

I MINA'BENTE NUEBI NA LIHESLATURAN GUÅHAN
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Resolution No. 118(LS)

As amended.

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Relative to recognizing and commending Mr. Michael Fowler for his valuable contributions to the advancement of Mixed Martial Arts, particularly Brazilian Jiu-Jitsu, and raising the stature of Guam's Mixed Martial Artists in the Region.

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

3 **WHEREAS, Mr. Michael Fowler, a native of Virginia Beach, Virginia,**
4 **began Jiu-Jitsu training at age eighteen (18) and quickly excelled in the sport**
5 **while studying under the tutelage of Master Lloyd Irvin. He received his**
6 **Brazilian Jiu-Jitsu (BJJ) black belt within three and half (3 ½) years from the**

1 Lloyd Irvin Brazilian Jiu-Jitsu Academy in Maryland, becoming one of only
2 three (3) Americans to achieve black belt status in such a short amount of
3 time; and

4 **WHEREAS**, as a BJJ black belt, Mr. Fowler became a rising star in the
5 world of Brazilian Jiu-Jitsu winning numerous competitions nationally and
6 internationally, including: being a five (5) times BJJ National Champion, BJJ
7 World Cup Medalist, 4th Place Overall in the 2007 ADCC Submission
8 Wrestling World Championships and Pan American Silver Medalist; and

9 **WHEREAS**, Mr. Fowler came to Guam in 2006 as a Guest Instructor at
10 Team Purebred/Lloyd Irvin Brazilian Jiu-Jitsu Academy and quickly saw the
11 potential of mixed marital artist in the islands. He took up permanent
12 residence in Guam in 2007 and has shared his skills and training techniques
13 while teaching BJJ at Team Purebred/Lloyd Irvin Brazilian Jiu-Jitsu Academy;
14 and

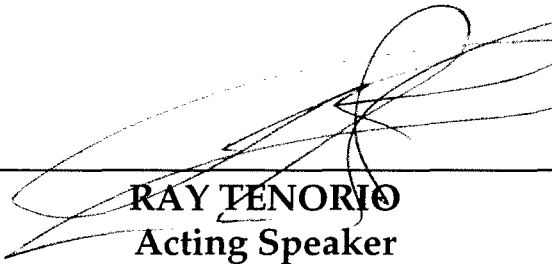
15 **WHEREAS**, in his short tie as a Guam resident, Mr. Fowler along with
16 several other Guam residents, has represented our island on several occasions
17 at International BJJ Tournaments, including: serving as Head Coach for Team
18 Guam at the 2007 Pan Asia Brazilian Jiu-Jitsu Championships and winning
19 gold at the 2007 All Japan Brazilian Jiu-Jitsu Championships; and

20 **WHEREAS**, Mr. Fowler's stature in the world of Brazilian Jiu-Jitsu has
21 in turn helped raise the level of awareness of the capabilities in many of
22 Guam's own BJJ competitors on the International Scene to the point that
23 Guam is now considered a regional powerhouse for Brazilian Jiu-Jitsu; now,
24 therefore, be it

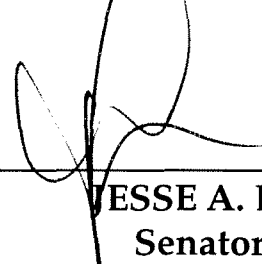
1 **RESOLVED**, that *I Mina'Bente Nuebi Na Liheslaturan Guåhan* does
2 hereby, on behalf of the people of Guam, recognize and commend Mr.
3 Michael Fowler for his outstanding contributions to the World of Brazilian Jiu-
4 Jitsu, especially in promoting the sport within Guam and assisting in gaining
5 recognition for Guam's own athletes in the World of Brazilian Jiu-Jitsu; and be
6 it further

7 **RESOLVED**, that the Speaker certify, and the Secretary of the
8 Legislature attest to, the adoption hereof, and that copies of the same be
9 thereafter transmitted to Mr. Mike Fowler, Head Instructor, Team
10 Purebred/Lloyd Irvin Brazilian Jiu-Jitsu Academy, Guam; to Mr. Lloyd Irvin,
11 Lloyd Irvin Brazilian Jiu-Jitsu Academy, Camp Springs, Maryland; and to the
12 Honorable Felix P. Camacho, *I Maga'lahaen Guåhan*.

DULY AND REGULARLY ADOPTED BY I MINA'BENTE NUEBI NA LIHESLATURAN GUÅHAN ON THE 20TH DAY OF FEBRUARY 2008.



RAY TENORIO
Acting Speaker



JESSE A. LUJAN
Senator and
Secretary of the Legislature