

I MINA'TRENTA NA LIHESLATURAN GUÅHAN
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Resolution No. 101(COR)

Introduced by:

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Relative to congratulating E.L. "Bill" Gibson on his selection as the Guam Business Hall of Fame 2009 Honorary Laureate; and to extend *Un Dankulo na Si Yu'os Ma'ase'* for his dedication to the people of Guam.

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COMMITTEE ON RULES I MINA'TRENTA NA LIHESLATURAN GUÅHAN:

WHEREAS, E.L. "Bill" Gibson began his career on Guam with KUAM, hosting his own radio show, selling advertising, conducting fundraisers, and presenting the news; and

WHEREAS, among the big stories Mr. Gibson covered was Typhoon Karen in November of 1962, which damaged or destroyed 90 percent of the home and business in Guam; and

WHEREAS, during his tenure at KUAM, Mr. Gibson earned a reputation as a thorough, respected reporter; and

WHEREAS, his skills as a writer and a speaker made him a natural choice to work as a public information officer in the administration of the first elected Governor of Guam, Carlos Camacho; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Gibson's talents were used in a variety of government offices, including the Guam Police Department, where he was among the group

of civilians who attended evening classes to become the Guam Reserve Police force; and

WHEREAS, he was inducted into the Rotary Club of Guam in 1961 and served as President in 1983; and

WHEREAS, in 1970, Mr. Gibson helped establish one of the most enduring relationships in Rotary International when the Guam club became the sister-club of the Rotary Club of Karuizawa, a major resort area in the Japanese Alps northwest of Tokyo; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Gibson was instrumental in chartering additional Rotary Clubs on Guam, and in founding the Rotary Club of Saipan; and

WHEREAS, after holding a position in the U.S. Justice Department and an assignment aiding the relocation of residents in the Bikini Atoll, Mr. Gibson returned to Guam in 1978; and

WHEREAS, soon after, he headed the Guam Employers Council, which helps member companies understand the constantly changing landscape of federal and local laws that regulate employment; and

WHEREAS, this essential service shows management how to develop and maintain strong positive relationships between management and employees; and

WHEREAS, although the Council is a membership organization, Mr. Gibson is known for answering questions regardless of their affiliation with the Guam Employers Council; and

WHEREAS, in 1983, Mr. Gibson changed the council's name to The Employers Council, and opened an office in Saipan; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Gibson helped found a chapter of the Society for Human Resource Management to strengthen the work of Guam's HR

professionals; and

WHEREAS, while most business and government communications used faxes and printed handouts, Mr. Gibson created ERIN, the Employers Regulation Information Network: a computerized Bulletin Board that focused on plain-English summaries of employment law and developments in workplace policies and practices, which also developed into one of Guam's first websites; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Gibson has given back to the local and federal governments, serving on the Board of the Guam Visitors Bureau, the Civil Service Commission Board, the Job Training Partnership Project Board the GovGuam Retirement Fund Board, the Alcohol Beverage Control Board, also serving as the State Chairman of the Guam Committee to Support the Guard and Reserve, and the Washington, D.C.-based National Defense Executive Reserve; now therefore be it

RESOLVED, that the Committee on Rules of *I Mina' Trenta Na Liheslaturan Guahan* does hereby, on behalf of *I Liheslaturan Gudhan* and the people of Guam congratulate E.L. "Bill" Gibson on his selection as the Guam Business Hall of Fame 2009 Honorary Laureate; and, be it further

RESOLVED, the Legislature extends *Un Dankulo na Si Yu'os Ma'ase'* for his dedication to the people of Guam; and be it further

RESOLVED, that the Speaker and the Chairperson of the Committee on Rules certify and the Secretary of the Legislature attest the adoption hereof and that copies of the same be transmitted to Mr. Gibson and to the Honorable Felix P. Camacho, *I Maga'lahen Guahan*.

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

JUDITH T. WON PAT, ED. D.
Speaker

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