

I MINA'BENTE NUEBI NA LIHESLATURAN GUÅHAN
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Resolution No. 66 (LS)

As amended.

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Relative to commending Attorney Daniel Somerfleck for twelve (12) years of service to the people of Guam, especially those children and adults with disabilities, while working for the Guam Legal Services, Disability Law Center.

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

3 **WHEREAS,** Attorney Daniel Somerfleck began his career with the Guam
4 Legal Services in 1996 as the Executive Director; and

5 **WHEREAS,** Attorney Somerfleck maintained an open door policy and was
6 committed to helping individuals with disabilities, victims of domestic violence,
7 children with special needs, the elderly and indigents in need of legal assistance.

1 Attorney Somerfleck maintained an excellent rapport with all of those upon whose
2 behalf he passionately advocated; and

3 **WHEREAS**, Mr. Somerfleck belonged to and participated in various
4 organizations that advocated for the disabled, the elderly, victims and children with
5 special needs, including the Guam Developmental Disabilities Council, University of
6 Guam Center for Excellence in Developmental Disabilities Education Research and
7 Service, Guam’s System of Care of Children with Severe Emotional Disabilities,
8 Autism Society, Office of the Public Guardian, Stop Violence Against Women, Guam
9 System for Assistive Technology, and several other community-based groups; and

10 **WHEREAS**, under Attorney Somerfleck’s leadership, the Guam Legal
11 Services Disability Law Center’s reputation became synonymous with excellence; and

12 **WHEREAS**, the Guam Legal Services Disability Law Center has assisted local
13 organizations, various government of Guam agencies and private sector service
14 providers address the quality of care available to individuals with disabilities and their
15 families; and

16 **WHEREAS**, as a result of Attorney Somerfleck’s campaign for individuals
17 with disabilities, Guam is now addressing the United States Supreme Court’s
18 Olmstead decision, which addressed the unnecessary segregation of individuals with
19 disabilities; and

20 **WHEREAS**, Attorney Somerfleck’s commitment to assisting those in need
21 resulted in the expansion of services at Guam Legal Services Corporation to include
22 providing quality legal representation to victims of family violence and sexual assault;
23 and

24 **WHEREAS**, Attorney Somerfleck advocated for amendments to the Guam
25 Family Violence Act of 1994 and subsequent amendments in 1998; and he served as a
26 co-chair to the Guam Family Violence Task Force;

1 **WHEREAS**, Attorney Somerfleck assisted in the creation of the Guam
2 Coalition of Sexual Assault and Family Violence; and

3 **WHEREAS**, Attorney Somerfleck maintained a family violence and sexual
4 assault program that was community-oriented because of the importance of
5 community involvement through outreach activities; and

6 **WHEREAS**, Attorney Somerflecks' successful career would not have
7 been possible without the love and support of his wife Carol and their two (2)
8 sons, Eli and Ezra; 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 Attorney
11 Daniel Somerfleck for his dedication and commitment to individuals with
12 disabilities and their families, children with special needs, victims of domestic
13 violence, the elderly and the people of Guam over the past eleven (11) years;
14 and be it further

15 **RESOLVED**, that *I Mina'Bente Nuebi Na Liheslaturan Guhan* does hereby,
16 on behalf of the people of Guam, extend its best wishes to Attorney
17 Somerfleck in all his future endeavors; and be it further


18 **RESOLVED**, that the Speaker certify, and the Secretary of the
19 Legislature attest to, the adoption hereof, and that copies of the same be
20 thereafter transmitted to Attorney Daniel Somerfleck; to *Guma' Mami* Inc.; to
21 the Office of the Public Guardian; to Guam Legal Services Disability Law
22 Center; to Guam Developmental Disabilities Council; to the University of
23 Guam CEDDERS; to the Office of Community Integration; to the Department
24 of Integrated Services for Individuals with Disabilities; to the Department of
25 Mental Health and Substance Abuse; to the Guam System of Care Council; to

1 the Department of Public Health & Social Services, to the Governor's Federal
2 Programs; to the Attorney General's Office; to the Guam Public School
3 System; and to the Honorable Felix P. Camacho, *I Maga'lahaen Guåhan*.

DULY AND REGULARLY ADOPTED BY *I MINA'BENTE NUEBI NA LIHESLATURAN GUÅHAN* ON THE 23RD DAY OF MAY 2007.



MARK FORBES
Speaker



RAY TENORIO
Senator and
Secretary of the Legislature