

THE SENATE
FIFTEENTH NORTHERN MARIANAS COMMONWEALTH LEGISLATURE

Introduced by: Sen. Pete P. Reyes

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 15-54

A SENATE RESOLUTION

Congratulating Mr. Walt Frederick Jerome Goodridge on his numerous accomplishments with and without the Commonwealth; Expressing gratitude for his efforts for the betterment of the people of the Commonwealth; Wishing him success in all future endeavors; and other purposes.

WHEREAS, Mr. Walt F.J Goodridge was born in Kingston, Jamaica to Nyembane N Goodridge and Thelma Rose Goodridge and graduated from Springfield Gardens High School; and

WHEREAS, He earned a Bachelor of Science Degree in Civil Engineering from Columbia University in New York and is a published author; and

WHEREAS, He Arrived in the Commonwealth on February 23, 2006 and in the short time he has been here has dedicated himself to the betterment of the community; and

WHEREAS, He has conducted numerous workshops, coordinated numerous projects, and published numerous columns in the local media all with the goal of encouraging entrepreneurship based on his passion-centered philosophy; and

WHEREAS, He has donated his time to the Public School System by judging several competitions for the National Forensic League and given inspirational and educational talks to the students, thereby enriching their educations; and

WHEREAS, He has authored over seventy-five [now 187] columns published in the local media informing the citizenry of ways to become economically self-sufficient by utilizing one's natural skills, talents and interests; and

WHEREAS, He organized the First Annual 2006 Martin Luther King Jr. Essay and Elocution Contest as part of the first official Commonwealth-wide celebration recognizing Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Day; and

WHEREAS, He started the Pacific Island Food Co-op, a cooperative venture to help health-conscious residents obtain products not typically available in the Commonwealth, and conducted the first "health food" cook-in demonstration at the CREES Kitchen at Northern Marianas College on October 6, 2007; and

WHEREAS, He co-conceived and launched the We Love Saipan network on the internet for the express purpose of balancing the uninformed, incorrect and one-sided image of the Commonwealth that previously existed, and now, WeLoveSaipan.com occupies a top-10 position on internet searches for the word "Saipan" which will serve us well in our marketing efforts; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED, by the Senate of the Fifteenth Northern Marianas Commonwealth Legislature that the Senate hereby congratulates Mr. Walt Frederick Jerome Goodridge on his many accomplishments, both within and without the Commonwealth; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Senate expresses its gratitude to Mr. Goodridge for his efforts on behalf of the betterment of the people of the CNMI; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Senate, on behalf of the People of the Commonwealth, wishes Mr. Walt Goodridge success in all his future endeavors; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the President of the Senate shall certify and the Senate Legislative Secretary shall attest to the adoption of this Resolution, and the Senate Clerk shall thereafter transmit certified copies to: the Honorable Benigno R. Fitial, Governor of the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands; the Honorable Oscar M. Babauta, Speaker of Representatives of the Fifteenth Northern Marianas Commonwealth Legislature; Mr. Walt Goodridge; Mr. Nyembane Goodridge and Mrs. Thelma R. Goodridge

Adopted by the Senate on December 05, 2007