

***I MINA'BENTE NUEBI NA LIHESLATURAN GUÅHAN***  
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**Resolution No. 135 (LS)**

As amended.

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**Relative to congratulating the Guam Chamber of Commerce for hosting the Forty-first (41<sup>st</sup>) Asia-Pacific Council of American Chambers of Commerce Conference, March 13 though 15, 2008 on Guam, in coordination with the Asia-Pacific Council of American Chambers of Commerce.**

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

3           **WHEREAS**, the Guam Chamber of Commerce is a non-profit voluntary  
4 association of business and professional individuals and firms, united in their  
5 desire to improve business and build a better social and economic community

1 on Guam. The organization is strong because of an extensive membership  
2 united in its goals of advancing the general welfare and prosperity of Guam  
3 and guided by its Code of Ethics; and

4       **WHEREAS**, the Guam Chamber of Commerce’s Mission Statement is to  
5 advance the general welfare of its members by promoting the economic, social  
6 and environmental well-being of the Island of Guam; and

7       **WHEREAS**, the Guam Chamber of Commerce seeks to develop,  
8 encourage, promote and protect the commercial, professional, financial, and  
9 general business interest of the Island of Guam, to extend and promote the  
10 trade and commerce, and foster, develop and protect the industry of the  
11 Island, to procure laws and regulations desirable for the benefit of business in  
12 general, and to provide a forum for the reflection of sentiments of business  
13 regarding matters affecting its interest; and

14       **WHEREAS**, the Chamber has only four (4) employees with no  
15 bureaucracy to strangle proposals, but rather encourages membership input.  
16 The Chamber is the salesman and watchdog unceasingly promoting the  
17 products and services of local businesses, while at the same time protecting  
18 their interests. This is particularly important in the political arena where a  
19 single voice can go unheard, but the collective, united voice of the Chamber of  
20 Commerce has often proven effective and beneficial to businesses; and

21       **WHEREAS**, the Asia-Pacific Council of American Chambers of  
22 Commerce (APCAC) members combine their resources and knowledge to  
23 develop a common understanding of regional issues, problems and concerns  
24 facing the American business community in Asia-Pacific to discuss and adopt

1 positions on priority issues. APCAC develops a strategy for expressing and  
2 giving effect to its opinions on each issue. Organizations are identified with  
3 mutual interests and pursue a course of action to disseminate and  
4 communicate its positions to relevant governments and other organizations;  
5 and

6       **WHEREAS**, APCAC meets annually with U.S. Government decision-  
7 makers during a “Washington Doorknock” in June, at which time the  
8 chairman leads a delegation to the Nation’s Capital to meet with leaders of  
9 Congress and senior members of the Administration. APCAC’s annual trip  
10 increases the U.S. Government’s awareness of American business activities  
11 and concerns in the region. APCAC is well-received at the highest levels,  
12 establishing mutually beneficial relationships, and areas of cooperation are  
13 identified; and

14       **WHEREAS**, APCAC delegations annually meet with United States  
15 government and business leaders visiting the Asia-Pacific Region to discuss  
16 trade and investment issues that affect the competitiveness of American  
17 Business. The organization also maintains regular communications with high-  
18 level host country government officials through its member American  
19 Chambers of Commerce; and

20       **WHEREAS**, the American Chambers of Commerce members are on  
21 Guam to attend the Forty-first (41<sup>st</sup>) Asia-Pacific Council of American  
22 Chambers of Commerce (APCAC) Conference from March 13 through 15,  
23 2008. The Conference will provide delegates with opportunities to network  
24 with U.S. Government and national security professionals, business leaders

1 and peers from around the region, including fellow members of American  
2 Chambers of Commerce's Boards of Governors, senior executives from multi-  
3 national corporations and entrepreneurs that have developed substantial  
4 APCAC-based businesses; and

5       **WHEREAS**, the 2008 Conference theme, "*Economic Security and*  
6 *Opportunities in the Asia Pacific Region*", will provide us with a forum to gain  
7 insight and discuss regional security issues, and collaborate on regional and  
8 industry levels, as well as share ideas on how to maximize the growing  
9 opportunities available in the markets this year and in the immediate future;  
10 and

11       **WHEREAS**, additional highlights of the Conference will include  
12 keynote addresses and participation by senior U.S. government officials  
13 including, the Honorable Felix P. Camacho, *I Maga'lahaen Guåhan* and the  
14 Director of the Joint Guam Program Office, Captain Robert Lee, and  
15 discussion and preparation for the annual "Doorknock " in Washington, D.C;  
16 now, therefore, be it

17       **RESOLVED**, that *I Mina'Bente Nuebi Na Liheslaturan Guåhan* does  
18 hereby, on behalf of the people of Guam, congratulate the Guam Chamber of  
19 Commerce for hosting the Forty-first (41<sup>st</sup>) Asia-Pacific Council of American  
20 Chambers of Commerce Conference, March 13 through 15, 2008 on Guam in  
21 coordination with the Asia-Pacific Council of American Chambers of  
22 Commerce; and be it further

23       **RESOLVED**, that the Speaker certify, and the Secretary of the  
24 Legislature attest to, the adoption hereof, and that copies of the same be

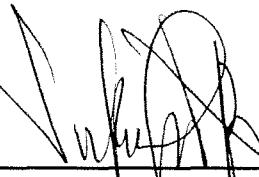
- 1 thereafter transmitted to the Guam Chamber of Commerce; to the Asia-
- 2 Pacific Council of American Chambers of Commerce; and to the Honorable
- 3 Felix P. Camacho, *I Maga'lahaen Guåhan*.

**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**  
Speaker



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