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

Resolution No. 207 (LS)

As amended.

Introduced by: B. J.F. Cruz

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Relative to congratulating the Bicol Club of Guam on the auspicious occasion of its 48<sup>th</sup> Anniversary and on the club's historic background, and inauguration of new officers.

- 1 BE IT RESOLVED BY I MINA'BENTE NUEBI NA LIHESLATURAN
- 2 GUÅHAN:
- WHEREAS, the 48th Anniversary celebration of the Bicol Club of Guam
- 4 took place on November 29, 2008, at the Hilton Resort and Spa; and

WHEREAS, the Bicol Club of Guam has a rich culture and history in Guam and it has promoted the unique customs of the Bicol province in the island. At the center of the Bicol region is Camarines Sur, a fertile land, overflowing with rice. Traditionally, the province was the seat of the Roman Catholic Church during the Spanish era; and

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WHEREAS, the Bicol province remains at the heart of a pilgrimage for devotees each September, when they flock to the Penafrancia Festival to honor the patroness, Our Lady of Penafrancia. Naga City, the energetic commercial locale known as the "Heart of Bicol", is where the celebration occurs. Amidst the luminous Catholic Churches in Naga City, resides the Virgin Mary within the grand gothic architecture at Basilica Minore. Pilgrims and followers from around the world gather at the Cathedral near the gorgeous river rim; and

WHEREAS, disciples watch the decorated flotilla, adorned with the sublime visage of Our Lady of Penafrancia, make a fluvial procession. On Guam, this tradition continues annually with Bicolanos honoring the patroness at the Penafrancia fiesta. At this festival, Bicolanos unite through commemoration; and

WHEREAS, this connection ratifies their beliefs in a Bicolano culture infused with commitment to family, community, spirituality, charity, and the Lord. Reflecting these beliefs are the newly-elected officers of the Bicol Club of Guam; and

- 1 WHEREAS, the new officers are Carlito P. Acabao, President; Rodolfo
- 2 "Bong" Dilanco, Vice President; Edna R. Rebanal, Secretary; Elizabeth D.
- 3 Cena, Treasurer; Charito Bataclan, Auditor; Juliet B. Babasa, PRO; Lilio
- 4 Bataclan, Peace Officer; and Roger R. Rebanal, Peace Officer; and
- 5 **WHEREAS**, the members of the Board of Directors are Zaida Acabado,
- 6 Tita Carina, Tess Carina, Tess Sotto, Auring Dilanco, Corazon Rebanal, Irene
- 7 Macapagal, Alice Neglerio, Aprodita Miller, Fr. Rudy Arejola, Lino Yaneza,
- 8 Roger Babasa, Fr. Jun Trenchera, and Erlinda Surban; now, therefore, be it
- 9 **RESOLVED**, that I Mina'Bente Nuebi Na Liheslaturan Guåhan does
- 10 hereby, on behalf of the people of Guam, commend and congratulate the Bicol
- 11 Club of Guam on its 48th Anniversary, on the Club's auspicious history, and
- 12 on the inauguration of its newly-elected officers and Board of Directors; and
- 13 be it further
- 14 **RESOLVED**, that the Speaker certify, and the Secretary of the
- 15 Legislature attest to, the adoption hereof, and that copies of the same be
- 16 thereafter transmitted to Mr. Carlito P. Acabado, President of the Bicol Club of
- 17 Guam; and to the Honorable Felix P. Camacho, I Maga'lahen Guåhan.

DULY AND REGULARLY ADOPTED BY I MINA'BENTE NUEBI NA LIHESLATURAN GUÅHAN ON THE 11<sup>TH</sup> DAY OF DECEMBER 2008.

Dr. DAVID L. G. SHIMIZU
Acting Speaker

TINA ROSE MUÑA BARNES
Senator and

Secretary of the Legislature