## I MINA'TRENTA NA LIHESLATURAN GUÅHAN 2009 (FIRST) Regular Session

Resolution No. 89 (COF)

Introduced by:

Edward J.B. Calvo Ray Tenorio Frank F. Blas, Jr.

Relative to congratulating Mr. Craig R. Wade, Senior Vice President/Corporate Banking Group Manager, Bank of Guam within our islands distinguished small business community awarded the 2009 Financial Services Champion of the Year.

## BE IT RESOLVED BY I MINA' TRENTA NA LIHESLATURAN GUÅHAN:

WHEREAS, Mr. Craig R. Wade a 1992 graduate of Alfred University in New York with a Bachelor of Science in Business Administration and Minor in Industrial Engineering. Following a semester abroad attending the University of Queensland, Brisbane, Australia, Mr. Wade returned to Guam to pursue his career in banking; and

WHEREAS, in 1998, Wade joined the Bank of Guam and has actively taken on leadership positions to include Commercial Loan Officer, where he developed strong client relationships throughout Micronesia, overseeing lending operations in Guam, the Commonwealth of the Norther Mariana Islands, and neighboring islands; and

WHEREAS, a 17-year veteran in business lending, Mr. Craig R. Wade

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is a practicing advocate for the small business community. He is deeply aware of the importance of growing small businesses, and has been available to counsel, assist, and advise individuals interested in starting or financing a small business; and

WHEREAS, today, Mr. Craig R. Wade oversees Bank of Guam's commercial loan portfolio and continues to grow through his guidance as Corporate Banking Group Manager. He is an active lender for the Small Business Administration's 7(a) Guaranty Loan Program and advocate for the small businesses on Guam by assisting them in locating the necessary capital for their small business needs; and

WHEREAS, since 1998, Mr. Craig R. Wade has been actively involved in the American Cancer Society Board as their Treasurer and in the Rotary Club of Northern Guam as their current Vice President/Acting President, proudly sponsoring the Shell Live Wire Program, a mentor program to assist young entrepreneurs to develop and create business plans, with the winning plan receiving a cash award to start their business. He also regularly conducts workshops for the Small Business Development Center (SBDC) and provides financial advice to entrepreneurs. On weekends, you could find Wade on the soccer field as the administrator and head coach for the Quality Distributors Youth Soccer team; and

WHEREAS, an active member in the island's financial industry, Mr.

Craig R. Wade's persistence in championing the needs of island businesses is mirrored in the Bank of Guam's consistent ranking among the island's top lenders. The contributions made to numerous businesses in our community in reaching their potential to develp and grow; and

WHEREAS, realizing the success of his customers, his employer and our island community are key elements which formed this year's SBA 2009 Financial Services Champion of the Year; and, now therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that the members of *I Mina' Trenta Na Liheslaturan Guåhan* congratulate Mr. Craig R. Wade, Vice President/Corporate Banking Group Manager, "Bank of Guam" within our islands distinguished small business community awarded the 2009 Financial Services Champion of the Year and further extend to him a sincere *Un Dangklo Na Si Yu'os Ma'åse'* for the outstanding contributions he has made for the betterment of our Island Community; and, be it further

**RESOLVED**, that the Speaker certify, and the Secretary of the Legislature attests to, the adoption hereof and that copies of the same be thereafter transmitted to Mr. Craig R. Wade and to the Honorable Felix P. Camacho, *I Maga'lahen Guåhan*.