

I MINA'BENTE NUEBI NA LIHESLATURAN GUÅHAN
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Resolution No. 108 (LS)

As amended.

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Relative to congratulating Aurelio S. "Nonoy" Solidum on the occasion of his well-deserved retirement, and to recognize and honor his hard work and accomplishments as a self-made man who worked his way up from humble beginnings in the Philippines, to become a Certified Public Accountant and hold a number of important positions in both the Philippines and Guam, over a span of nearly forty (40) years.

1 **BE IT RESOLVED BY *I MINA'BENTE NUEBI NA LIHESLATURAN***
2 ***GUÅHAN*:**
3 **WHEREAS, Mr. Aurelio S. "Nonoy" Solidum was born in the tiny mat and**
4 **hat weaving village of Nabas, Aldan, Philippines on November 4, 1940, the**
5 **sixth (6th) of twelve (12) siblings, and was just a little more than a year old**

1 when the Imperial Forces of Japan invaded this former colony of the United
2 States; and "Nonoy", as he is known to his relatives and friends, attended
3 school in his province and graduated from high school at the Western Aldan
4 Academy in March of 1954 and then began working in the sugar cane fields as
5 a harvester, cutting down the cane and loading it into transport wagons that
6 would take the cane for milling; and between harvests worked as a gardener
7 to protect the young cane plants; and

8 **WHEREAS**, the experience he gained working in the cane fields taught
9 him the importance of hard work and inspired him to strive to achieve
10 success, and upon recognizing that his life in the province would lead to a
11 dead end, he ventured to Manila in 1963, where he took a job assembling
12 parquet floorings and delivering and dumping sawdust in dumping grounds,
13 earning four (4) Pesos a day for his labors; and

14 **WHEREAS**, "Nonoy" was ambitious but also possessed the virtues of
15 patience and confidence, knowing that through persistence and focus he
16 would one day achieve his goals, and worked his way up to become a
17 warehouseman and then a bookkeeper, after he displayed a knack for
18 numbers; and

19 **WHEREAS**, at the same time, "Nonoy" began his studies at the
20 University of the East in Manila, eventually receiving his Bachelor of Science
21 Degree in Business Administration with an accounting major in 1967; and

22 **WHEREAS**, not satisfied with just his BS Degree, he also enrolled in
23 CPA review classes at the University of the East, and in 1968 took and passed
24 the CPA Board examination and received CPA certificate No. 20252; and

1 **WHEREAS**, “Nonoy” took an entry-level job with Monja Securities
2 Corporation dealing in stocks at the Securities Exchange in Makati, and was
3 soon promoted to Audit Staff Assistant and then Finance Manager, and then
4 took advantage of an opportunity to earn a higher salary, moving to another
5 company as a Cost Accountant; and

6 **WHEREAS**, having achieved a measure of success, “Nonoy” married
7 the love of his life, physician Adoracion Abano in June 1971, the couple
8 recently celebrating their thirty-sixth (36th) Wedding Anniversary; and

9 **WHEREAS**, in 1974, “Nonoy” joined the United Nations Development
10 Program, Manila Field Office, until 1978 when he moved to the Food and
11 Agriculture Organization as an Administrative and Finance Officer; and

12 **WHEREAS**, during this time, “Nonoy” had been applying to emigrate
13 to Guam and in 1979 received a visa number from the U.S. Embassy in
14 Manila, and was informed by the Embassy that if he didn’t take immediate
15 advantage of the opportunity he would be moved to the back of the line and
16 the visa number would be assigned to another applicant; and

17 **WHEREAS**, the Solidum family decided to take advantage of their good
18 fortune and moved to Guam in December 1979, “Nonoy” quickly landing a
19 job with Bordallo Consolidated, which primarily dealt with selling R.J.
20 Reynolds products, and within three (3) years the R.J. Reynolds division
21 employees were absorbed by Atkins Kroll Inc. and “Nonoy” became Chief
22 Accountant in 1982; and

23 **WHEREAS**, he left in 1989 to take the position of Accounting Manager
24 for Pacific Motors, and then was hired as Assistant Controller for M.V.
25 Pangilinan Enterprises, a position he held until he joined the Guam Visitors

1 Bureau, on June 21, 1991, his service at the Bureau lasting for sixteen and a
2 half (16½) years, until his retirement from the Government of Guam on
3 December 31, 2007; and

4 **WHEREAS**, the Solidums have been blessed with three (3) children:
5 Patricia, a Registered Nurse Practitioner; Aurelio Jr. a Registered Nurse; and
6 their youngest, Bernardo, a graduate of the University of Hawaii, in Manoa
7 with a degree in Medical Technology, who works at a hospital in Las Vegas,
8 and they are additionally blessed with two (2) grandchildren, and a third is
9 due in January 2008; and

10 **WHEREAS**, perhaps because of his family's interest in health care,
11 "Nonoy" led an active lifestyle when he was younger, taking enjoyment in
12 playing basketball, volleyball and running, and more recently has taken up
13 the fitness hobby of walking to help maintain his health; and


14 **WHEREAS**, "Nonoy" has always been a caring individual who gives
15 back to his community through his involvement in civic and religious
16 organizations, including: as Eucharistic Minister, Mount Carmel Church,
17 Agat, from 1994 to the present; President, Mount Carmel School Financial
18 Board, 1988 to 1992; Treasurer, Vice President, and Auditor of the Filipino
19 Community of Guam; Assistant Treasurer, Guam Accountants Association in
20 1992; President, Aklan Association of Guam, 1985 to 1988; Treasurer, UNDP
21 Staff Association, Manila, Philippines; Treasurer, UNDP Staff Savings & Loan
22 Association, Philippines; and has also been a member of the Knights of
23 Columbus, holding the positions of Deputy Grand Knight, Grand Knight,
24 Financial Secretary, District Deputy and State Secretary now, therefore, be it

1 **RESOLVED**, that *I Mina'Bente Nuebi Na Liheslaturan Guåhan* does
2 hereby, on behalf of the people of Guam, congratulate Aurelio S. "Nonoy"
3 Solidum on the occasion of his well-deserved retirement; and be it further

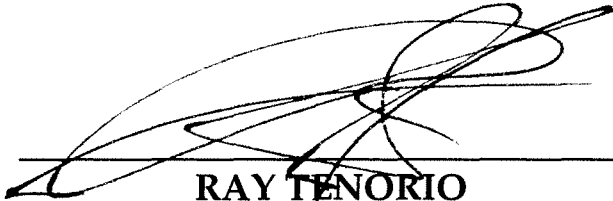
4 **RESOLVED**, that *I Mina'Bente Nuebi Na Liheslaturan Guåhan* does
5 hereby, on behalf of the people of Guam, recognize and honor Aurelio S.
6 "Nonoy" Solidum as an example of the virtues of hard work, patience,
7 confidence and persistence and how they can lead to personal success; and be
8 `it further

9 **RESOLVED**, that the Speaker certify, and the Secretary of the
10 Legislature attest to, the adoption hereof, and that copies of the same be
11 thereafter transmitted to Aurelio S. "Nonoy" Solidum; to his wife Adoracion
12 Abano Solidum; to Patricia Solidum; to Aurelio Solidum, Jr.; to Bernardo
13 Solidum; to the Guam Visitors Bureau; and to the Honorable Felix P.
14 Camacho, *I Maga'lahren Guåhan*.

DULY AND REGULARLY ADOPTED BY I MINA'BENTE NUEBI NA LIHESLATURAN GUÅHAN ON THE 21st DAY OF DECEMBER, 2007.



EDWARD J.B. CALVO
Acting Speaker



RAY TENORIO
Senator and
Secretary of the Legislature