

I MINA'TRENTAI UNU NA LIHESLATURAN GUÅHAN
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Resolution No. 77-31 (COR)

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Relative to recognizing and congratulating Mr. Cencio Tan C. Vy on being named as the U.S. Small Business Administration “2011 Small Business Person of the Year”; and to further commending him for his outstanding accomplishments, and his invaluable contributions to the people of Guam.

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

3 **WHEREAS, Mr. Cencio Tan C. Vy is the President and Chief Executive**
4 **Officer of Benson Guam Enterprises, which has a long established working history in**
5 **Guam, having been originally opened in 1976, the same year Super-Typhoon Pamela**
6 **devastated Guam; and**

1 **WHEREAS**, the original founder of Benson, Mr. Liam Bu Vy, realized that
2 Guam was in dire need of building materials in the aftermath of the super typhoon,
3 and so he created a family-owned hardware store for the people of Guam; and his
4 speedy response in opening a hardware store in *Hagåtña* helped to ensure the
5 rebuilding of an improved and enhanced Guam; and

6 **WHEREAS**, throughout the years, Benson Enterprises has concurrently earned
7 its name as one of Guam’s leading providers of construction and building materials;
8 and

9 **WHEREAS**, in 1980, the vision of transforming Benson's image of being not
10 only one of Guam’s leading building and construction materials supply stores, but also
11 becoming Guam’s largest home improvement center, was given to Mr. Cencio Tan C.
12 Vy, the youngest son of Mr. Liam Bu Vy. Mr. Cencio Tan C. Vy, together with his
13 father, built a new and larger store conveniently located along the highway of Route 8
14 in *Maite*; and

15 **WHEREAS**, at the age of nineteen (19) years old, Mr. Cencio Tan C. Vy came
16 to Guam from the Philippines to visit the family’s hardware store, and it became the
17 genesis of his life’s labor in the trade. He has now become a wealth of knowledge,
18 with over thirty (30) years of experience in the construction and building industry; and

19 **WHEREAS**, Mr. Vy came from very humble beginnings, and he worked his
20 way up through the ranks of the business, spending the early period of his career
21 building shelves, driving forklifts, and working in the warehouse; and

22 **WHEREAS**, Mr. Vy worked extremely hard, learning and building his
23 knowledge of the trade under the strict eye of his father; and

24 **WHEREAS**, after years of working in the warehouse, Mr. Vy was promoted,
25 and he began working with the purchasing and product selection; working in customer
26 service; and ultimately managing the entire operations; and

1 **WHEREAS**, his commitment to excellence pushed him to bring in new
2 materials and innovative techniques for home builders and others to use toward
3 making improvements to their building projects; and

4 **WHEREAS**, the policy of the company has always been maintained to the
5 highest standards possible, as Mr. Vy preserves his professional integrity by equally
6 extending his hands to help those who need help and personal assistance; and

7 **WHEREAS**, Mr. Vy has also been known as a vital pillar of the community of
8 Guam for many years. Not only was he acknowledged as an Honorary Deputy Chief
9 of Police by the Guam Police Department, but he also undertakes different projects to
10 help the community, and he has been at the forefront of community outreach activities
11 with his continued support of a variety of charitable organizations and community
12 functions on Guam, serving as a member of several non-profit organizations, such as
13 the Chinese Chamber of Commerce of Guam; the United Chinese Association of
14 Guam; the Guam Chamber of Commerce; the Guam Contractors Association; the
15 Metro Manila Association of Guam, and other non- profit organizations; and

16 **WHEREAS**, Cencio and his wife, Noriko, established the Mikkell Tan I. Vy
17 Foundation in honor of their son, whom they lost several years ago. They created the
18 Foundation through some donations from family and friends, but most of the funds are
19 provided from the personal savings of Cencio and Noriko; and

20 **WHEREAS**, the Foundation serves to help deserving young people in their
21 quest for higher education, as well as undertake different projects to help the
22 community; and

23 **WHEREAS**, the Foundation is a major contributor to the Phoenix Center at
24 Father Duenas Memorial School, and it also awards scholarships to deserving college
25 students, and participates in many other worthwhile projects, such as the island-wide
26 mural paintings in Guam's nineteen (19) villages, and the major renovation work and

1 the installation of field lights at the *Tiyan* baseball and football fields, among other
2 projects; now, therefore, be it

3 **RESOLVED**, that the Committee on Rules of *I Mina'Trentai Unu na*
4 *Liheslaturan Guåhan* does hereby, on behalf of *I Liheslaturan Guåhan* the people of
5 Guam, recognize and congratulate Mr. Cencio Tan C. Vy on being named as the
6 “2011 Small Business Person of the Year”; and does further commend him and
7 Benson Guam Enterprises for their outstanding and substantial accomplishments, and
8 for their invaluable contributions to the people of Guam; and be it further

9 **RESOLVED**, that the Speaker and the Chairperson of the Committee on Rules
10 certify, and the Legislative Secretary attest to, the adoption hereof, and that copies of
11 the same be thereafter transmitted to Mr. Cencio Tan Chua Vy; to Benson Guam
12 Enterprises Inc.; and to the Honorable Edward J.B. Calvo, *I Maga'lahren Guåhan*.

**DULY AND REGULARLY ADOPTED BY THE COMMITTEE ON RULES OF
I MINA'TRENTAI UNU NA LIHESLATURAN GUÅHAN ON THE 19TH DAY
OF APRIL 2011.**



JUDITH T. WON PAT, Ed.D.
Speaker



RORY J. RESPICIO
Chairperson, Committee on Rules



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Legislative Secretary