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Relative to congratulating Mr. Paul S. Tobiason, President, *Recycling Association of Guam*, within our islands distinguished small business community awarded the 2009 Guam Small Business Administration Home-Based Business Champion of the Year.

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

3 WHEREAS, since coming to the island with the United States Coast  
4 Guard in 1964, Mr. Paul S. Tobiason worked in the field of  
5 telecommunications with ITT World Communication, RCA GlobeCom, and  
6 MCI WorldCom; and

7 WHEREAS, now retired, Mr. Paul S. Tobiason and his wife, Kathrine, along  
8 with their five (5) children and six (6) grandchildren, have dedicated their  
9 time and efforts to a worthwhile program affecting Guam's local and business  
10 community – *recycling!*; and

11 WHEREAS, originally formed in 1988, the Recycling Association of

1 Guam (R.A.G.) has been promoting alternatives for managing our waste and  
2 educating our community on steps to create a more eco-friendly environment.  
3 As a member and president of the association, Mr. Paul S. Tobiason has  
4 organized and participated in many roadside and beach cleanups around the  
5 island collecting trash; and

6       **WHEREAS**, in an effort to meet the association’s goal of using  
7 alternative ways to manage waste, and to change the awareness of our  
8 environment and educate island residents about trash, Mr. Tobiason has  
9 spoken to various groups and students about Guam’s waste problems and  
10 how recycling and composting could be better ways to handle what we  
11 discard; and

12       **WHEREAS**, out of his home in Chalan Pago, Mr. Paul S. Tobiason has  
13 been producing news worthy information on topics involving the  
14 environment through a newsletter publication entitled, *RAG TIMES*. As a  
15 member of the non-profit organization, he has devoted his daily life by setting  
16 an example of waste minimization and conservation both at home and within  
17 his community. Together, he and his family of three (3) adults produce a  
18 single bag of “discards” each month through the discovery of various ways to  
19 use or recycle steel, aluminum, cardboard, food waste, paper, and plastic.  
20 These same practices have been demonstrated to the business community,  
21 which include other home-based businesses, in an effort to minimize waste as

1 much as possible; and

2       **WHEREAS**, Mr. Paul S. Tobiason has been at the forefront of the effort  
3 to care for and protect our island’s environment. As the need has grown for  
4 the community to be more environmentally conscious, he has been committed  
5 to taking his message to members throughout the community, particularly  
6 businesses. Mr. Tobiason has been involved in policy development efforts as  
7 he leads the *Recycling Association of Guam* in providing comments on  
8 legislative bills that relate to the environment, solid waste management, waste  
9 minimization, and litter control. His home is a living example of how a family  
10 can reuse, reduce and recycle; and

11       **WHEREAS**, Mr. Paul Tobiason has been on a crusade for the last two (2)  
12 decades – a crusade which has earned him the honor of becoming this year’s  
13 SBA Home-Based Business Champion of the Year and as a home-based  
14 business and a very valuable asset to the environmental awareness movement  
15 in Guam and its community; now, therefore, be it

16       **RESOLVED**, that *I Mina’Trenta Na Liheslaturan Guåhan* does hereby, on  
17 behalf of the people of Guam, congratulate Mr. Paul S. Tobiason, President,  
18 *Recycling Association of Guam* within our islands small business community  
19 awarded the 2009 Small Business Administration Home-Based Business  
20 Champion of the Year and further extend to him a sincere *Un Dangklo Na Si Yu’os*

1 *Ma'åse'* for his outstanding contributions for the betterment of our Island Community;  
2 and be it further

3 **RESOLVED**, that the Speaker certify, and the Secretary of the  
4 Legislature attest to, the adoption hereof and that copies of the same be  
5 thereafter transmitted to the *Recycling Association of Guam* and to the  
6 Honorable Felix P. Camacho, *I Maga'lahaen Guåhan*.