

I MINA'BENTE NUEBI NA LIHESLATURAN GUÅHAN
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As amended.

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Relative to recognizing and congratulating Maria Grace Baet Gagaring for her achievement as Big Brothers Big Sisters of Guam's Mentor of the Year, 2006.

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

3 **WHEREAS, Maria Grace Baet Gagaring, known as "Grace" to her**
4 **friends, was born on February 16, 1970, to Mr. Pastor Balquedra Gagaring and**
5 **Gertrudes Madrideojos Baet Gagaring, as the second of three (3) children. She**
6 **was born in a small outlying hospital near the town of Paete, Laguna,**

1 Philippines. During her preschool years, the family including her older
2 brother, spent almost six (6) years in Vientiane, Laos where their father was
3 stationed as an Airline Planning Engineer. The Gagaring Family was able to
4 leave the city three (3) weeks before the Vietnam War spilled into its
5 neighboring country's Capital, and in June, 1975 moved to Guam; and

6 **WHEREAS**, Maria Grace Baet Gagaring's innate sophistication, talent
7 and organizational skills were apparent at an early age. Aside from excelling
8 in school, she was accepted into the GATE (Gifted and Talented Education)
9 Program, received numerous awards and recognition such as, the National
10 Honor Society and Who's Who Among American High School Students and
11 participated in competitions such as the Math Olympiad for Wettengel
12 Elementary School, placing in the top ten (10) islandwide. She was the Team
13 Captain for Math Count Competition for Dededo Middle School, for which
14 her team won the islandwide competition, and received a Special
15 Congressional Recognition for her accomplishments, all while maintaining a
16 high grade point average; and

17 **WHEREAS**, Maria Grace Baet Gagaring graduated from Simon Sanchez
18 High School in 1988 with a very competitive class whose grade point average
19 was calculated to the thousandth. She ranked sixth with an estimated grade
20 point average of 4.10 of a possible 4.0 and received a Merit Award for a four-
21 year full scholarship at the University of Guam; and

1 **WHEREAS**, Maria Grace Baet Gagaring graduated as Magna Cum
2 Laude, with a BBA in Business Administration, Majoring in Marketing in
3 1992. Her college life was just as impressive as her life in high school. She
4 continually made the President's List and Dean's List. She was a Regent
5 Scholar and a member of Chi Omicron Honor Society. She pursued her
6 studies at the University of Guam and earned her Masters Degree in Business
7 Administration in 1997; and

8 **WHEREAS**, Maria Grace Baet Gagaring, in 2001, was the first graduate
9 of Westpac Institute of Management earning her American Bankers
10 Association General Banking Diploma. Learning has not taken a back seat in
11 her priorities since she is currently enrolled at Citibank's Compliance and
12 Control University; and

13 **WHEREAS**, Maria Grace Baet Gagaring has been an employee of
14 Citibank, Guam, since February, 1998, starting as an Administrative Assistant,
15 and working her way up the career ladder as a Collections Officer, Credit
16 Acceptance and Loan Processing Assistant Manager, Mortgage Specialist, and
17 today is the Insurance Processing Unit Manager; and

18 **WHEREAS**, Maria Grace Baet Gagaring has been a volunteer for many
19 years for organizations such as, St. Anthony's Church's, Music Ministry,
20 Laguna Association of Guam, and Big Brothers Big Sisters of Guam; and

21 **WHEREAS**, Maria Grace Baet Gagaring received the Mentor of the Year
22 Award for 2006 from Big Brothers Big Sisters of Guam, which was presented

1 to her surprise, in January 2007 at a luncheon held at the Hyatt Regency
2 Guam. She has participated as a Big Sister at Tamuning Elementary School
3 since 2005; and

4 **WHEREAS**, Maria Grace Baet Gagaring’s “Little” was a shy third
5 grader who spoke very highly of her. He said that Grace was always there for
6 him, not missing any of their weekly lunch times. With Grace’s guidance, he
7 has learned many things such as comprehending his homework better, play
8 board games, puzzles and thought provoking games and engaged in
9 conversations on current events and story-telling. For three (3) weeks during
10 Christmas 2006, the pair did not see each other and when they finally met
11 again, it was a very happy reunion with tears of joy; now, therefore, be it

12 **RESOLVED**, that *I Mina’Bente Nuebi Na Liheslaturan Guåhan* does
13 hereby, on behalf of the people of Guam, express our heartfelt appreciation
14 and congratulations to Maria Grace Baet Gagaring as Big Brothers Big Sisters
15 of Guam’s Mentor of the Year for 2006; and be it further

16 **RESOLVED**, that the Speaker certify, and the Secretary of the
17 Legislature attest to, the adoption hereof, and that copies of the same be
18 thereafter transmitted to Ms. Maria Grace Baet Gagaring; to Ms. Erika
19 Vaughan, Big Brothers Big Sisters of Guam Executive Director; to Mr. Madhu
20 Seshadri, Citigroup Country Officer, Guam; and to the Honorable Felix P.
21 Camacho, *I Maga’lahen Guåhan*.

DULY AND REGULARLY ADOPTED BY *I MINA'BENTE NUEBI NA LIHESLATURAN GUÅHAN* ON THE 30TH DAY OF APRIL 2007.



MARK FORBES
Speaker



RAY TENORIO
Senator and
Secretary of the Legislature