TWENTIETH COMMONWEALTH OF THE NORTHERN MARIANA ISLANDS YOUTH CONGRESS

2ND SPECIAL Session, 2024 Y.C. Res. No. 20-15

A YOUTH CONGRESS RESOLUTION

Honoring and commending Mr. Robert H. Jones for his forty-one (41) years of achievements and dedicated service to the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands through his contributions to business, food, housing, retail, and transportation.

WHEREAS, the Youth Congress recognizes and honors individuals whose dedication, service, and accomplishments have positively shaped the lives of the people and communities of the Commonwealth; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Robert H. Jones, fondly known as "Bob Jones," has dedicated much of his life to the development and advancement of the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands through his business career, community service, and leadership; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Robert H. Jones began his business career with Jones & Guerrero Co., Inc., in Guam, where he served for twenty-four (24) years, starting as an accountant and eventually rising to the role of Executive Vice President and Chief Operating Officer at Jones & Guerrero Co., Inc., where he oversaw business interests across Micronesia; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Robert H. Jones later established Triple J Enterprises, Inc. which began operations in 1984 as a small automotive dealership. He also established Triple J Saipan, Inc. in 1985, expanding its services in the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands; and

WHEREAS, Under the guidance of Mr. Robert H. Jones, Triple J Enterprises, Inc. expanded its business beyond the automotive industry to eventually include sectors such as food distribution, restaurants, retail, and real estate, contributing to the economic growth and development of the Commonwealth; and

WHEREAS, Triple J continued to expand its operations in 1988 and opened wholesale food operations in Saipan, contributing to the availability of food supplies throughout the Commonwealth; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Robert H. Jones further contributed to the development of the Commonwealth through the establishment of Triple J's real estate and housing projects such as Sandy Beach Homes, an affordable sixty (60)-unit condominium development completed in December 2011; and

WHEREAS, under Mr. Robert H. Jones's leadership, Triple J Enterprises, Inc. expanded into various industries, including automotive sales, food distribution, restaurants, retail, real estate, and hospitality, becoming an established business throughout Micronesia; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Robert H. Jones's decades of business leadership and community involvement demonstrate his dedication to the economic growth,

development, and prosperity of the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands; and

WHEREAS, Triple J Enterprises, Inc. further contributed to affordable housing in the Commonwealth through Saipan Comfort Homes, another affordable housing development consisting of forty (40) residential units; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Robert H. Jones and Triple J Enterprises, Inc. have demonstrated a commitment to community service through contributions to charitable organizations, disaster relief efforts, and programs supporting the people of the Commonwealth; and

WHEREAS, following the devastation caused by Typhoon Soudelor in 2015, Mr. Robert H. Jones donated thousands of dollars' worth of food to support the Salvation Army's hot meals program in Kagman, helping provide meals to residents affected by the typhoon; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Robert H. Jones's contributions to business and community service have been recognized through numerous honors, including the Saipan Chamber of Commerce Business Person of the Year Award in 2011 and the Rotary Club of Saipan Citizen of the Year Award in 2016; and

WHEREAS, in recognition of his decades of leadership and dedication to the Marianas, Mr. Robert H. Jones was selected as the 2025 Liberation Day Parade Grand Marshal, honoring his lasting contributions to the Commonwealth and its people; and

WHEREAS, the Youth Congress wishes to formally recognize Mr. Jones for his outstanding achievements, leadership, service, and lasting contributions to the people of the Commonwealth; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Twentieth Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands Youth Congress, that the Youth Congress hereby honors and commends Mr. Robert H. Jones for his notable accomplishments, dedicated service, and remarkable contributions to the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands and its people; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Youth Congress recognizes Mr. Robert H. Jones for his leadership in expanding business opportunities and contributing to the economic development of the Commonwealth and Micronesia; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Youth Congress recognizes Mr. Robert H. Jones for his contributions to the food distribution, housing, retail, automotive, and hospitality industries throughout the Commonwealth; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Sponsor of this Resolution or the designee of the Speaker of the Youth Congress shall present a certified original copy of this Youth Congress Resolution to Mr. Robert H. Jones; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Speaker of the Youth Congress shall certify, and the Youth Congress Legislative Secretary shall attest to the adoption of this resolution and thereafter shall transmit a certified copy to the appropriate officials of the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Speaker of the Youth Congress shall certify, and the Youth Congress Legislative Secretary shall attest to the adoption of this resolution and thereafter shall transmit a certified copy to the Honorable Edmund S. Villagomez, Speaker of the House of Representatives (24th Northern Marianas Commonwealth Legislature); the Honorable Karl R. King-Nabors, President of the Senate (24th Northern Marianas Commonwealth Legislature); the Honorable David M. Apatang, Governor of the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands; the Honorable Kimberlyn King-Hinds, CNMI Delegate to the House of Representatives (119th United States Congress); the President of the Saipan Chamber of Commerce; and the President of the Saipan Rotary Club.

Date: 11/14/2026 Introduced by: Caden Dame
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