

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

**Resolution No. 116(LS)**

As amended.

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**Relative to recognizing and commending Dr. Jonathan E. Morris for his fifteen (15) years of volunteer teaching service to the Guam Department of Mental Health and Substance Abuse and for also establishing an elective for medical students and psychiatrists-in-training on "Clinical Assessment in a Multicultural Environment" at the Maine Medical Center in Portland, Maine, leading to medical students and psychiatrists-in-training visiting Guam and offering psychiatric services to the Department.**

1           **BE IT RESOLVED BY I MINA'BENTE NUEBI NA LIHESLATURAN**  
2 **GUÅHAN:**

3           **WHEREAS**, Dr. Jonathan E. Morris, M.D., M.P.H., a Psychiatrist  
4 employed at the Maine Medical Center, Portland, Maine, has been coming to  
5 Guam each year at his own expense since 1994 and has been volunteering his  
6 services to teach at the Guam Department of Mental Health and Substance  
7 Abuse; and

8           **WHEREAS**, Dr. Morris has a childhood connection to Guam, as in  
9 1970-71. He attended Ninth Grade at George Washington Junior High School  
10 in Ordot, now known as "Agueda Johnson Middle School"; and

11           **WHEREAS**, during Dr. Morris' childhood year spent on Guam, his  
12 father, Dr. Charles Morris, M.D., a Neurologist, was appointed by Dr. Jacob  
13 Brody, M.D. as Officer-in-Charge of the NINDS Research Center located on  
14 the fifth floor of the old Guam Memorial Hospital studying Parkinsonism-  
15 Dementia Complex and ALS, also known as "*lytico-bodig*"; during that same  
16 year, Dr. Morris' mother, Dr. Naomi Morris, M.D., M.P.H., a public  
17 health/preventive medicine/pediatrics specialist and expert in maternal and  
18 child health, worked within the Guam Department of Public Health and  
19 Social Services; and

20           **WHEREAS**, Dr. Morris subsequently was educated at Chapel Hill  
21 Senior High School in Chapel Hill, North Carolina; received a B.S. Degree  
22 with Departmental Honors in Biology at Stanford University in Palo Alto,  
23 California and earned an M.D. Degree at the University of North Carolina  
24 School of Medicine at Chapel Hill; and

1           **WHEREAS**, Dr. Morris completed a residency in psychiatry, became a  
2 Fellow in Community Psychiatry, and earned a Masters Degree in Public  
3 Health, all at the University of North Carolina School of Medicine and Public  
4 Health; and

5           **WHEREAS**, Dr. Morris located to the State of Maine in 1987 and has  
6 held numerous positions at the Maine Medical Center, including: Assistant  
7 Director, Division of Acute Psychiatry; Director, Division of Community  
8 Psychiatry; Director, Division of Consultation-Liaison Psychiatry; and  
9 Attending Psychiatrist, Division of Inpatient Services; and

10           **WHEREAS**, prior to working at the Maine Medical Center, Dr. Morris  
11 was a Teaching and Staff Psychiatrist at Wake Area Health Education Center,  
12 Raleigh, North Carolina, and currently is a Clinical Associate Professor in the  
13 Department of Psychiatry at the University of Vermont College of Medicine;  
14 and

15           **WHEREAS**, Dr. Morris has engaged in numerous professional activities,  
16 too numerous to mention, such as being a board member for a number of non-  
17 profit organizations involved in mental health activities, and serving on the  
18 national level as an examiner for psychiatry specialty certification, and as a  
19 review committee member for the accreditation of psychiatry residency  
20 training programs; and

21           **WHEREAS**, Dr. Morris has been an educator in his chosen field for  
22 many years, teaching medical students, residents in various medical  
23 specialties, and has also published articles in medical journals and made  
24 national presentations to the American Psychiatric Association; and

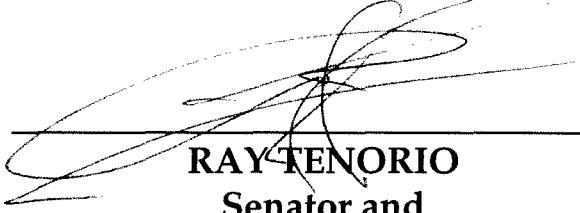
1           **WHEREAS**, Dr. Morris is most appreciated on Guam for his unselfish  
2 volunteering of his time and his resources to our island through teaching and  
3 assistance to the Guam Department of Mental Health and Substance Abuse,  
4 and also teaching at the University of Guam; now, therefore, be it

5           **RESOLVED**, that *I Mina'Bente Nuebi Na Liheslaturan Guåhan* does  
6 hereby, on behalf of the people of Guam, recognize and commend Dr.  
7 Jonathan E. Morris, M.D., M.P.H. for his unselfish giving of his time and  
8 expertise to the cause of bettering treatment in the area of mental health on  
9 Guam, an area of constant need and lack of adequate resources in our  
10 community; and be it further

11           **RESOLVED**, that the Speaker certify, and the Secretary of the  
12 Legislature attest to, the adoption hereof, and that copies of the same be  
13 thereafter transmitted to Dr. Jonathan E. Morris, M.D., M.P.H.; to the  
14 President/CEO, Maine Medical Center; to the Guam Department of Mental  
15 Health and Substance Abuse; and to the Honorable Felix P. Camacho, *I*  
16 *Maga'lahaen Guåhan*.

**DULY AND REGULARLY ADOPTED BY *I MINA'BENTE NUEBI NA LIHESLATURAN GUÅHAN* ON THE 18<sup>TH</sup> DAY OF FEBRUARY 2008.**

  
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**EDWARD J.B. CALVO**  
Acting Speaker

  
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**RAY TENORIO**  
Senator and  
Secretary of the Legislature