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

## **Resolution No. 86 (LS)**

As amended.

Introduced by:

J. A. Lujan Edward J.B. Calvo <u>Frank F. Blas, Jr.</u> James V. Espaldon Mark Forbes Judith Paulette Guthertz Frank T. Ishizaki Tina Rose Muña Barnes A. B. Palacios, Sr. v. c. pangelinan R. J. Respicio David L.G. Shimizu A. R. Unpingco Ray Tenorio J. T. Won Pat

Relative to commending and acknowledging the founders of Marigold Commodities Corporation, Dr. Bartolome and Mrs. Clara Lapus, for their contribution to our island community, our local economy and thanking them for their confidence in the Guam Market; and expressing appreciation for encouraging commerce between the Philippines and Guam.

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

WHEREAS, Mrs. Teresita Reyes, a native of the Philippines, was saddened during her visits to the United States to find Filipino children being raised on a diet that did not include their native foods. For Mrs. Teresita Reyes this stirred up the idea of an export business to help share the experience of Filipino cuisine with U.S. born Filipinos and food lovers worldwide; this effort was taken up by Dr. Bartolome and
Mrs. Clara Lapus, the daughter and son-in-law of Mrs. Teresita Reyes; and

WHEREAS, in 1980, Dr. Bartolome and Mrs. Clara Lapus formed Marigold Commodities Corporation based out of Metro Manila, Philippines, which pioneered in the processing and marketing of Filipino food mixes and sauces, with natural ingredients grown in organic farms in the mountains and coastal plains of the Philippines; in honor of their mother, Mrs. Teresita Reyes, these mixes and sauces have been marketed under the trademark name "Mama Sita"; and

9 WHEREAS, Marigold Commodities Corporation now sells twenty million 10 (20,000,000) products a year, across sixteen (16) countries worldwide, including the 11 regions of North America, Europe and the Middle East; and

WHEREAS, in 2006, our local community was able to share the experience of the indulgence of "Mama Sita's" mixes and sauces when Pacific Rim Brokers became the exclusive distributor of the products for Guam and Saipan; now, therefore, be it

15 **RESOLVED,** that *I Mina'Bente Nuebi Na Liheslaturan Guåhan* does hereby, 16 on behalf of the people of Guam, express its appreciation and gratitude for the 17 confidence that Dr. Bartolome and Mrs. Clara Lapus have placed in the Guam market, 18 through which they have also encouraged the ongoing development of commerce 19 between the Philippines and Guam; and be it further

RESOLVED, that the Speaker certify, and the Secretary of the Legislature attest to, the adoption hereof, and that copies of the same be thereafter transmitted to Dr. Bartolome and Mrs. Clara Lapus; to Mr. Franklin Arriola, President, Pacific Rim Brokers; 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 8<sup>TH</sup> DAY OF OCTOBER 2007.

EDWARD J.B. CALVO Acting Speaker

RAY TENORIO

Senator and Secretary of the Legislature