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Resolution No. 79 (COR)

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Relative to commending and congratulating Mr. Katsuaki Kobayashi on his retirement, and to extending *Un Dångkulo Na Si Yu'os Ma'åse'* for forty-three (43) years of work in Guam's travel industry.

1 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COMMITTEE ON RULES OF *I* 2 *MINA'TRENTA NA LIHESLATURAN GUÅHAN:*

3 WHEREAS, Mr. Katsuaki Kobayashi entered the tourism industry in 4 April 1966, when he began work for the Japan Travel Bureau, later becoming the General Manager of Sales & Marketing of Pacific Micronesian Tours, Inc.,
 (PMT) in 1996; and

3 WHEREAS, Mr. Kobayashi's tireless work rewarded him with a 4 promotion to the position of Director and General Manager of Sales & 5 Marketing of PMT in 1999; and

6 WHEREAS, despite Guam's economic hardships resulting from the 7 terrorist attacks of September 11, 2001, devastating typhoons, and a SARS 8 outbreak, Mr. Kobayashi's tenacity at PMT resulted in the creation of tour 9 packages to Guam and Micronesia, exclusive package tours, wedding tours, 10 and school excursion tours aimed at promoting the beautiful island of Guam 11 as a wonderful and worthwhile tourist destination; and

WHEREAS, in reflection of his marketing knowledge and hard work, Mr. Kobayashi became Representative Director of PMT; then in 2006, he became President and CEO of PMT, President of PMT Guam Corporation, and President and CEO of T.P. Micronesia, Inc., the holding company for Lam Lam Tours & Transportation, Chairman of Japan Guam Tourism Council Kanto (JGTC Kanto); and in 2009, he was promoted as Corporate Advisor of PMT and PMT Guam Corporation; and

WHEREAS, as a direct result of his outstanding efforts from 1999 to
2009, PMT has handled over two thousand two hundred thirty (2,230+)
customers with an operating share of Japanese tourists at approximately
twenty-six percent (26%); and

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WHEREAS, as President of JGTC Kanto in 2006, he has coordinated
 with the Guam Visitors Bureau to bring Japanese tourists to Guam; and

3 **WHEREAS,** being an expert in the tourism industry, Mr. Kobayashi 4 worked closely with Lam Lam Tours & Transportation to enhance the bus 5 operations for tourists traveling throughout the *Tumon* and *Hagåtña* areas; and

6 WHEREAS, Mr. Kobayashi initiated a Japanese Language Program for
7 tourism industry employees of the A.B. Won Pat International Airport
8 Authority, Guam, and interested tenants; and

9 WHEREAS, Mr. Kobayashi has proved himself to be an outstanding 10 paradigm for professionalism and work ethic in the tourism industry, and the 11 imprint of his expertise that he has left in varied branches of the industry will 12 bring tourists to the island of Guam for many years to come; now, therefore, 13 be it

14 **RESOLVED**, that the Committee on Rules of *I Mina'Trenta Na* 15 *Liheslaturan Guåhan* does hereby, on behalf of *I Liheslaturan Guåhan* and the 16 people of Guam, commend and congratulate Mr. Katsuaki Kobayashi on his 17 retirement, and extends *Un Dångkulo Na Si Yu'os Ma'åse'* for forty-three (43) 18 years of work in Guam's travel industry; and be it further

RESOLVED, that the Speaker and the Chairperson of the Committee on
Rules certify, and the Legislative Secretary attest to, the adoption hereof, and
that copies of the same be thereafter transmitted to Mr. Katsuaki Kobayashi;
and to the Honorable Felix P. Camacho, *I Maga'lahen Guåhan*.

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DULY AND REGULARLY ADOPTED BY THE COMMITTEE ON RULES OF *I MINA'TRENTA NA LIHESLATURAN GUÅHAN* ON THIS 15TH DAY OF APRIL, 2009.

JUDITH T. WON PAT, Ed.D. Speaker

RORY J. RESPICIO Chairperson, Committee on Rules

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