

I MINA'BENTE ÑUEBI NA LIHESLATURAN GUÅHAN
2007 (FIRST) Regular Session

Resolution No. 7 (LS)

As amended.

Introduced by:

A. B. Palacios, Sr.
v. c. pangelinan
Frank F. Blas, Jr.
Edward J.B. Calvo
James V. Espaldon
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A. R. Unpingco
J. T. Won Pat

Relative to extending congratulations to Reverend Monsignor David I. A. Quitugua on the Forty-third (43rd) Anniversary of his Ordination to the priesthood and on his Seventy-first (71st) birthday celebration, acknowledging his lifetime of dedication, faithfulness and service to the people of Guam.

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

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

1 **WHEREAS,** Reverend Monsignor David I. A. Quitugua's religious
2 vocation was fostered at a young age by Father Alvin, O.F.M. Cap., while
3 David was an altar server and attending St. Francis School in Yona; and

4 **WHEREAS,** Reverend Monsignor David I. A. Quitugua, after
5 graduating from high school in 1951, attended the Father Duenas Minor
6 Seminary and was awarded a scholarship by Cardinal Cushing of Boston to
7 attend St. John's Major Seminary in Brighton, Massachusetts; and after
8 completing his religious studies, he returned home to Guam and was
9 ordained a priest on February 11, 1964 by the late Bishop Apollinaris
10 Baumgartner, First Ordinary Bishop of *Hagatña*; and

11 **WHEREAS,** Reverend Monsignor David I. A. Quitugua was first
12 assigned to the *Hagatña* Cathedral as an Assistant to then Monsignor
13 Felixberto C. Flores while serving as the priest-in-charge at the Immaculate
14 Heart of Mary Church in Toto, Guam; and between 1965 and 1969, Monsignor
15 Quitugua was assigned to St. Anthony and St. Victor Church in Tamuning,
16 assisting Father Vicente Martinez, and further served as the Chaplain at Guam
17 Memorial Hospital and Pastor at St. Williams parish in Tumon; and

18 **WHEREAS,** Reverend Monsignor David I. A. Quitugua served as a
19 member of the Juvenile Justice Advisory Committee while teaching at the
20 Academy of Our Lady of Guam and Father Duenas Memorial High School
21 and taking graduate courses in Social Sciences and Secondary Education at
22 the University of Guam; and

23 **WHEREAS,** in 1969, he became one of the first local students to earn a
24 Masters Degree; and

1 **WHEREAS**, Reverend Monsignor David I. A. Quitugua then pursued a
2 post-graduate degree at the Catholic University of America, Washington, D.C.
3 in Sociology; and upon his return to Guam, he worked full-time at the
4 Department of Public Health and Social Services and as a part-time instructor
5 on Social Programs at the University of Guam, all while serving as Pastor of
6 the *Nuestra Senora de las Aguas* Church in Mongmong, Guam; and

7 **WHEREAS**, in May 1975, the late Archbishop Felixberto C. Flores
8 assigned Reverend Monsignor David I. A. Quitugua to supervise the
9 resettlement program for thousands of Vietnamese refugees on Guam who
10 were homeless and jobless, for which he received a "Distinguished
11 Humanitarian Award" from the United States Catholic Conference; and

12 **WHEREAS**, in 1985, Reverend Monsignor David I. A. Quitugua was
13 selected as the "Social Worker of the Year" in Guam and the following year
14 was further recognized by the Pacific Daily News as one of the "Ten Who
15 Made A Difference"; and

16 **WHEREAS**, in an effort to respond to the social needs of Guam,
17 Reverend Monsignor David I. A. Quitugua founded the Catholic Social
18 Services in 1977, and served as its first Director, while assisting Bishop Tomas
19 Camacho in establishing Catholic Social Services in the Diocese of Chalan
20 Kanoa, Saipan; he continues to serve as a member of both the Board of
21 Directors and the Board of Trustees of the Catholic Social Services and for
22 many years served as a member of the Archdiocesan Consultors under the
23 late Archbishop Felixberto C. Flores; and

24 **WHEREAS**, in the late 1970's, Reverend Monsignor David I. A.
25 Quitugua, as Executor of the Estate of Tan Rosa Flores, was instrumental in

1 having a piece of land in Barrigada Heights donated to the Archdiocese which
2 was later, at the request of the late Archbishop Felixberto C. Flores, given to
3 the Dominican Sisters to build the Saint Dominic's Home for the Elderly in
4 Barrigada Heights; and

5 **WHEREAS**, Reverend Monsignor David I. A. Quitugua acquired a
6 second Masters Degree in May 1992 from Marquette University in Wisconsin
7 in communications; and

8 **WHEREAS**, in September 1993, Reverend Monsignor David I. A.
9 Quitugua was assigned as the Pastor of San Juan Bautista Church in Ordot,
10 where he led the construction of a catechetical building in 1996 and
11 established a Prayer Garden for the parishioners; and

12 **WHEREAS**, Reverend Monsignor David I. A. Quitugua was chosen by
13 Latte Magazine in 1996 as the "Islander of the Year" in recognition of his
14 accomplishments and contributions to Guam; and

15 **WHEREAS**, Reverend Monsignor David I. A. Quitugua, for his lifetime
16 commitment to the spiritual and social needs of Guam, and for his service to
17 the Catholic Church, was formally invested with the highest honor bestowed
18 to man by the Holy Father, Pope Benedict XVI, to be henceforth known as
19 Reverend Monsignor David I. A. Quitugua; and

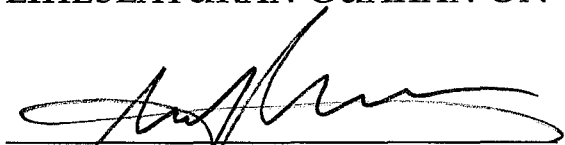
20 **WHEREAS**, Reverend Monsignor David I. A. Quitugua will celebrate
21 the Forty-third (43rd) Anniversary of his Ordination into the priesthood and
22 his seventy-first (71st) birthday in a special gathering of family, friends and
23 parishioners on Sunday, February 25, 2007; now, therefore, be it

24 **RESOLVED**, that *I Mina'Bente Ñuebi Na Liheslaturan Guåhan* does
25 hereby, on behalf of the people of Guam, extend congratulations to Reverend

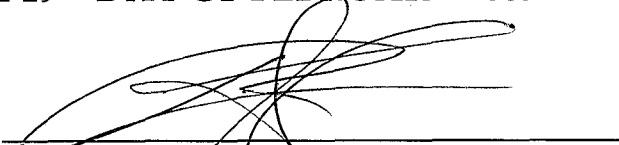
1 Monsignor David I. A. Quitugua on the double celebration of the Forty-third
2 (43rd) Anniversary of his Ordination to the priesthood and his seventy-first
3 (71st) birthday, and extends "*un dangkolo' na si Yu'os ma'ase*" for his lifetime of
4 dedication, faithfulness and distinguished service to the people of Guam, and
5 further extends "Best Wishes and Continued Success" for many years to come;
6 and be it further

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

**DULY AND REGULARLY ADOPTED BY I MINA'BENTE ÑUEBI NA
LIHESLATURAN GUÅHAN ON THE 19TH DAY OF FEBRUARY 2007.**



MARK FORBES
Speaker



RAY TENORIO
Senator and
Secretary of the Legislature