Guam, especially those children and adults with disabilities, while working for the Guam Legal Services, Disability Law Center.



1 BE IT RESOLVED BY I MINA' BENTE NUEBE NA LIHESLATURAN

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WHEREAS, Attorney Daniel Somerfleck began his career with the Guam Legal

Services in 1997 as the Executive Director; and

WHEREAS, Attorney Somerfleck, maintained an open door policy and was

compassionate and committed to helping individuals with disabilities, those who were

victims of domestic violence, children with special needs, the elderly and those who

were in need of legal assistance. Attorney Somerfleck worked closely and maintained

an excellent rapport with all of those upon whose behalf he passionately advocated;

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11 WHEREAS, Mr. Somerfleck held membership and participated in various

organizations that advocated for the disabled, the elderly, victims and children with

13 special needs including the Guam Developmental Disabilities Council, University of

14 Guam Center for Excellence in Developmental Disabilities Education Research and

Service, Guam's System of Care of Children with Severe Emotional Disabilities,

- 1 Autism Society, Office of the Public Guardian, Stop Violence Against Women, Guam
- 2 System for Assistive Technology, and several other community-based groups; and
- 3 WHEREAS, under Attorney Somerfleck's management and leadership, the
- 4 Guam Legal Services Disability Law Center's reputation grew and became
- 5 synonymous with excellence, in terms of its tireless efforts; and
- 6 WHEREAS, the Guam Legal Services Disability Law Center, through the
- 7 yeoman-like effort and support of Attorney Somerfleck, has been active in assisting
- 8 local organization, various government of Guam agencies and private sector service
- 9 providers address the quality of care being provided to and for individuals with
- disabilities and their respective families; and
- WHEREAS, a direct result of Attorney Somerfleck's never ending campaign to
- 12 address the quality of care for individuals with disabilities in our community, the
- 13 island became privy to the United States Supreme Court's Olmstead decision which
- addressed the unnecessary segregation of individuals with disabilities; and
- WHEREAS, Attorney Somerflecks' successful career would not have been
- possible without the love and support of his wife Carol and their two (2) sons, Eli and
- 17 Ezra; now therefore be it
- 18 RESOLVED, that I Mina Bente Nuebe Na Liheslaturan Guåhan does hereby,
- 19 on behalf of the people of Guam, commend and congratulate Attorney Daniel
- 20 Somerfleck for his dedication and commitment to individuals with disabilities and
- 21 their families, children with special needs, victims of domestic violence, the elderly
- and the people of Guam over the past twelve (12) years; and be it further
- RESOLVED, that I Mina'Bente Nuebi Na Liheslaturan Guhan do hereby, on
- behalf of the people of Guam, extend their best wishes to Attorney Somerfleck in all
- 25 his future endeavors; and be it further
- RESOLVED, that the Speaker and the Legislative Secretary attests to, the
- 27 adoption hereof and that copies of the same be thereafter transmitted to Attorney

- 1 Daniel Somerfleck, to Guma' Mami Inc., the Office of the Public Guardian, Guam
- 2 Legal Services Disability Law Center, Guam Developmental Disabilities Council,
- 3 University of Guam CEDDERS, Office of Community Integration, Department of
- 4 Integrated Services for Individuals with Disabilities, Department of Mental Health and
- 5 Substance Abuse, Guam System of Care Council, Department of Public Health &
- 6 Social Services, Governor's Federal Programs, Attorney General's Office, Guam
- 7 Public School System and to the Honorable Felix P. Camacho, I Maga'lahen Guahan.

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MARK FORBES

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Speaker

Senator and Secretary of the Legislature