

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

**Resolution No. 133 (LS)**

As amended.

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**Relative to congratulating Ms. Farida “Faye” Varias, Editor, “Glimpses” Publication, within our islands distinguished Small Business Community, awarded the “2008 Journalist of the Year”.**

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

3            **WHEREAS, Ms. Farida “Faye” Balmonte Varias attended the University**  
4 **of Hawaii at Manoa from 1998 to 2002, graduating with a Bachelor of Arts**  
5 **degree in English; and**

1           **WHEREAS**, Ms. Farida “Faye” Balmonte Varias’ journalism career  
2 began way before she knew it. As a child Ms. Varias liked writing, having  
3 been the winner of an island-wide essay contest when she was in the eighth  
4 (8<sup>th</sup>) grade and progressing to become the editor-in-chief of her high school  
5 yearbook; and

6           **WHEREAS**, Ms. Faye Varias was a freelance writer, from January 2000  
7 to November 2005, for various publications including *Guam Business*, during  
8 her college years, and with her English degree Ms. Varias spent a few years  
9 writing a variety of lifestyle, business and advertorial articles for Hawaii-  
10 based and Guam-based publications, such as *Hawaii Woman Magazine* in her  
11 capacity as Editorial Assistant from December 2003 to November 2004 and as  
12 the Assistant Editor from November 2004 to November 2005 with *Hawaii*  
13 *Home+Remodeling*, *R&R Pacific Magazine* and *GU Magazine*; and

14           **WHEREAS**, in December 2005, Ms. Faye Varias returned to Guam, a  
15 place she considers home, to work in a community in which she is familiar  
16 and feels she has the ability to make a difference. Ms. Varias was hired as the  
17 editor for *Guam Business*, a bi-monthly business publication with stories about  
18 Micronesia, and *R&R Pacific*, a lifestyle magazine catering to Guam’s military  
19 population. Six (6) months later she took on another local publication, *Marine*  
20 *Drive Magazine*, Guam’s most circulated lifestyle magazine; and

21           **WHEREAS**, with Ms. Faye Varias as Editor of *Guam Business*, its  
22 frequency increased from a quarterly to a bi-monthly publication, *R&R Pacific*  
23 increased its frequency from a bi-annual to a bi-monthly publication, and  
24 *Marine Drive Magazine* had doubled in size; and

1           **WHEREAS**, Ms. Varias, as the editor for three (3) Guam-based  
2 publications, is in a position to inform the public about several events and  
3 activities of organizations who aid small businesses. Ms. Varias plays a major  
4 role in the execution of high-profile events such as: the Annual *Guam Business*  
5 Executive of the Year Program and the First Hawaiian Bank and *Guam*  
6 *Business* Businesswoman of the Year *Maga'haga* Award Program, which  
7 promotes small business and increases awareness through coverage of  
8 thriving and upcoming small businesses and small business sponsors; and

9           **WHEREAS**, *Guam Business* received the 2007 Most Generous  
10 Scholarship Support Award from the University of Guam for the First  
11 Hawaiian Bank and *Guam Business* Businesswoman of the Year *Maga'haga*  
12 Award Program Scholarship and the *R&R Pacific* received a commendation  
13 from the Guam Visitors Bureau as the Most Outstanding Local Media  
14 Promotion in 2006, with Ms. Varias' coordination and editorial activities  
15 direction for the publications, from conceptualization to press checks,  
16 planning and execution of company-sponsored events. Within the last year,  
17 Ms. Varias played a major role in the launch of three (3) new promotions for  
18 *Marine Drive Magazine*, which increased reader interest and circulation,  
19 supervising reporters and freelancers who assist in selecting and preparing  
20 material for publication in the magazines. *Guam Business*, *Marine Drive*  
21 *Magazine* and *R&R Pacific* highlight small business issues in a variety of ways,  
22 often allowing business owners to share their experiences, in their own words,  
23 as they bring a greater understanding of the achievements, and bringing light  
24 to the challenges that confront small business owners to the readership; and

1           **WHEREAS**, Ms. Faye Balmonte Varias' list of accomplishments and  
2 recognitions include, Publicity Committee Head of the University of Hawaii  
3 at Manoa *Rock the Vote* campaign in 2000, and she was voted 2001 Resident  
4 Advisor of the Year at the University of Hawaii at Manoa. Ms. Varias  
5 volunteered for *Hawaii Business'* Black Book event, honoring Hawaii's Top 250  
6 companies in 2005. She served as a volunteer for the San Vicente School's  
7 Read-A-Thon program and completed a Guam Judges/Journalist Workshop  
8 for the National Center for Courts and Media in 2006. In 2007, Ms. Varias  
9 represented *Guam Business* as a Career Day Guest Speaker in 2006 and 2007 at  
10 the University of Guam, Notre Dame High School, the Department of Defense  
11 High School and the Academy of Our Lady of Guam; and

12           **WHEREAS**, Ms. Faye Balmonte Varias further completed a Superior  
13 Performance Evaluation Webinar, Watson Training & Development in 2007,  
14 and since 2006 to the present, she continues to organize publicity efforts and  
15 gala arrangements for the First Hawaiian Bank and *Guam Business*  
16 Businesswoman of the Year *Maga'haga* Award Program. She has, since 2005,  
17 planned and coordinated the annual *Guam Business* Executive of the Year  
18 program with the American Red Cross, Guam Chapter. Ms. Varias launched  
19 three (3) new promotions for *Marine Drive Magazine (MDM)* in 2007 - the  
20 *MDM* Cover Girl Search, the Little Miss *MDM* Photo Contest and the Little  
21 Dream Dude Photo Contest; and

22           **WHEREAS**, Ms. Varias is the recipient of a commendation as the Guam  
23 Visitors Bureau's Most Outstanding Local Media Program in 2006 for *R&R*  
24 *Pacific* magazine. She was awarded the Guam 2007 Small Business

1 Administration Journalist of the Year and the 2007 Most Generous Scholarship  
2 Support Award from the University of Guam for the First Hawaiian Bank and  
3 *Guam Business* Businesswoman of the Year *Maga'haga* Award Program  
4 Scholarship; and

5 **WHEREAS**, *Guam Business*, *Marine Drive Magazine*, and *R&R Pacific*  
6 emphasize the contribution of small business to the island's economy. Ms.  
7 Faye Balmonte Varias' understanding of the central role of small business and  
8 the importance of news of small business development and events extends to  
9 community organizations and many small business members. She regularly  
10 interacts with small business owners to increase their coverage in the  
11 magazines and to discuss matters of mutual interests; and

12 **WHEREAS**, Ms. Farida "Faye" Balmonte Varias is involved with her  
13 high school alumni organization and her alma mater's activities and recently  
14 started volunteering for the Make-a-Wish Foundation of Guam. Since 2006,  
15 Ms. Varias remains active in the Guam Chamber of Commerce and the Guam  
16 Hotel & Restaurant Association. She retained membership in 2005 with the  
17 Hawaii Publishers Association, the Hawaii Society of Professional Journalists  
18 and the National Kitchen and Bath Association, Aloha Chapter; and

19 **WHEREAS**, Ms. Farida "Faye" Balmonte Varias has built relationships  
20 with a variety of companies that impact small businesses and has a broad  
21 understanding of the prominence of small businesses in contributing to the  
22 economy of Guam and Micronesia; now, therefore, be it

23 **RESOLVED**, that *I Mina'Bente Nuebi Na Liheslaturan Guåhan* does  
24 hereby, on behalf of the people of Guam, congratulate Ms. Farida B. "Faye"

1 Varias, Editor, "Glimpses" publication, within our island's small business  
2 community, awarded the "2008 Small Business Administration Journalist of  
3 the Year"; and be it further

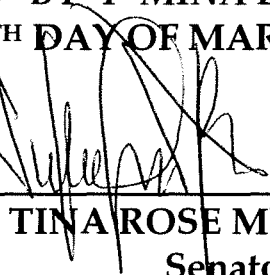
4 **RESOLVED**, that the Speaker certify, and the Secretary of the  
5 Legislature attest to, the adoption hereof, and that copies of the same be  
6 thereafter transmitted to Ms. Farida B. "Faye" Varias; and to the Honorable  
7 Felix P. Camacho, *I Maga'lahaen Guåhan*.

**DULY AND REGULARLY ADOPTED BY I MINA'BENTE NUEBI NA  
LIHESLATURAN GUÅHAN ON THE 13<sup>TH</sup> DAY OF MARCH 2008..**



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**JUDITH T. WON PAT, Ed.D.**  
Speaker



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**TINA ROSE MUÑA BARNES**  
Senator and  
Secretary of the Legislature