

I MINA'BENTE NUEBI NA LIHESLATURAN GUÅHAN
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Resolution No. 138 (LS)

As amended.

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Relative to congratulating Mr. Gary North on his retirement as Senior Vice President-Pacific, Matson Navigation Company, Inc., after a twenty-seven (27) year career, to include a maritime career spanning four (4) decades, and to further extending to him a sincere appreciation and *Un Dångkolo Na Si Yu'o Ma'åse'* for the start up of our Guam service, formation of the Stevedoring Services of America (SSAT) for the betterment of our Island Community.

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

1 **WHEREAS**, Mr. Gary North started working with Matson in 1967, as a
2 Cargo Planner in Hawaii's freight department. From 1968 to 1970, Mr. North
3 held sales and booking positions in the company's freight marketing and
4 operations departments. He transferred to San Francisco in 1970 as Fleet
5 Operations Supervisor and in 1971, Mr. North accepted a management
6 position with Seatrain Lines; and

7 **WHEREAS**, in 1974, Mr. Gary North joined U.S. Lines and throughout
8 his career with U. S. Lines, he held various senior management positions on
9 the U.S. East and West Coasts. He has also served as Vice President, Far East,
10 and was based in Hong Kong for five (5) years. In 1986, he was promoted to
11 Executive Vice President, Pacific Services, and returned to the East Coast; and

12 **WHEREAS**, Mr. Gary North rejoined Matson as Vice President, Area
13 Manager, Hawaii, in 1987 and was promoted to Vice President, Operations,
14 and transferred to Matson's headquarters in San Francisco in 1990. In 1991,
15 Mr. North was assigned the additional responsibility of serving as President
16 of Matson Terminals, Inc. With the guidance and management capabilities of
17 Mr. North, Matson Terminals introduced the first Automatic Equipment
18 Identification (AEI) in the industry, resulting in significant improvements in
19 gate turn times; and

20 **WHEREAS**, Mr. North's role as President of Matson Terminals also
21 involved modernizing Matson's Sand Island operation by introducing
22 innovative new technologies that have improved efficiency and overall

1 customer service at our hub facility in the Pacific and became Senior Vice
2 President of Matson Navigation Company in 1993; and

3 **WHEREAS**, in the 1990s, Mr. North oversaw Matson Terminals, both on
4 the West Coast and in Hawaii, served on the Board of the Pacific Maritime
5 Association and was involved in two (2) contract negotiations. He later
6 administered a major overhaul of Matson Terminal's operations in the latter
7 part of the decade, which encompassed converting to a wheeled operation
8 and introducing state-of-the-art GPS technology for container tracking; and

9 **WHEREAS**, during his career at Matson, Mr. North has had an
10 instrumental role in a number of important initiatives that have been key to
11 the company's growth and development. He was closely involved in the start
12 up of Matson's Guam service when it was a joint operating agreement with
13 American President Lines (APL) in 1996; and

14 **WHEREAS**, when Matson partnered with Stevedoring Services of
15 America in 1999 to form SSAT on the West Coast, Mr. North was the primary
16 point person for the transition and start up of the new entity; and

17 **WHEREAS**, prior to Mr. North's transfer to Hawaii in 2003 as Senior
18 Vice President, Pacific, he was involved in the operations component of the
19 construction of the first two (2) ships built at Aker Philadelphia Shipyard; and

20 **WHEREAS**, Mr. North had an equally important role in transitioning our
21 Guam service to a Matson-dedicated operation. He also spearheaded the expansion of
22 Matson's presence in the region by developing a bi-weekly liner service for
23 Micronesia in mid-2006; and

1 **WHEREAS**, Allen Doane, Matson Chairman and A&B Chairman recognized
2 Mr. Gary North's remarkable contributions to Matson's business operation and he
3 equally acknowledged Mr. North's tremendous compassion for community service.
4 He further commended Mr. North for his efforts in extending Matson's, as well as the
5 A&B Foundation's, charitable reach in the Pacific to remote regions such as
6 Micronesia and the Marshall Islands. He further expounded on Mr. North's
7 tremendous job representing Matson in a wide range of community service programs
8 and has done so in a heartfelt, genuine manner; and

9 **WHEREAS**, Mr. Gary North currently serves on the Board of the
10 American Red Cross local chapter, the Hawaii Food Bank and Aloha United
11 Way. He had a leadership role supporting First Lady Joann Camacho's effort
12 to revive Guam's Bookmobile in 2004, which had been out of service for
13 nearly ten (10) years; and

14 **WHEREAS**, Mr. Jim Andrasick, Matson President and CEO, recognized
15 Mr. Gary North as being very well-respected and regarded within the Matson
16 organization and known to speak with sincere emotion about his employees
17 at company functions and has hired a number of highly valued members of
18 Matson's management team, including Senior Executives Ron Forest and
19 Dave Hoppes. Mr. Andrasick further commended Mr. North for being
20 passionate about Matson and its people, which has been reflected in all that he
21 has done for the company over the years; and

22 **WHEREAS**, Mr. Gary North's contributions to Matson have been
23 enormous and encompassed such milestones as the start up of our Guam

1 service, formation of the Stevedoring Services of America (SSAT) and
2 automation of the company's hub at Sand Island in Honolulu, Hawaii; and

3 **WHEREAS**, most recently, Mr. Gary North has been at the forefront of
4 the Hawaii Harbors Users Group (HHUG) in its efforts to address the need to
5 modernize the State's port facilities. While Mr. North will officially retire on
6 April 1, 2008, he will continue to work for Matson on a consulting basis on
7 matters pertaining to HHUG, the replacement of cranes for Guam and other
8 key initiatives involving Matson's operations in the Pacific; now, therefore, be
9 it

10 **RESOLVED**, that *I Mina'Bente Nuebi Na Liheslaturan Guåhan* does
11 hereby, on behalf of the people of Guam, congratulate Mr. Gary North on his
12 retirement after a maritime career that has spanned four (4) decades,
13 including twenty-seven (27) years with Matson, and does further extend to
14 him a sincere *Un Dångkolo Na Si Yu'os Ma'åse'* for the service and
15 contributions he has made for the betterment of our Island Community;
16 and be it further

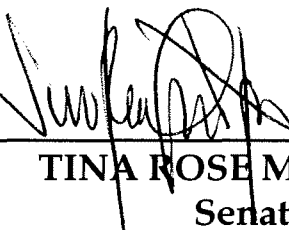
17 **RESOLVED**, that the Speaker certify, and the Secretary of the
18 Legislature attest to, the adoption hereof and that copies of the same be
19 thereafter transmitted to Mr. Gary North, Senior Vice President - Pacific,
20 Matson Navigation Company, Inc.; to Mr. James S. Andrasick, President and
21 Chief Executive Officer, Matson Navigation Company, Inc.; to Mr. Matthew J.
22 Cox, Chief Operating Officer, Matson Navigation Company, Inc.; to Mr.
23 Nelson N. S. Chun, Senior Vice President and Chief Legal Officer, Alexander

- 1 & Baldwin, Inc.; to Mr. Dave Hoppes, Senior Vice President (Ocean Services);
- 2 and to the Honorable Felix P. Camacho, *I Maga'lahaen Guåhan*.

DULY AND REGULARLY ADOPTED BY *I MINA'BENTE NUEBI NA LIHESLATURAN GUÅHAN* ON THE 14TH DAY OF MARCH 2008.



JUDITH T. WON PAT, Ed.D.
Speaker



TINA ROSE MUÑA BARNES
Senator and
Secretary of the Legislature