

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

**Resolution No. 186 (LS)**

As amended.

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**Relative to acknowledging and commending the Judiciary of Guam, as well as the organizers, team members and participants, who are working to establish Guam's "Play by the Rules" Youth Law Education Program in Guam's middle schools to help young people understand democracy, as well as the Constitution and the Judicial Systems of Guam and the United States.**

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

3            **WHEREAS, Guam is one of four (4) jurisdictions across the United**  
4 **States selected to participate in an innovative and successful school**

1 curriculum designed to provide law education to middle school students,  
2 known as “Play by the Rules,” or PBR; and

3 **WHEREAS**, this curriculum is directed by the Alabama Center for  
4 Law and Civic Education (ACLCE), and is taught as a part of the seventh-  
5 grade civics curriculum in all Alabama Public Schools, and in its six (6)  
6 years of existence the program has had an impact on more than four  
7 hundred thousand (400,000) students in Alabama Schools; and

8 **WHEREAS**, following the receipt of a \$1.2 million grant from the U.S.  
9 Department of Justice to expand the outreach of the PBR program to other  
10 jurisdictions, the ACLCE selected the middle school students of Texas,  
11 Connecticut, Nevada, and Guam to join students in Alabama as program  
12 participants; and

13 **WHEREAS**, the Judiciary of Guam has received a grant of \$200,000  
14 (Two Hundred Thousand Dollars) to be utilized, in collaboration with the  
15 Guam Public School System, to help young people understand and learn  
16 the laws of Guam that affect youth; and

17 **WHEREAS**, in his first State of the Judiciary address, Guam Supreme  
18 Court Chief Justice, Robert J. Torres said that the PBR program “provides a  
19 ‘playbook’ based on two hundred (200) of Guam’s laws to teach school  
20 children accountability, making it possible for us to bring practical  
21 applications of law into the daily lives of over four thousand (4,000)  
22 middle-school students,” and also stated that “Holding children  
23 accountable to the law without teaching them the law is not working;” and

1           **WHEREAS**, PBR funding includes adaptation, development and  
2 printing of textbooks, teacher guides, and outreach materials; plus teacher  
3 training and participation in conferences; as well as providing for start-up  
4 personnel at participating organizations; and

5           **WHEREAS**, using textbooks written in easily understood language,  
6 and illustrated with caricatures of the official birds of the states and  
7 territories as textbook “mascots,” the curriculum invites student  
8 engagement through a theme tied to the popular sport of baseball; and

9           **WHEREAS**, the official bird of Guam, the *Ko’ko* or Guam rail, will be  
10 used in the PBR textbook, entitled “*Play by the Rules: Guam Laws for Youth,*”  
11 to interest students in learning about law and addressing topics to include  
12 the rule of law, juvenile justice, crimes, weapons, alcohol and other drugs,  
13 family law, recreation law, school law, transportation, employment law,  
14 civic responsibility, technology and Internet safety; and

15           **WHEREAS**, stating that she is pleased to have the Judiciary of Guam  
16 join the team for this educational effort, national PBR Project Director  
17 Ponya Parks said that “education programs consistently contribute  
18 positively toward crime prevention,” and that “PBR and its state and  
19 territorial partners are making an ambitious attempt to provide students  
20 with the tools they need to prevent crime, save lives, and build safer  
21 communities;” and

22           **WHEREAS**, the Guam Public School System has been a tremendous  
23 asset in helping to make the PBR program possible here, and should be

1 commended for its hard work in helping to bring a program like PBR to our  
2 future responsible citizens ... the children of Guam; and

3           **WHEREAS**, coordinated by Judiciary of Guam Supreme Court  
4 Chamber Administrator Joleen F. Respicio, the PBR program is currently  
5 undergoing a comprehensive evaluation process by the Guam PBR Team by  
6 using evidence-based standards, such independent evaluation contributing to  
7 PBR being recognized as a science-based, “proven” program following  
8 analysis of the data generated in the assessment; now, therefore, be it

9           **RESOLVED**, that *I Mina'Bente Nuebi Na Liheslaturan Guåhan* does  
10 hereby, on behalf of the people of Guam, acknowledge and commend the  
11 Judiciary of Guam, as well as the organizers, team members and participants,  
12 who are working to establish Guam’s “Play by the Rules” youth law  
13 education program in Guam’s middle schools; and be it further

14           **RESOLVED**, that *I Mina'Bente Nuebi Na Liheslaturan Guåhan*, on  
15 behalf of the people of Guam, does hereby recognize the Alabama Center for  
16 Law & Civic Education & PBR National Project staff and the Guam Public  
17 School System for making possible the implementation of the PBR Program in  
18 Guam’s middle schools; and be it further

19           **RESOLVED**, that the Speaker certify, and the Secretary of the  
20 Legislature attest to, the adoption hereof, and that copies of the same be  
21 thereafter transmitted to Janet Bedford, Executive Director of the Alabama  
22 Center for Law & Civic Education; to Ponya Parks, Director, PBR National  
23 Project; to DeWayne Pope, Kerri Williamson and Robin Hosher; to each of the

1 members of the Guam PBR Team: Danielle Rosete; Daniel Rislove; Margaret  
2 'Peggy' Paulino; Vera M. R. Flores; James M. Petite; Connie Q. Santiago;  
3 Benjie Santiago; Carmen Garrido; James Szafranski, Ed.D, J.D.; Dr. Richard  
4 H.J. Wyttenbach-Santos; Dr. Edward Santos; Sgt. Ron Taitano; Carol Hinkle  
5 Sanchez, Esq.; Geraldine Cepeda, Esq.; Annie Gayle, Esq.; Joseph E.  
6 Montague; Luis S.N. Reyes; Dr. Nerissa Bretania-Shafer; Ignacio Santos;  
7 Raymond R. Dungca; and to the Honorable Senator Judith Paulette Guthertz,  
8 DPA; to PBR Guam Coordinator Joleen F. Respicio; to the Honorable Chief  
9 Justice of Guam, Robert J. Torres; and to the Honorable Felix P. Camacho, *I*  
10 *Maga'lahaen Guåhan.*

**DULY AND REGULARLY ADOPTED BY I MINA'BENTE NUEBI NA  
LIHESLATURAN GUÅHAN ON THE 24<sup>TH</sup> DAY OF SEPTEMBER 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