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The Honorable Tina Muña Barnes
Speaker
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Dear Madam Speaker:

I have the honor of transmitting herewith a certified copy of House Resolution 21-8, entitled: **"A House Resolution to extend the Legislature's condolences to the family of the late Jon Alan Anderson, as well as to recognize his contributions to the world of broadcasting, journalism, and print media in the Marianas."**, which was duly adopted by the House of Representatives of the Twenty-First Northern Marianas Commonwealth Legislature.

Sincerely yours,

Linda B. Muña
House Clerk

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Twenty-First Legislature
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IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

SECOND SPECIAL SESSION

APRIL 29, 2019

REPRESENTATIVE LUIS JOHN DLG. CASTRO of Saipan, Precinct 1 (*for himself,* Representatives Blas Jonathan "BJ" T. Attao, Sheila J. Babauta, Roman C. Benavente, Ivan A. Blanco, Antonio SN. Borja, Joel C. Camacho, Lorenzo I. Deleon Guerrero, Joseph A. Flores, Joseph Leepan T. Guerrero, Jose I. Itibus, Richard T. Lizama, Donald M. Manglona, Marco T. Peter, Edwin K. Propst, John Paul P. Sablan, Edmund S. Villagomez, and Ralph N. Yumul,) introduced the following Resolution in an open and public meeting with an opportunity for the public to comment, and appeared on the House Session Agenda of: April 29, 2019

H. R. No. 21-8

A HOUSE RESOLUTION

To extend the Legislature's condolences to the family of the late Jon Alan Anderson, as well as to recognize his contributions to the world of broadcasting, journalism, and print media in the Marianas.

WHEREAS, the late Jon Alan Anderson was born on September 5, 1942, and developed a passion for broadcasting early in his youth; and

WHEREAS, the late Jon Alan Anderson began a career in broadcasting as a disc jockey in Aberdeen, South Dakota working for radio station KABR in the 1950s, and after graduating from high school would go on to work as a broadcaster for such stations as KFGO-AM in Fargo, North Dakota, and WCCO-AM in, Minnesota; and

WHEREAS, the love of adventure led the late Jon Alan Anderson to the Pacific, where he worked as a news anchor in Hawaii, as a reporter in Samoa for KVZK-TV, ultimately landing in the Marianas where he worked in Saipan for the former Trust Territory government, and permanently settling on Guam in 1977; and

WHEREAS, on Guam, the late Jon Alan Anderson continued his broadcasting career as Vice President and General Manager of KUAM, along with serving as anchor for the evening news; and

WHEREAS, in 1981, the late Jon Alan Anderson together with the late Rex Sorensen founded a company which would eventually become known today as the Sorensen

Media Group, and purchased radio station KATB-AM, and rebranded it as NewsTalk K57, which continues to broadcast to this day both in Guam and the Northern Marianas; and

WHEREAS, with this new venture, the late Jon Alan Anderson helped in ushering the talk-radio format to the local airwaves as the host of the popular program, "The Breakfast Show"; and

WHEREAS, aside from his broadcast duties, the late Jon Alan Anderson also served as General Manager of Sorensen Media Group among other responsibilities; and

WHEREAS, with the expansion of the Sorensen Media Group's operations into the Commonwealth, the late Jon Alan Anderson became familiar to island residents on television station KMCV-7 as the host of "Jon Anderson Live", a weekly show where viewers could call in and ask questions to in-studio guests and talk about issues of concern to them; and

WHEREAS, because of his professionalism and impartiality, the late Jon Alan Anderson was also a top choice as a moderator for forums and debates both on Guam and the Northern Marianas; and

WHEREAS, in the mid-2000s, the late Jon Alan Anderson returned to the anchor desk when the news program "Pacific News Center" was launched, and offered the Marianas another medium for broadcast news; and

WHEREAS, in 2006 after a lengthy career in media, the late Jon Alan Anderson left Sorensen Media Group and began working for Bridge Capital in Guam and Saipan; and

WHEREAS, in 2010, the late Jon Alan Anderson returned to the journalism field as Editor-in-Chief of the Guam bureau of the Marianas Variety, and served in that capacity until retiring in 2014; and

WHEREAS, in his decades-long career, the late Jon Alan Anderson developed a legacy of fair and balanced reporting, providing essential service to the community-at-large, and carrying out duty with kindness and generosity, which inspired many to follow in his footsteps within the broadcasting industry; and

WHEREAS, the late Jon Alan Anderson passed away on February 1, 2019 on Guam at the age of 76; and

WHEREAS, with his passing, the late Jon Alan Anderson leaves behind his wife of 26 years, Mahina, their children Debbie, Daren, Kevin Keoki, Anthony and Maka, their five grandchildren, and countless friends and acquaintances who were inspired by his humility and dedication to his profession; and

WHEREAS, because of his indelible contributions to the world of broadcasting, journalism, and media in the Marianas, the Legislature finds the late Jon Alan Anderson worthy of recognition;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the House of Representatives of the Twenty-First Northern Marianas Commonwealth Legislature that we extend our condolences to the family of the late Jon Alan Anderson on his passing, as Well as recognize his extensive contributions to media as a Whole in the Marianas; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Sponsor of this resolution or the designee of the Speaker of the House shall present a certified original copy of this resolution to Mrs. Mahina Anderson, widow of the late Jon Alan Anderson and their family; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Speaker of the House of Representatives shall certify, and the House Clerk shall attest to the adoption of this resolution and thereafter the House Clerk shall transmit a certified copy to the Honorable Governor Ralph DLG. Torres; the Honorable Lt. Governor Arnold I. Palacios; the Honorable Gregorio Kilili C. Sablan, U.S. Delegate to the United States Congress, 116th United States Congress; the Speaker of I Liheslaturan Guåhan, Mayors of our municipalities and their Municipal Council Chairpersons; the honorable Members of the Mayors' Council of Guam; the management of the Sorensen Media Group on Guam and Saipan, the management of Pacific Telestations, Guam (KUAM), and the management of the Marianas Variety and Guam Daily Post.

Duly adopted on the 29th day of April, 2019

CERTIFIED BY:

BLAS JONATHAN "BJ" T. ATTAO
SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE

ATTESTED BY:

LINDA B. MUÑA
HOUSE CLERK