

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

**Resolution No. 163 (EC)**

As amended.

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**Relative to commending Eric Anthony Perez Sotto for his sustained Superior Athletic Performance for Guam Soccer Teams, and congratulating him on earning an Athletic Scholarship to attend Oakland City University of Indiana, a participating institution in the Men's Soccer NCAA Division.**

- 1        **BE IT RESOLVED BY *I MINA'BENTE NUEBI NA LIHESLATURAN***  
2 ***GUÅHAN*:**  
3        **WHEREAS, Eric Anthony Perez Sotto was born on September 10, 1990,**  
4 **to his proud parents, Manuel and Laurretta Sotto; and**

1           **WHEREAS**, Eric Sotto’s interest in Soccer actively began at the age of  
2 three (3), and continued throughout his childhood, playing for the Sidekicks  
3 and the Hyundai Under-Sixteen (16); and

4           **WHEREAS**, young Eric participated in team play for his Middle  
5 School’s Bishop Baumgartner *Obispos*, which were champions of their league  
6 in 2001 and 2002; and

7           **WHEREAS**, Eric’s scoring has been publicly highlighted in Pacific Daily  
8 News Sports Articles since 2002; and

9           **WHEREAS**, as a traveling member of Guam’s first Under-Twelve (12)  
10 National Team, Eric scored Guam’s first goal in the 2002 Ryugasaki  
11 Friendship Tournament in Japan, and was named one of the tournament’s  
12 standout players; and

13           **WHEREAS**, young Eric contributed goals toward wins in competition in  
14 China and at a tournament held at the Leo Palace Resort on Guam as a  
15 member of Guam’s Under-Fourteen (14) National Team; and

16           **WHEREAS**, as a member of Guam’s Under-Seventeen (17) National  
17 Team, Eric was trained at Japan’s J-Village and competed in a tournament  
18 held in North Korea, where he scored three (3) goals in two (2) games; and

19           **WHEREAS**, in July 2006, Eric participated in the Under-Sixteen (16)  
20 Guam United Soccer Club Team, representing Guam in the Hawaii  
21 International Cup, where he scored against Hawaii’s top team and helped his  
22 team tie for First (1<sup>st</sup>) Place; and

23           **WHEREAS**, Eric participated as a member of Guam’s Under-Nineteen  
24 (19) National Team in training at Japan’s J-Village and with the Guam United

1 Soccer Club Team in competition at the San Diego Surf Cup, where he scored  
2 two (2) goals in group stage and one (1) goal in semi-finals play; and

3       **WHEREAS**, Eric Sotto, having earned the Golden Boot Award for thirty  
4 three (33) goals in eleven (11) games, was the first pick selected overall in a  
5 Guam Football Association Player draft, conducted in September 2007, to  
6 distribute the talent of the Guam National Team among teams in the domestic  
7 league; and

8       **WHEREAS**, most recently, Eric Sotto was selected to compete in Macau  
9 as a member of the Guam Men’s National Team; and

10       **WHEREAS**, young Eric’s participation in tournament play as a member  
11 of Guam National Teams has been concurrent with his matriculation at Father  
12 Duenas Memorial School; and

13       **WHEREAS**, as a member of the Father Duenas Friars Soccer Team, Eric  
14 Sotto distinguished himself as a valuable scorer, with twenty-four (24) goals in  
15 his Junior Year; and

16       **WHEREAS**, in part for goals scored in his Junior Year, Eric Sotto  
17 garnered the most team coach votes of any Independent Interscholastic  
18 Athletic Association of Guam Boys Soccer League player selected to the 2006  
19 All-Island Team; and

20       **WHEREAS**, Eric Sotto excelled as an athlete while accumulating a 3.2  
21 grade point average overall, with particular aptitude for mathematics; and

22       **WHEREAS**, from the age of six (6) to the present, Eric also devoted his  
23 time and attention to spiritual life in his community, as a Knight of the Altar  
24 at St. Jude Thaddeus Catholic Church and at St. Fidelis Capuchin Friary; and

1           **WHEREAS**, as a graduating Senior, Eric placed his athletic  
2 achievements at the service of his academic aspirations to study engineering  
3 or business management through his self-directed investigation of college  
4 Athletic Scholarship opportunities; and

5           **WHEREAS**, Eric Anthony Perez Sotto was offered a major Athletic  
6 Scholarship by Oakland City University in Gibson County, Indiana, to defray  
7 seventy-five percent (75%) of tuition costs in his first year; and

8           **WHEREAS**, this scholarship offer was publicly accepted in a signing  
9 ceremony at the Father Duenas Phoenix Center on April 28, 2008, with family  
10 members, school officials and news media present; and

11           **WHEREAS**, this Athletic Scholarship affords Eric the opportunity to  
12 train and participate in progressively challenging settings appropriate for his  
13 age and skill level, as a member of the Oakland City University Men’s Soccer  
14 Team in NCAA Division II Competition; and

15           **WHEREAS**, the hopes and dreams of parents everywhere is for the  
16 innate potential of their children to be nurtured and flourish in their  
17 community; and

18           **WHEREAS**, the fundamental purpose of community institutions, such  
19 as schools, public facilities and non-profit sports programs, is fulfilled to the  
20 extent that our youth apply themselves wholeheartedly to developing their  
21 skills and talents in preparation for a lifetime of citizenship and contribution  
22 to their community as adults; and

23           **WHEREAS**, through personal choices made daily throughout his young  
24 life, Eric Anthony Perez Sotto has demonstrated his appreciation for the

1 advantages and opportunities presented to him by his loving parents, island  
2 community and country; and

3       **WHEREAS,** *I Liheslaturan Guåhan* wishes to publicly recognize  
4 outstanding individuals within our community whose complete character and  
5 particular achievements commend them to be deemed models of good  
6 citizenship worthy of emulation; now, therefore, be it

7       **RESOLVED,** that *I Mina'Bente Nuebi Na Liheslaturan Guåhan* does  
8 hereby, on behalf of the people of Guam, commend Eric Anthony Perez Sotto  
9 for his sustained Superior Athletic Performance as a standout member of  
10 Guam Soccer Teams at the school, league and national team levels; and be it  
11 further

12       **RESOLVED,** that *I Mina'Bente Nuebi Na Liheslaturan Guåhan* does  
13 hereby, on behalf of the people of Guam, extend its congratulations to Eric  
14 Anthony Perez Sotto on the occasion of his recognition as a scholar-athlete  
15 worthy of substantial financial incentive to attend Oakland City University of  
16 Gibson County, Indiana, and to participate in its Men's Soccer Program in  
17 NCAA Division II competition; and be it further

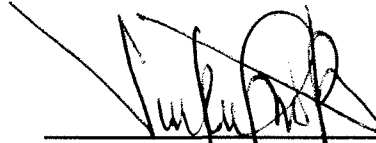
18       **RESOLVED,** that the Speaker certify, and the Secretary of the  
19 Legislature attest to, the adoption hereof, and that copies of the same be  
20 thereafter transmitted to Eric Anthony Perez Sotto; to his parents, Manuel and  
21 Loretta Sotto; to Father Duenas Memorial School; to the Guam Football  
22 Association; and to the Honorable Felix P. Camacho, *I Maga'lahren Guåhan*.

DULY AND REGULARLY ADOPTED BY *I MINA'BENTE NUEBI NA LIHESLATURAN GUÁHAN* ON THE 29<sup>th</sup> DAY OF MAY 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