

I MINA'BENTE NUEBI NA LIHESLATURAN GUÅHAN
2007 (FIRST) Regular Session

Resolution No. 27(LS)

As amended.

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Relative to commending the Guam Raceway Federation on the Twenty-fifth (25th) Anniversary of the annual "Smokin' Wheels" competition and for its many contributions to Guam.

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

3 **WHEREAS**, Guam Smokin' Wheels started a long time tradition in 1978
4 on the hills of Talofofo with two (2) events: the off-road motorcycle and the
5 buggy & truck endurance competitions; and

6 **WHEREAS**, the participants of the first Smokin' Wheels Race included
7 local enthusiasts and racing legends Mr. Henry Simpson, Mr. George Flores,

1 Mr. Bill Flores, Mr. John Camacho, Mr. Joey Crisostomo, Mr. Luis Baza, Mr.
2 Tom Tanarte and Mr. Dennis Quinones; and

3 **WHEREAS**, this inaugural race was organized by Mr. Dave Eckert,
4 who later formed the Guam Racing Association, and with the help of Henry
5 Simpson, John Camacho and other racing enthusiasts; and

6 **WHEREAS**, in 1979, a gentleman named Mr. Etsuo Watabiki saw the
7 potential for this race to become an International Event and asked his friends
8 Mr. Tetsuji Yuasa and Mr. Nobu Hachiki from the Japan ATV Association to
9 solicit people to come to Guam to compete in the Smokin' Wheels Race; and

10 **WHEREAS**, Mr. Yuasa accepted the invitation and ever since members
11 of the Japan ATV Association have competed in every Smokin' Wheels Race;
12 and

13 **WHEREAS**, United States off-road racing legend Mr. Malcolm Smith
14 also competed in the 1979 Smokin' Wheels Race; and

15 **WHEREAS**, the original Guam Raceway Park, located in Talisay, Santa
16 Rita, was made possible by the generosity of Jose and Herminia Calvo, who
17 offered the use of their private property free of charge so that off road
18 enthusiasts could have a safe place to practice and compete; and

19 **WHEREAS**, in 1997, Public Law 24-141, authored by then Senator Larry
20 Kasperbauer, authorized construction of the Guam International Raceway in
21 2000. The Guam Racing Federation dedicated the Raceway as "Jose and
22 Herminia Calvo Memorial Off Road Park"; and

23 **WHEREAS**, through the efforts of Mr. Henry Simpson and other racing
24 devotees, the Guam Racing Federation was formed and took over Guam's
25 largest off road racing event; and

1 **WHEREAS**, in 2001, after a four (4) year hiatus, the Guam Smokin’
2 Wheels was held at the newly-built Jose and Herminia Calvo Memorial Off
3 Road Park; and

4 **WHEREAS**, this began a new era for the Guam Smokin’ Wheels as
5 many professional off-road competitors who have raced the Baja 500 and Baja
6 1000 and other notable events, participated in the annual Smokin’ Wheels
7 event; and

8 **WHEREAS**, since the arrival of Mr. Malcolm Smith in 1979, Guam has
9 played host to other off-road racing legends such as Ivan ‘Iron Man’ Stewart,
10 Roger Mears, Walker Evens, Rory Chenowth, and Rick Johnson who have
11 made the Guam Smokin’ Wheels part of their annual race schedule; and

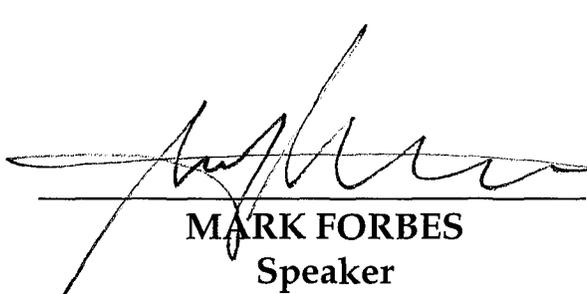
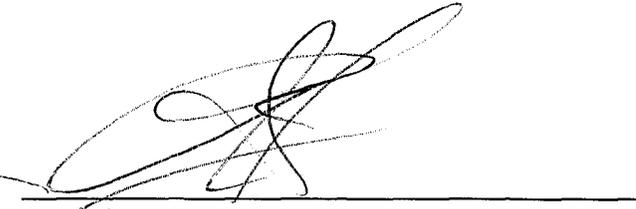
12 **WHEREAS**, the recent inclusion of other motor-sport activities as part
13 of the Smokin’ Wheels event by the current Chairman and Vice Chairman of
14 the Guam Racing Federation, James Martinez and Eddie Cruz Jr., has given
15 spectators a variety of racing action that includes motorcycle, ATV, buggy &
16 truck endurance races, drag racing, drifting, autocross, 4x4 rock crawling, 4x4
17 mud bog and, for the first time this year, radio control off road racing; and

18 **WHEREAS**, over the last twenty-five (25) years, the Guam Smokin’
19 Wheels has survived many trials and tribulations and continues to be the
20 premier off-road and motor-sport event in the Western Pacific; now, therefore,
21 be it

22 **RESOLVED**, that *I Mina’Bente Nuebi Na Liheslaturan Guåhan* does
23 hereby, on behalf of the people of Guam, congratulate Guam Smokin’ Wheels
24 on its Twenty-fifth (25th) Anniversary Celebration; and be it further

1 **RESOLVED**, that the Speaker certify, and the Secretary of the
2 Legislature attest to, the adoption hereof, and that copies of the same be
3 thereafter transmitted to Mr. Henry Simpson; to Mr. Etsuo Watabiki; to Mr.
4 Tetsuji Yuasa; to Mr. John Camacho; to Mr. Joey Crisostomo; to Mr. Dennis
5 Quinones; to Mr. Tom Tanarte; to Mr. Luis Baza; to Mr. George Flores; to Mr.
6 Bill Flores; to Mr. Eddie Cruz Jr.; to Mr. James Martinez and Mr. Ricardo
7 Calvo, representing the family of the late Jose & Herminia Calvo; Former
8 Senator Lawrence Kasperbauer; and to the Honorable Felix P. Camacho, *I*
9 *Maga'lahaen Guåhan.*

**DULY AND REGULARLY ADOPTED BY I MINA'BENTE NUEBI NA
LIHESLATURAN GUÅHAN ON THE 10TH DAY OF APRIL 2007.**

	
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MARK FORBES Speaker	RAY TENORIO Senator and Secretary of the Legislature