

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

Resolution No. 183 (LS)

As amended.

Introduced by:

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Relative to memorializing and acknowledging the accomplishments of former Senator, businessman and government official of Guam, the late Honorable Austin J. "Sonny" Shelton, on the occasion of his untimely passing, and offering condolences to his family.

- 1 **BE IT RESOLVED BY *I MINA'BENTE NUEBI NA LIHESLATURAN***
2 ***GUÅHAN*:**
3 **WHEREAS**, the Honorable Austin J. "Sonny" Shelton was born in
4 Guam at the 22nd General Hospital on June 30, 1949, the only child of the late

1 Austin James Shelton and the late Amanda “Mac” Pangelinan Guzman
2 Shelton, and was called to his eternal rest on September 7, 2008; and

3 **WHEREAS**, the Honorable Austin J. Shelton grew up in Guam,
4 graduating from Father Dueñas Memorial High School in 1967 and thereafter
5 attending the University of Guam and Texas State Technical Institute; and

6 **WHEREAS**, the Honorable Austin J. Shelton immersed himself into the
7 world of commerce, becoming President of the family business, Shelton Music
8 Company Incorporated, in 1978, succeeding his ailing father; and

9 **WHEREAS**, the Honorable Austin J. Shelton later began his own
10 business, AJS Incorporated, in 1982, expanding his commercial interests
11 beyond those of Shelton Music; and

12 **WHEREAS**, in 1986, the Honorable Austin J. Shelton was an outspoken
13 community leader and was encouraged to seek public office where he
14 achieved success in his first attempt, winning a seat in the Nineteeth (19th)
15 Guam Legislature, where he served as the Chairman of the powerful Rules
16 Committee; as Vice Chairman of the Energy, Utilities and Consumer
17 Protection Committee; as Secretary General of the Guam Associate Group of
18 the Asian Pacific Parliamentarians Union; and as a member of the Association
19 of Pacific Island Leaders; and

20 **WHEREAS**, in 1989, the Honorable Austin J. Shelton returned to his
21 business interests for several years prior to his temporary appointment as
22 General Manager of the Guam Power Authority in 1995, and then assumed
23 the duties of Director of the Department of Parks and Recreation, a position he
24 held until 1999; and

1 **WHEREAS**, from 1999 to 2000, the Honorable Austin J. Shelton held the
2 position of Public Auditor, and later served as Acting Director and Deputy
3 Director of the Department of Administration in 2001; and

4 **WHEREAS**, the Honorable Austin J. Shelton was a civic-minded
5 individual who always gave willingly of his time to assist the community,
6 serving as a Life Member of the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks since
7 1978. He was a former Council President, Finance Chairman, and member of
8 the *Nino Perdido Y Sagrada Familia* Catholic Church in Asan; he served as a
9 member of the Guam Shrine Club/Aloha Temple since 1980, and held the
10 position of Vice President from 1994 to 1995; from 1998 to 2000, he was a
11 volunteer in the 4-H Summer Youth Fishing Program for the University of
12 Guam's College of Agriculture and Life Sciences; for the 2000 to 2001 school
13 year, he was Father Duenas Memorial High School Football Booster Club
14 President; and he served as Brother of the 2nd Community of the Neo-
15 Catechumenal Way of Asan Parish; and

16 **WHEREAS**, the late Honorable Austin J. Shelton is survived by his
17 widow, Mrs. Graciella Shinohara Shelton; children Melinda S. and Raymond
18 Slattery, Madeline A. Shelton, Austin J. Shelton II, and Amanda L. Shelton;
19 and grandchildren Trinidad, Kaya, Mariana, Raymond, and Gabryelle; now,
20 therefore, be it

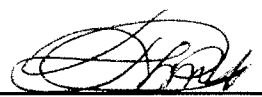
21 **RESOLVED**, that *I Mina'Bente Nuebi Na Liheslaturan Guåhan* does
22 hereby, on behalf of the people of Guam, recognize and acknowledge the
23 accomplishments and achievements of the late Honorable Austin J. Shelton
24 and does direct, pursuant to § 419 of Title 1, Guam Code Annotated, that a

1 State Funeral be accorded in his honor on Monday, September 15, 2008; and
2 be it further

3 **RESOLVED**, that *I Mina'Bente Nuebi Na Liheslaturan Guåhan*, on behalf
4 of the people of Guam, does hereby extend its condolences and heartfelt
5 sympathy to the family of the late Honorable Austin J. Shelton on his
6 untimely passing; and be it further

7 **RESOLVED**, that the Speaker certify, and the Secretary of the
8 Legislature attest to, the adoption hereof, and that copies of the same be
9 thereafter transmitted to the family of the late Honorable Austin J. Shelton: to
10 his widow, Mrs. Graciella Shinohara Shelton; to his children and their
11 spouses, Melinda S. and Raymond Slattery, Madeline A. Shelton, Austin J.
12 Shelton II, and Amanda L. Shelton; and to his grandchildren, Trinidad, Kaya,
13 Mariana, Raymond and Gabryelle; and to the Honorable Felix P. Camacho, *I*
14 *Maga'lahren Guåhan*.

DULY AND REGULARLY ADOPTED BY I MINA'BENTE NUEBI NA LIHESLATURAN GUÅHAN ON THE 12TH DAY OF SEPTEMBER 2008.



JUDITH T. WON PAT, Ed.D.
Speaker



TINA ROSE MUÑA BARNES
Senator and
Secretary of the Legislature