



UNIVERSITY OF GUAM
UNIBETSEDAT GUAHAN
BOARD OF REGENTS

RESOLUTION NO. 12-29

**RELATIVE TO AWARDING THE HONORARY DEGREE OF DOCTOR OF HUMANE
LETTERS TO ROBERT H. JONES**

WHEREAS, the Board of Regents is authorized to confer degrees; and

WHEREAS, Robert H. Jones arrived on Guam on January 8, 1952 with his parents, where he attended his freshman and sophomore years at George Washington High School; and

WHEREAS, Robert H. Jones completed high school in North Carolina, worked for one year at Pepsi Cola, then served two years in the U.S. Army and received an honorable discharge as an E-6 in March 1959; and

WHEREAS, Robert H. Jones married Margaret Page on August 10, 1957, with whom he has three children and eleven grandchildren; and

WHEREAS, Robert H. Jones graduated in Accounting and Business Administration from Kings Business College in Raleigh, North Carolina; and

WHEREAS, Robert H. Jones returned to Guam in February, 1961 and worked in accounting for the next three years for Jones and Guerrero Co, Inc. (J&G) which was owned by his brother, Ken Jones; and

WHEREAS, Robert H. Jones continued to work for J&G with his three brothers, Mack, Bill and Ken, for the next 25 years, rising to Executive Vice President and COO; and

WHEREAS, Robert H. Jones assisted his brother, Ken, with many major developments, including the Payless grocery chain on Guam and one store in Saipan, the Cliff Hotel, the Hilton Hotel, the Royal Taga Hotel (Saipan), the Agana Shopping Center, Jonestown housing development, the Town House Shopping Center (Saipan), obtained the Kentucky Fried Chicken (KFC) franchise and became number 1 in the world in KFC sales in 1976, and served as General Manager of the Payless chain for several years; and

WHEREAS, Robert H. Jones resigned from J&G in 1984 at the age of 49 and started Triple J Enterprises Inc., a family company named after his three children, Julie, Jeff and Jay, with its first operation being the franchise for Subaru automobiles and Hino trucks on Guam; and

WHEREAS, Robert H. Jones, through his business acumen, has expanded Triple J Enterprises Inc. to include automotive distributorships, food wholesale operations, a wholesale company, shopping centers and container consolidating/air freight, a 106 acre equestrian development, housing construction, and restaurant operations, to operate in Guam, Saipan, Palau, Majuro, Ebeye, San Leandro (California), and Willow Springs (North Carolina), to hold interest in a produce company in South San Francisco, and has opened a buying office in Shanghai, China; and

WHEREAS, Robert H. Jones is a civic leader, having previously served as Chairman of Guam Visitors Bureau, Chairman of the Guam Chamber of Commerce, Vice President of Boy Scouts of America, Aloha Council (Hawaii) and has spearheaded the scouts fund drives for Guam for many of the past 40 years, was active with the Guam Chapter of the Red Cross, American Cancer Society (Guam), CNMI Red Cross, and other community organizations, and remains active with and is a Senior Member of the Rotary Club of Guam; and

WHEREAS, Robert H. Jones has been recognized for his outstanding accomplishments, having been elected the first Executive of the Year in 1983 by the Guam Chamber of Commerce, being awarded the Silver Beaver award in 1980 and the Silver Antelope Award in 1992 for his contributions to the Boy Scouts in Guam and Micronesia, and having been elected Businessman of the Year in 2011 by the Saipan Chamber of Commerce; and

WHEREAS, Robert H. Jones has contributed to the efforts of the UOG Endowment Foundation through Triple J's support since 2006; and


WHEREAS, Robert H. Jones has demonstrated his commitment to education, economic development and community service; and

WHEREAS, during the sixty year relationship Robert H. Jones has had with Guam, the Western Pacific region and its people have benefited in numerous ways from the entrepreneurial spirit, community commitment and charitable contributions of Robert H. Jones.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Regents through the Student Affairs, Scholarship, Alumni Relations, and Honorary Degree Committee hereby deems it appropriate to confer the Honorary Degree of Doctor of Humane Letters upon Robert H. Jones; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Board of Regents, along with the President of the University of Guam, will confer said Honorary Degree at the Fall 2012 Commencement on December 16, 2012.

Adopted this 13th day of December, 2012.


W. Chris Perez, M.D., Chairman

ATTESTED:



Dr. Robert A. Underwood, Executive Secretary