

**I MINA'TRENTA NA LIHESLATURAN GUÅHAN**  
**2009 (FIRST) Regular Session**

**Resolution No. 35 (COR)**

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Relative to recognizing the *Rasan Acho' Latte* Cultural Dancers, formerly known as "*Hui Ohana*", for its continued efforts in preserving our culture, and to thanking them for their ten (10) years of promoting and perpetuating the *Chamorro* culture for the people of Guam and the whole world.

1        **BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COMMITTEE ON RULES OF I**  
2        **MINA'TRENTA NA LIHESLATURAN GUÅHAN:**

3        **WHEREAS,** the *Rasan Acho' Latte* Cultural Dancers was formed on  
4        February 15, 1999; and on this day a proposal to open up the *Yona*

1 Community Center to anyone wanting to learn Hawaiian Hula dances was  
2 approved by the Honorable Vicente Bernardo, former Mayor of *Yona*, who  
3 was a key supporter in promoting the offering of hula classes, especially for  
4 the youth of *Yona*; and

5         **WHEREAS**, for the first four (4) years, *Rasan Acho' Latte* was known as  
6 "*Hui Ohana*" and fell under the umbrella of the *Yona Women's Association* as  
7 a non-profit organization; the group continues to practice in the *Yona*  
8 Community Center to this day. In its early stages, *Rasan Acho' Latte* had ten  
9 (10) female dancers, but soon grew to more than one thousand (1,000) dancers  
10 within the past ten (10) years. Today, the group consists of dancers between  
11 the ages of five (5) and forty-five (45) years old; and

12         **WHEREAS**, in 2004, *Rasan Acho' Latte* became a member of *På'å Taotao*  
13 *Tåno'* and continues to receive assistance from that organization. Also in  
14 2004, *Rasan Acho' Latte* welcomed a new set of dancers from Oceanview  
15 Middle School, who supported the promotion, preservation and perpetuation  
16 of the *Chamorro* culture through songs and dance; and

17         **WHEREAS**, throughout its ten (10) year history, *Rasan Acho' Latte* has  
18 received many awards and has participated in many activities on island and  
19 abroad. These activities include the Saipan Flame Tree Festival; the World  
20 Hula in Honolulu, Hawaii; promotions in Tokyo, Japan; and most recently,  
21 the 10<sup>th</sup> Annual Festival of Pacific Arts in American Samoa; and

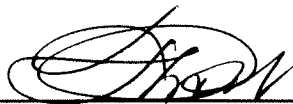
1           **WHEREAS**, *Rasan Acho' Latte* swept the 2008 *Dinaña' Minagof Chamorro*  
2 Dance Competition as the Overall Champions, and also garnered top awards  
3 in Ancient, Spanish and Contemporary dance categories. Because of this  
4 honor, *Rasan Acho' Latte* will be representing Guam in the upcoming Flame  
5 Tree Festival in Garapan, Saipan; and

6           **WHEREAS**, the *Rasan Acho' Latte* Cultural Dance Group could not have  
7 been successful without the strong support of the following groups and  
8 individuals: Master of *Chamorro* Dance, Mr. Frank Rabon; Mrs. Cathy Cruz  
9 and the St. Francis Children's Choir; *Siñorita* Bobbie Tainatongo and *Katon I*  
10 *Tano'* Cultural Dancers; *Siñorita* Eileen Meno and *Famagu'on Oro* Cultural  
11 Dancers; *Siñot* Vince Reyes and *Inetnon Gef Pã'go* Cultural Dancers; Mrs.  
12 Lynda Hernandez-Avilla and Oceanview Middle School; the Honorable Jose  
13 "Pedo" Terlaje, Mayor of *Yona*, and his wife, Mrs. Florentina Terlaje; and last,  
14 but definitely not least, Mr. and Mrs. Jesse & Rose Terlaje and Brian J. Terlaje;  
15 and now, therefore, be it

16           **RESOLVED**, that the Committee on Rules of *I Mina'Trenta Na*  
17 *Liheslaturan Guåhan* does hereby, on behalf of *I Liheslaturan Guåhan* and the  
18 people of Guam, commend and congratulate the *Rasan Acho' Latte* Cultural  
19 Dancers, formerly known as "*Hui Ohana*", for their continued efforts in  
20 preserving our culture, and does thank them for their ten (10) years of  
21 promoting and perpetuating our *Chamorro* culture for the people of Guam and  
22 the whole world; and be it further

1           **RESOLVED**, that the Speaker and the Chairperson of the Committee on  
2 Rules certify, and the Legislative Secretary attests to, the adoption hereof, and  
3 that copies of the same be thereafter transmitted to Mr. Brian J. Terlaje,  
4 founder of the *Rasan Acho' Latte* Cultural Dance Group; to Mr. Frank Rabon;  
5 to Mrs. Cathy Cruz; to *Siñorita* Bobbie Tainatongo; to *Siñorita* Eileen Meno; to  
6 *Siñot* Vince Reyes; to Mrs. Lynda Hernandez-Avilla; to the Honorable Jose  
7 "Pedo" Terlaje Mayor of Yona and Mrs. Florentina Terlaje; to Mr. & Mrs. Jesse  
8 Terlaje; and to the Honorable Felix P. Camacho, *I Maga'lahaen Guáhan*.

**DULY AND REGULARLY ADOPTED BY THE COMMITTEE ON RULES  
OF I MINA'TRENTA NA LIHESLATURAN GUÁHAN ON THE 16<sup>TH</sup> DAY  
OF FEBRUARY, 2009.**



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**JUDITH T. WON PAT, Ed.D.**

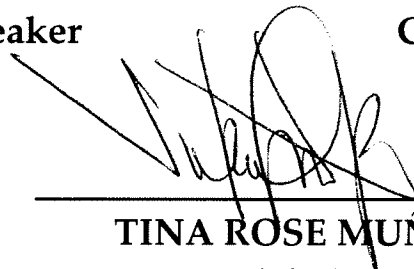
Speaker



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**RORY J. RESPICIO**

Chairperson, Committee on Rules



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**TINA ROSE MUÑA BARNES**

Legislative Secretary