A RESOLUTION

Resolution No. 28-GA-14

"Expressing the commendation and appreciation of the 28th Association of the Pacific Island Legislatures (APIL) General Assembly to all the Presenters for the informative and thorough presentation to the Assembly."

WHEREAS, Mrs. Mary Okada, the President of the Guam Community College (GCC), which is a crucial training facility developing the programs to prepare and certify workers for various industries on Guam and in the surrounding Micronesian Islands, particularly in advance of the military build-up in the region and the corresponding tremendous increase in construction and other industries, made a presentation to the APIL on the subject, "Guam Community College's Training Programs"; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Spensin James, the President of the College of Micronesia FSM, which is a crucial training facility tasked with developing the programs to prepare and certify workers for various industries on Pohnpei and in the surrounding Micronesian Islands, particularly in advance of the military build-up in the region and the corresponding tremendous increase in construction and other industries, made a presentation to APIL on the subject, "Trade Programs available and ongoing in the Federated States of Micronesia (FSM)"; and

WHEREAS, Senator Tom Ada, Chairman; Committee on Utilities, Transportation, Public Works and Veterans Affairs, presented to the APIL "Getting the Infrastructure in Place: A Legislative Chairman's Perspective"; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Joseph Bradley, Vice President, Economic and Market Statistics, Bank of Guam, who with the support of the Bank of Guam did present to the 28th General Assembly an informative and thorough presentation on the economic outlook for the
islands during the global recession and in light of the military build-up in the region, which will assist the member legislatures in further positioning themselves and their governments to achieve the greatest benefits for their citizens; and

WHEREAS, Representative Glenn Wakai and Ryan Oishi, Reach Out Pacific (REPAC), did present to the 28th General Assembly an informative and thorough presentation on REPAC’s continuing efforts to service Micronesia, particularly in the areas of health and education, which will assist the member legislatures in further positioning themselves and their governments to achieve the greatest benefits for their citizens from REPAC, an APIL sponsored non-profit organization; and

WHEREAS, Carlotta Leon Guerrero, a former APIL President and the current Chief of Staff, Lt. Governor’s Office, Island of Guam, did present to the 28th General Assembly an informative and focused update on regional opportunities derived from the military build-up on Guam from her perspective, which presentation will assist the member legislatures in further positioning themselves and their governments to derive the greatest benefits for their citizens from the military expansion in the region; and

WHEREAS, Conchita S.N. Taitano, of the Air and Land Program, Guam Environmental Protection Agency, did present to the 28th General Assembly an informative and thorough presentation on the background and progress of the Micronesian Center for a Sustainable Future, and its continuing efforts to service Micronesia, which presentation will assist the member legislatures in further positioning themselves; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Chris Sampson, Deputy Director, Technology and Innovation, Department of Environment, Parks, Heritage and the Arts, Tasmania State Government, Australia, made a presentation on “Using the power of web technology to support Island Communities and Governments”; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Gary Sword, Sales and Marketing Manager, e-Solutions, did present to the 28th APIL General Assembly on “Software Solutions and Consulting on Grant Writing”; and
WHEREAS, all the above mentioned Presenters provided the 28th APIL General Assembly with an informative and thorough presentation on the programs available and being developed which will assist the member legislatures in further positioning themselves and their governments to achieve the greatest benefits for their citizens; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED by the Association of Pacific Island Legislatures, 28th General Assembly, June 9-11, 2009, Pohnpei, that the members of the APIL General Assembly do hereby express their sincere appreciation to all the Presenters for the fine and informative presentations given; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the President of the Association of Pacific Island Legislatures shall certify, and the Secretary of the Association of Pacific Island Legislatures shall attest to the adoption hereof; and that copies thereupon be transmitted to the respective Presenters and to the Presiding Legislative Officers and the Chief Executive Officers of all member jurisdictions of the Association of Pacific Island Legislatures.


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