

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

**Resolution No. 209 (LS)**

As amended.

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**Relative to recognizing the many contributions made by Mr. Walter "Wally" Dias, and to bidding him best wishes and *Buen Viaje* as he assumes his new position as Managing Director – greater China and Southeast Asia in Hong Kong.**

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

3           **WHEREAS**, Mr. Walter Dias, the eldest of seven (7) children of Walter  
4 Sr. and Virginia Dias, was raised in the Pocono Mountains in Pennsylvania;  
5 and

6           **WHEREAS**, after earning his Bachelors of Science degree in Accounting  
7 from Pennsylvania State University, Mr. Dias joined the prestigious firm,  
8 Price Waterhouse, and later worked at Geosource, Inc., where he obtained his  
9 license as a Certified Public Accountant, prior to joining Continental Airlines  
10 in 1987; and

11           **WHEREAS**, Mr. Walter "Wally" Dias moved to Guam in 1993 as  
12 Director of Marketing for Continental Micronesia, and was later promoted to  
13 Staff Vice-President of Sales and Marketing, responsible for the development  
14 and execution of sales and promotion programs, advertising and public  
15 relations in Guam, People's Republic of China, Hong Kong, Taiwan, South  
16 Korea, the Philippines, Australia, Saipan, the Republic of Palau, the Federated  
17 States of Micronesia, and the Republic of the Marshall Islands, and offshore  
18 sales in Southeast Asia; and

19           **WHEREAS**, Mr. Dias was one of the prime movers of our Visitor  
20 Industry and served four (4) terms as a member of the Guam Visitors Bureau's  
21 Board of Directors, and held the positions of Chair of GVB's Market Research  
22 Committee, Chair of GVB's China Asia Marketing committee, and as Chair of

1 the North America, Pacific and Armed Forces Marketing Committee from  
2 2003 to 2005; and

3       **WHEREAS**, Mr. Dias also served on the board of the Guam Visitor  
4 Industry Education Council and on the Pacific Asia Travel Association Board  
5 of Directors for four (4) years; and

6       **WHEREAS**, Mr. Dias worked to increase awareness of our region and  
7 boost visitor arrivals by participating in the development of the popular  
8 “Warmth of Paradise” multi-media advertisement campaign, the “Resort  
9 Shuttle” campaign that featured works of art customized for Continental  
10 Micronesia by popular Australian artist, Ken Done, and the “Magnificent  
11 Micronesia” program; and

12       **WHEREAS**, realizing the potential of Micronesia, Mr. Dias increased air  
13 service to the region through flights from Taiwan, New Caledonia and  
14 Australia; and

15       **WHEREAS**, with the growth of China’s economy, Mr. Dias worked with  
16 Continental’s head office to request for special bi-lateral rights in the U. S. and  
17 China agreement for Guam and Micronesia, and led a delegation of Guam  
18 passengers on an inaugural charter flight to Shanghai in 2008; and

19       **WHEREAS**, Mr. Dias was instrumental in several humanitarian efforts,  
20 including, coordinating the travel of two thousand (2,000) Kurdish refugees to  
21 the U.S. Mainland in 1994; assisting in the repatriation of fishermen who were  
22 lost at sea to their home country; and coordinating cargo shipments of

1 medical supplies, clothing and food to devastated countries such as India, the  
2 Philippines and Chuuk; and

3       **WHEREAS**, Mr. Dias was one of the founders of the Ayuda Foundation  
4 in 1996, and was instrumental in launching the Wings For Life One Pass  
5 program for patients in Micronesia in need of off-island medical care; and

6       **WHEREAS**, in his leisure time, Mr. Dias was involved in the Rotary  
7 Club of Guam, the Micronesia Area Research Council, the Guam Hotel and  
8 Restaurant Association Jingle Bell Run, and the Junior Golfers group; now,  
9 therefore, be it

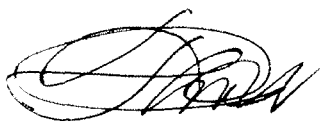
10       **RESOLVED**, that *I Mina'Bente Nuebi Na Liheslaturan Guåhan* does  
11 hereby, on behalf of the people of Guam, recognize the many contributions  
12 made by Mr. Walter "Wally" Dias to the people of Guam and Micronesia  
13 during his time spent on Guam, and does extend its sincerest "*Si Yu'os*  
14 *Ma'åse*" for jobs well done; and, be it further

15       **RESOLVED**, that *I Mina'Bente Nuebi Na Liheslaturan Guåhan* does  
16 hereby, on behalf of the people of Guam, extend its "Best Wishes and *Buen*  
17 *Viaje*" to Mr. Walter "Wally" Dias as he departs Guam to assume his next post  
18 as Managing Director - Greater China and Southeast Asia in Hong Kong; and,  
19 be it further

20       **RESOLVED**, that the Speaker certify, and the Secretary of the  
21 Legislature attest to, the adoption hereof, and that copies of the same be

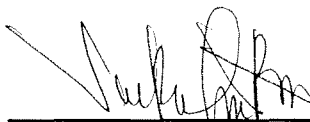
- 1 thereafter transmitted to Mr. Walter “Wally” Dias; to Continental Airlines;
- 2 and to the Honorable Felix P. Camacho, *I Maga’lahen Guåhan*.

**DULY AND REGULARLY ADOPTED BY *I MINA’BENTE NUEBI NA LIHESLATURAN GUÅHAN* ON THE 12<sup>TH</sup> DAY OF DECEMBER 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**