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

Resolution No. 150 (LS)

As amended.

Introduced by:

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Relative to congratulating the Guam Association of REALTORS[®] on their Thirty-Fifth (35^{th}) Anniversary and celebration of the Centennial Anniversary of the National Association of Realtors[®] and to expressing *un dångkolo na si* Yu'os ma'åse' to the members who continue to be the driving force of our island community's real estate industry committed to strengthening Guam's economy.

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

3 WHEREAS, the mission statement of the Guam Association of 4 REALTORS® is to provide services to its members which will unite those 1 engaged in the recognized branches of the real estate profession for the
2 purpose of exerting a beneficial influence upon the profession and related
3 interest; and

WHEREAS, the Guam Association of REALTORS® provides
educational opportunities for members to attain a higher level of professional
competency; and

7 WHEREAS, the purpose of the Guam Association of REALTORS® is to 8 promote and maintain high standards of conduct and ethical business 9 practices in the real estate profession as expressed in the Code of Ethics of the 10 National Association of REALTORS®. The members promote a high level of 11 professional standards in the real estate profession and provide a unified 12 medium for the real estate profession whereby their interests may be 13 safeguarded and advanced; and

WHEREAS, the Guam Association of REALTORS® furthers the interest of home and other real property ownership and unites those engaged in the real estate profession in this community with the National Association of REALTORS®, thereby furthering its objectives throughout the nation, and obtaining the benefits and privileges of membership therein; and

WHEREAS, the Guam Association of REALTORS® facilitates the flow
of information and coordination of services among the National Association
of REALTORS®, the Guam Association of REALTORS®, local associations,
and the members; and

WHEREAS, the Guam Board of Realtors was established thirty-five (35)
years ago as a member of Guam's business community. From its humble

beginnings of just a handful of members, the Guam Association of
 REALTORS® has grown to more than three hundred (300) members and
 affiliates; and

WHEREAS, the Guam Association of REALTORS® motto "GET 4 5 **INVOLVED!**" is indicative in the composition of its thirteen (13) committees, Community Affairs, Grievance, 6 Education, Legislative, including 7 Membership, Military Affairs, Multiple Listing Service (MLS), Professional Standards, Public Relations, Sellers Disclosure, Sponsorship, Technology and 8 9 the Vice President's Council; and

10 WHEREAS, the general membership of the Guam Association of 11 REALTORS ® meets annually and the aggressive standing committees meet 12 monthly to conduct new members orientation, to update new procedures 13 allowing for a more streamlined process for new applicants, to revise the 14 Guam Association of REALTORS® Multiple Listing Service Rules and 15 Regulations, to revise its schedule of dues and fees, and to participate in local 16 civic fundraising activities and events; and

WHEREAS, additional highlights of the Guam Association of REALTORS® is its contribution to the REALTORS® Political Action Committee (RPAC), one of the largest trade associations representing over four hundred thousand (400,000) politically active REALTORS®, and boasts recent legislative and regulatory successes, including the continued preservation of the mortgage interest deduction, tax relief benefiting the real estate industry, improving federal mortgage programs allowing more families to join the ranks of homeownership, and eliminating burdensome regulations
 inhibiting environmental quality and healthy real estate markets; and

WHEREAS, one hundred percent (100%) of the member's contribution to the Guam Association of REALTORS® is used to elect pro-REALTOR® candidates running for public office nationally. Seventy percent (70%) remains on our island to be used in local elections. Thirty percent (30%) of its contribution is forwarded to the National REALTORS® Political Action Committee, which is neither a Republican nor a Democratic organization, to fund key United State House and Senator races; now, therefore, be it

10 **RESOLVED**, that *I Mina'Bente Nuebi Na Liheslaturan Guåhan* does 11 hereby, on behalf of the people of Guam, congratulate the Guam Association 12 of REALTORS® on its Thirty-Fifth (35th) Anniversary and celebration of the 13 Centennial Anniversary of the National Association of Realtors® and does 14 express *un dångkolo na si Yu'os ma'åse'* to the members who continue to be the 15 driving force of our island community's real estate industry committed to 16 strengthening Guam's economy; 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 the Guam Association of REALTORS®; to the 20 National Association of REALTORS®; and to the Honorable Felix P. 21 Camacho, *I Maga'lahen*.

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DULY AND REGULARLY ADOPTED BY I MINA'BENTE NUEBI NA LIHESLATURAN GUÅHAN ON THE 21st day of April 2008.

JUDITH T. WON PAT, ED.D. Speaker TINA ROSE MUÑA BARNES Senator and Secretary of the Legislature