

I MINA' TRENTA NA LIHESLATURAN GUÅHAN
2009 Regular Session

Resolution No. 54 (COR)

Introduced by:

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Relative to recognizing and commending the Tumon Bay Music Festival for providing musical entertainment at its highest caliber and engaging in friendly competition throughout the region.

BE IT RESOLVED BY I MINA' BENTE NUEBI NA LIHESLATURAN GUÅHAN:

1 **WHEREAS**, the Tumon Bay Festival was founded in March 2005 by Mr.
2 Maximo Ronquillo, Jr., who is the 8th Music Director of the Guam Territorial Band,
3 the official band of Guam; and

4 **WHEREAS**, With the assistance of Dr. Robert Halseth, California State
5 University of Sacramento, and the University of Guam music professors; Drs Randall
6 Johnson, Stephen Bednarzyk, and Cynthia Sanjnovsky, a three-day band festival was
7 held and featured adjudicated performances by Guam's public, private and military
8 schools bands; and

9 **WHEREAS**, the Harvest Christian Academy was honored as the Command
10 Performance band for both middle and high school divisions; and the following year,
11 the festival grew to a five day event and 2007, the event was aptly renamed the
12 Tumon Bay Music Festival due to the conclusion of a choral festival, hand bell choir
13 festival, and performances by rock and jazz ensembles over a nine-day period and

1 **WHEREAS**, Mr. Randolph Stenson from St. Mary's School in Tokyo, Japan
2 was invited to serve on the first choral and hand bell choir adjudication faculty and
3 that same year the Festival Sweepstakes Trophy was introduced and

4 **WHEREAS**, the award was given to the ensemble with the highest adjudicated
5 score totals regardless of category and the first winning group was the choral group
6 Magis and in 2008, the TBMF was elevated to a regional event when two school band
7 programs from Saipan participated and

8 **WHEREAS**, Mr. Atsushi Ozawa conducted the first Festival Select Band and
9 the 2008 Festival also included a piano performance by Sydney based, Mr. Evgeny
10 Ukhanov, originally from the Ukraine; and his performance of Maestro Ronquillo's
11 band arrangement of *Shostakovich's Piano Conscerto No. 2* was the world premiere
12 of any such arrangement and also featured at the festival was Mr. Stenson's
13 arrangement of *Tumon Bay* a piece written by the late Captain Peter Siguenza, Sr.
14 (USMC-Ret.); and

15 **WHEREAS**, the 2008 Sweepstakes Trophy Winner is the Saipan Southern
16 High School Manta Band; and

17 **WHEREAS**, The Tumon Bay Music Festival is a production of the Guam
18 Territorial Band Society; and

19 **WHEREAS**, Mr. Ronquillo's 17 years of experience as a clarinetist and band
20 master with the Guam Territorial Band has allowed him the opportunity to travel the
21 globe through music and experience of performing music of the highest caliber while
22 engaging with other musicians from all over the world which inspired him to organize
23 the Tumon Bay Music Festival; and

24 **WHEREAS**, the festival is a collective gesture of thanks from Mr. Ronquillo
25 and the musicians of the Guam Territorial Band to a community supportive of music;
26 and through music education, the Tumon Bay Music Festival will be a vehicle to

1 showcase the region's musical talents in an effort to foster friendships throughout the
2 world

3 **RESOLVED**, that I Mina Trenta Na Liheslaturan Guahan does hereby, on
4 behalf of the people of Guam, recognize and congratulate the Tumon Bay Music
5 Festival on celebrating their 5th Anniversary

6 **RESOLVED**, that the Speaker certify, and the Secretary of the Legislature
7 attest to, the adoption hereof, and that copies of the same be thereafter transmitted to
8 the Tumon Bay Music Festival.; and to the Honorable Felix P. Camacho, *I*
9 *Maga'lalen Guåhan.*

**DULY AND REGULARLY ADOPTED BY I MINA'BENTE NUEBI NA
LIHESLATURAN GUÅHAN ON THE _____ DAY OF _____ 2009.**

JUDITH T. WON PAT

Speaker

TINA ROSE MUNA BARNES

Senator and

Secretary of the Legislature