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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 21-9, entitled: **"A House Resolution to recognize the contributions of the late Rex Winther Sorensen in promoting the advancement of mass media in the Marianas and the Western Pacific."**, which was duly adopted by the House of Representatives of the Twenty-First Northern Marianas Commonwealth Legislature.

Sincerely yours,

Linda B. Muña
House Clerk

Enclosure

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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, 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. 21-9

A HOUSE RESOLUTION

To recognize the contributions of the late Rex Winther Sorensen in promoting the advancement of mass media in the Marianas and the Western Pacific.

WHEREAS, the late Rex Winther Sorensen was born in Whittier, California in 1945, and graduated with a Bachelor's in Science degree in Accounting and Financing from the University of Oregon; and

WHEREAS, prior to establishing his career in the media industry, the late Rex Winther Sorensen also held credentials as a Certified Public Accountant; and

WHEREAS, the late Rex Winther Sorensen began his professional career as a real estate developer in Hawaii and served as Vice-President of Finance of the Mike McCormack Company, a firm dedicated to real estate brokerage and development from 1971-1980; and

WHEREAS, in 1981, the late Rex Winther Sorensen together with a group of investors purchased radio station KATB-AM and changed its all-music format to a talk-radio station format and rebranded the station NewsTa1k K57, ushering in the talk-radio format to local airwaves for the first time; and

WHEREAS, from 1985 to his passing, the late Rex Winther Sorensen served as the Chairman, Chief Executive Officer and Principal Shareholder of the Sorensen Media Group, an organization which operates four radio and two television stations that broadcast throughout the Marianas; and

WHEREAS, in 1992, the late Rex Winther Sorensen expanded his operations up towards the Northern Marianas with the launching of KPXP-FM (Power 99), a contemporary hit radio station which continues to broadcast to this day and continued this expansion with the rebranding of KRSI-FM from Hot 98 FM to The Rock 97.9 FM in 2000; and

WHEREAS, with his continued emphasis on regional expansion, the late Rex Winther Sorensen brought television station ABC-7 to Saipan in 2006, making it the first major network affiliate to set up shop in the Northern Marianas; and

WHEREAS, with the launch ofABC-7 in the Commonwealth, the late Rex Winther Sorensen allowed our viewers more options for news and entertainment along with bringing television content which was not tape delayed for the first time; and

WHEREAS, along with his accomplishments in the media industry, the late Rex Winther Sorensen was also a supportive advocate for many charitable causes such as the American Red Cross and Habitat for Humanity; and

WHEREAS, because of his record of service in the United States Army, the late Rex Winther Sorensen was also a staunch supporter of military veterans and donated countless hours of airtime to veterans to air their concerns out to local leaders; and

WHEREAS, the late Rex Winther Sorensen passed away on March 10, 2019 on Guam at the age of 73; and

WHEREAS, with his passing, the late Rex Winther Sorensen leaves behind his wife Mimi, his three children, along with many current and former employees and many friends and acquaintances who were both touched and inspired by his gentle demeanor and dedicated passion 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 Rex Winther Sorenson worthy of recognition;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the House of Representatives of the Twenty-First Northern Marianas Commonwealth Legislature that we recognize the tremendous contributions of the late Rex Winther Sorensen to the advancement of mass media throughout the Marianas and the Western Pacific; 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. Mimi Sorensen, widow of the late Rex Winther Sorensen 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 Lieutenant 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, the Honorable Mayors of our municipalities and their Municipal Council Chairpersons; the Honorable Members of the Mayors' Council of Guam; and the management of the Sorensen Media Group on Guam and Saipan.

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