

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

Resolution No. 174 (LS)

As amended.

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Relative to commending and congratulating Guam NARFE Chapter 1977, on the occasion of their Twenty-fifth (25th) Anniversary, and to welcoming and extending a warm “*Hafa Adai*” to Forney A. Lundy, Region VIII, Regional Vice President, on his visit to Guam.

- 1 **BE IT RESOLVED BY *I MINA'BENTE NUEBI NA LIHESLATURAN***
2 ***GUÅHAN*:**
3 **WHEREAS, the National Association of Retired Federal Employees**
4 **(“NARFE”) is dedicated to protecting the well-earned retirement benefits of**

1 federal civilian retirees. NARFE, founded by fourteen (14) Charter Members
2 in 1921, has grown to nearly half a million members; and

3 **WHEREAS**, NARFE has been active in improving federal retirement
4 benefits since 1921. One need only look at the history of the system to
5 appreciate NARFE's impact on the retirement program; and

6 **WHEREAS**, some, but not all, of NARFE's accomplishments are:
7 obtaining legislation which allowed survivor benefits; the restoration of a full
8 annuity to a retiree following the death of the spouse; supported computation
9 for annuities from 'High Five Year' to the 'High Three Year' salary basis;
10 worked for passage of the Second Spouse Benefit Bill to allow benefits for a
11 second spouse; worked for an 'Open Season' so retirees could change their
12 health benefits coverage; initiated legislation to allow survivor annuitants to
13 marry at age fifty-five (55) without loss of retirement benefits; achieved
14 liberalization of the 1983 law which required windfall reduction for social
15 security benefits whereby reduction for retirees with twenty-one (21) to
16 thirty-five (35) years of substantial social security coverage became less severe;
17 supported the Gorton Amendment to the Gramm-Rudman-Hollings Bill of
18 1985 which gave federal and military COLA's the same protection from
19 automatic reduction given the social security inflation adjustment; in the FY
20 98 Budget, NARFE persuaded Congress not to enact a COLA delay; and

21 **WHEREAS**, NARFE Chapter 1977 was formed in January 1983. The
22 first slate of officers for NARFE Chapter 1977 were Peter C. Siguenza, Sr.,
23 President; Jose A. Rivera, First Vice-President for Membership; Pedro D.
24 Perez, Second Vice-President for Legislation; Zenon Balenger, Treasurer; and

1 John Blas, Secretary. The new officers were assisted by Mr. Cordell, a NARFE
2 Field Vice-President who served as an advisor to the first slate of officers; and

3 **WHEREAS**, since its beginnings in 1983, NARFE Chapter 1977 has
4 grown from a handful of active federal employees and retirees to
5 approximately two hundred (200) members strong. Membership for NARFE
6 Chapter 1977 is open to civilians who have worked for even one day in any
7 agency of the federal government or District of Columbia, including retirees,
8 former employees, current employees, spouses, and surviving spouses, of
9 those eligible to join NARFE; now, therefore, be it

10 **RESOLVED**, that *I Mina'Bente Nuebi Na Liheslaturan Guåhan* does
11 hereby, on behalf of the people of Guam, commemorate the Twenty-fifth
12 (25th) Anniversary of the NARFE Chapter 1977, by saluting its past Presidents:
13 Peter C. Siguenza, Sr.; Jose A. Rivera; Pedro D. Perez; John Phillips; and
14 Concepcion 'Connie' Q. Sayama, the longest serving President; and be it
15 further

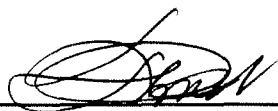
16 **RESOLVED**, that *I Mina'Bente Nuebi Na Liheslaturan Guåhan* does
17 hereby, on behalf of the people of Guam, commend and congratulate the
18 officers and members of NARFE Chapter 1977 on the occasion of their
19 Twenty-fifth (25th) Anniversary and does extend *un dångkolo na si Yu'us*
20 *Ma'ase'* and *Hafa Adai* to Forney A. Lundy, NARFE Regional Vice-President,
21 Region VIII, for his tireless efforts in helping grow and sustain our island's
22 federal retiree sector; and be it further

23 **RESOLVED**, that an appropriate expression of the importance of this
24 Anniversary would be the presentation of this Resolution on Sunday, August

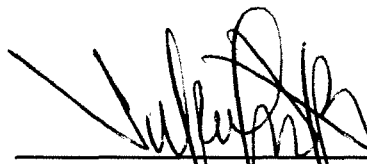
1 10, 2008, at the Fiesta Resort, Guam, a venue designated by NARFE Chapter
2 1977; and be it further

3 **RESOLVED**, that the Speaker certify, and the Secretary of the
4 Legislature attest to, the adoption hereof, and that copies of the same be
5 thereafter transmitted to Mrs. Concepcion 'Connie' Q. Sayama, President,
6 NARFE Chapter 1977; to Mr. Forney A. Lundy, NARFE Regional Vice-
7 President for Region VIII; to Margaret L. Baptiste, President of NARFE; to the
8 Honorable Madeleine Z. Bordallo, Guam's Delegate to the United States
9 Congress; and to the Honorable Felix P. Camacho, *I Maga'lahren Guåhan*.

**DULY AND REGULARLY ADOPTED BY I MINA'BENTE NUEBI NA
LIHESLATURAN GUÅHAN ON THE 4TH DAY OF AUGUST 2008.**



JUDITH T. WON PAT, Ed.D.
Speaker



TINA ROSE MUÑA BARNES
Senator and
Secretary of the Legislature