

**I MINA'BENTE ÑEUBI NA LIHESLATURAN GUÅHAN
TWENTY NINTH GUAM LEGISLATURE
2007 (FIRST) Regular Session**

Resolution No. ^{LS} 7 (EC)
Introduced by:

A. B. PALACIOS
V. C. PANGELINAN

**RELATIVE TO EXTENDING A SPECIAL RECOGNITION
AND CONGRATULATIONS TO MONSIGNOR FATHER
DAVID I. QUITUGUA ON HIS FOURTY-THIRD (43RD)
ANNIVERSARY OF ORDINATION TO THE
PRIESTHOOD IN SERVICE TO GOD AND OUR PEOPLE,
AND ON THE OCCASION OF HIS SEVENTY-FIRST (71ST)
BIRTHDAY CELEBRATION, IN ACKNOWLEDGING HIS
LIFETIME DEDICATION, FAITHFULNESS, AND
DISTINGUISHED SERVICE TO THE PEOPLE OF GUAM.**

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

3 **WHEREAS,** Monsignor Father David I. Quitugua was born to Ignacio
4 Perez Quitugua and Rosa Santos Arceo Quitugua on February 26, 1936 in the
5 Village of Asan, Guam; and

6 **WHEREAS,** Monsignor Father David I. Quitugua's religious vocation
7 was fostered at a bright young age by Father Alvin, OFM Cap., while serving
8 as an alter server and attending St. Francis School in Yona; and

9 **WHEREAS,** Monsignor Father David I. Quitugua, after graduating in
10 1951, attended the Father Duenas Minor Seminary and was awarded a
11 scholarship by Cardinal Cushing of Boston to attend St. John's Major
12 Seminary in Brighton, Massachusetts; and whereupon completion of his

1 religious studies returned home to Guam and was ordained a priest on
2 February 11, 1964 by the late Bishop Apollinaris Baumgartner, First Ordinary
3 Bishop of Hagatna; and,

4 **WHEREAS**, Monsignor Father David I. Quitugua was first assigned at
5 the Hagatna Cathedral as an assistant to then MSgr. Felixberto C. Flores while
6 simultaneously serving as the Priest-In-Charge at the Immaculate Heart of
7 Mary Church in Toto, Guam; and between 1965 and 1969, Monsignor
8 Quitugua was assigned to St. Anthony and St. Victor Church in Tamuning
9 assisting Father Vicente Martinez, and further served as the Chaplain at Guam
10 Memorial Hospital and Pastor at St. Williams parish in Tumon; and,

11 **WHEREAS**, Monsignor Father David I. Quitugua served as a member
12 of the Juvenile Justice Advisory Committee during which time he taught at
13 the Academy of Our Lady of Guam and Father Duenas Memorial High School
14 while taking graduate courses in Social Sciences and Secondary Education at
15 the University of Guam where in 1969, he became one of the first local
16 students to earn a Masters Degree; and,

17 **WHEREAS**, upon graduation from the University of Guam , Monsignor
18 Father David I. Quitugua further pursued his post-graduate degree at the
19 Catholic University of America, Washington, D.C. in Sociology; and upon his
20 return to Guam, he worked full-time at the Department of Public Health and
21 Social Services and as a part-time instructor on Social Programs at the
22 University of Guam, all while serving as Pastor of the Nuestra Senora de las
23 Aguas Church in Mongmong, Guam; and,

1 **WHEREAS**, Monsignor Father David Quitugua was assigned in May of
2 1975, by the late Archbishop Felixberto C. Flores to supervise the resettlement
3 program for thousands of Vietnamese refugees on Guam who were homeless
4 and jobless for which he was presented a unique recognition at the United
5 States Catholic Conference with the “Distinguished Humanitarian Award”;
6 and in 1985 he was selected as the “Social Worker of the Year” in Guam and
7 the following year further recognized by the Pacific Daily News as one of the
8 “Ten Who Made A Difference”; and

9 **WHEREAS**, in an effort to respond to the social needs of the island
10 community, Monsignor Father David I. Quitugua founded the Catholic Social
11 Services in 1977, and served as its first Director, while assisting Bishop Tomas
12 Camacho in establishing the Catholic Social Services in the Diocese of Chalan
13 Kanoa, Saipan; and continues to serve as a member of both the Board of
14 Directors and the Board of Trustees of the Catholic Social Services, and for
15 many years further served as a member of the Archdiocesan Consultors under
16 the late Archbishop Felixberto C. Flores; and,

17 **WHEREAS**, in the late 1970’s Monsignor Father David I. Quitugua, as
18 executor of the estate of Tan Rosa Flores, was instrumental in having a piece
19 of land in Barrigada Heights donated to the Archdiocese which later through
20 the request of the late Archbishop Felixberto Flores was given to the
21 Dominican Sisters to build the Saint Dominic’s Home for the Elderly in
22 Barrigada Heights; and

1 **WHEREAS**, in spite of his active schedule, Monsignor Father David I.
2 Quitugua acquired a second Masters Degree in May, 1992, from Marquette
3 University in Wisconsin in the field of communications; and,

4 **WHEREAS**, in September 1993 Monsignor Father David I. Quitugua
5 was assigned as the Pastor of San Juan Bautista Church in Ordot, whereupon
6 through his leadership he spearheaded the construction of a catechetical
7 building which was completed in 1996, and the development of a Prayer
8 Garden for its parishioners; and,

9 **WHEREAS**, Monsignor Father David I. Quitugua was chosen by Latte
10 Magazine in 1996 as the "Islander of the Year" in recognition of his
11 accomplishments and contributions to the entire island of Guam; and

12 **WHEREAS**, Monsignor Father David I. Quitugua, as a reflection of his
13 lifetime dedication and commitment to the spiritual and social needs of the
14 community of Guam, and for his service to the people of God in the Catholic
15 Church, was formally invested with the highest honor bestowed to man by
16 the Holy Father, Pope Benedict XVI, to be henceforth known as Monsignor
17 Father David I. Quitugua; and,

18 **WHEREAS**, Monsignor Father David I. Quitugua will be celebrating
19 his Forty Third (43rd) Anniversary of Ordination into the priesthood and his
20 Seventy First (71st) Birthday in a special gathering of family, friends, and
21 parishioners on Sunday February 25, 2007; now, therefore, be it

22 **RESOLVED**, that *I Mina'Bente Ñuebi Na Liheslaturan Guåhan* (Twenty-
23 *Ninth Guam Legislature*) does hereby, on behalf of the people of Guam, extend
24 a special recognition and congratulations to Monsignor Father David I.

1 Quitugua on the double celebration of his Forty-Third (43rd) Anniversary of
2 Ordination to the priesthood in service to God and His People, and his
3 Seventy-First (71st) birthday; and in addition extends a “Un Dangkolo’ Na Si
4 Yu’os Ma’ase’” for his lifetime dedication, faithfulness, and distinguished
5 selfless service to the People of Guam; and further extends “**Best Wishes and**
6 **Continued Success**” for his exceptional service to the people of Guam for
7 many more years to come; and be it further

8 **RESOLVED**, that the Speaker certify, and the Secretary of the
9 Legislature attest to, the adoption hereof and that copies of the same be
10 thereafter transmitted to Monsignor Father David I. Quitugua, Pastor of San
11 Juan Bautista Catholic Parish Church, Ordot, Guam; to his Excellency and
12 Most Reverend Archbishop Anthony S. Apuron; to the President of the Parish
13 Council of the San Juan Bautista Catholic Church, Ordot; and to the
14 Honorable Felix P. Camacho, *I Maga'lahaen Guåhan*.

**DULY AND REGULARLY ADOPTED BY I MINA'BENTE ÑUEBI NA
LIHESLATURAN GUÅHAN ON THE DAY OF 2007.**

MARK FORBES
Speaker

RAY TENORIO
Senator and
Secretary of the Legislature