

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

Resolution No. 165 (LS)

As amended.

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Relative to commending and congratulating the Hip Hop Project on the occasion of its visit to Guam in support of the community building and support service work of Sanctuary, Inc., through presentations for Guam's young adults and workshops for educators and community leaders; and for the Hip Hop Project commitment to bringing a positive message to our island's youth and youth across America.

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

1 **WHEREAS**, the Hip Hop Project, an award-winning outreach program
2 created by Christopher ‘Kazi’ Rolle, a formerly homeless teenager turned
3 youth mentor, used hip hop as a vehicle for self-development and personal
4 discovery for a group of ‘at-risk’ New York City teenagers, transforming their
5 life stories into powerful works of art; and

6 **WHEREAS**, one teenager who put homelessness behind him to inject
7 hope and healing in the lives of other teens through hip-hop mentored this
8 group of disadvantaged but talented adolescents who turned their pain into
9 art, and their need into community; and

10 **WHEREAS**, Bruce Willis and Queen Latifah, impressed by this story
11 underlining the positive side of a culture that's often misunderstood, decided
12 to team up and produce a documentary the Hip-Hop Project, that zooms in
13 on the productive power of hip-hop through the telling of the story of Chris
14 ‘Kazi’ and the participants of the Hip Hop Project; and

15 **WHEREAS**, Sanctuary, Inc., hosted a screening of this movie for Guam
16 and invited the stars of the documentary, Kharma Kazi and his crew -- Terry
17 "Live Wire" Moore, Kamau "Verse" Herbert, Tia "Cocoa" Saraii Myrie,
18 Theophilus London, Nefra Dabney, and Aliata "Phoenix" Aleem to come to
19 Guam and meet with youth at Sanctuary, Inc., and the Department of Youth
20 Affairs, and students from the island’s summer school programs; and

21 **WHEREAS**, local artists and talents Melvin Won Pat-Borja, Jovan
22 Tamayo, Aerial Matapagal, Carlo Nededog, Chris Santos, and Kie Susuico
23 joined forces with the Hip Hop Project during their visit, proving an
24 inspiration to both island youth and adults alike, and a testament to the

1 positive values of the hip hop culture embraced by much of the island's youth
2 and millions more worldwide; now, therefore, be it

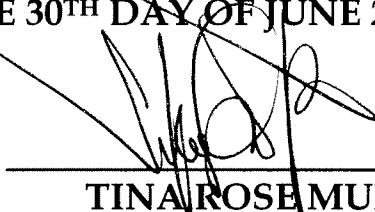
3 **RESOLVED**, that *I Mina'Bente Nuebi Na Liheslaturan Guåhan* does
4 hereby, on behalf of the people of Guam, commend the Hip Hop Project for its
5 commitment to improving the lives of today's most vulnerable youth in their
6 neighborhoods in New York and throughout the nation where project may
7 travel, and does recognize its accomplishments on the occasion of the premier
8 screening of the documentary the Hip Hop Project on Guam, to benefit
9 Sanctuary, Inc.; and be it further

10 **RESOLVED**, that the Speaker certify, and the Secretary of the
11 Legislature attest to, the adoption hereof and that copies of the same be
12 thereafter transmitted to Christopher 'Kazi' Rolle; Terry "Live Wire" Moore;
13 Kamau "Verse" Herbert; Tia "Cocoa" Saraii Myrie; Theophilus London; Nefra
14 Dabney; Aliata "Phoenix" Aleem; Melvin Won Pat-Borja; Jovan Tamayo;
15 Aerial Matapagal; Carlo Nededog; Chris Santos; Kie Susuico; to Sarah
16 Nededog, Executive Director of Sanctuary, Inc.; and to the Honorable Felix P.
17 Camacho, *I Maga'lahaen Guåhan*.

DULY AND REGULARLY ADOPTED BY I MINA'BENTE NUEBI NA LIHESLATURAN GUÅHAN ON THE 30TH DAY OF JUNE 2008.



JUDITH T. WON PAT, Ed.D.
Speaker



TINA ROSE MUÑA BARNES
Senator and
Secretary of the Legislature