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Relative to commending and congratulating Doctors Jerone Landstrom, Noel Silan, and George Macris, members of the Guam Medical Society, for their efforts in providing medical and surgical assistance to patients in the Philippine Province of Samar as members of the Pag-asa Surgical Mission, and as part of the Allen Town Medical Mission in Leyte, Samar Province, Republic of the Philippines.

BE IT RESOLVED BY I MINA'TRENTA NA LIHESLATURAN

2 **GUÅHAN:**

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- 1 WHEREAS, over a one (1) week period, Dr. Jerone Landstrom of the
- 2 Pacific Hand Surgery Center, along with Dr. Noel Silan of the Foot Clinic, and
- 3 Dr. George Macris, in addition to other doctors and nurses from Guam and
- 4 the U.S. mainland, treated more than five hundred (500) patients during the
- 5 Pag-asa Surgical Mission to the Philippine Province of Samar; and
- 6 WHEREAS, Doctors Landstrom, Silan, and Macris, as well as members
- of the nonprofit organization, International Surgical Mission, based out of
- 8 Colorado, provided assistance to patients in need as part of the Allen Town
- 9 Medical Mission; and
- 10 WHEREAS, Doctors Landstrom, Silan, and Macris accompanied the
- team last month to Samar, where they performed one hundred thirty (130)
- 12 major surgical procedures, one hundred fifty five (155) minor surgical
- procedures, and saw two hundred sixty four (264) medical patients, as part of
- 14 a medical mission called Pag-asa, which means Hope; and
- 15 WHEREAS, the patients suffered from a variety of ailments, including,
- burns, extra fingers, benign tumors, hernias and heart attacks; and
- 17 WHEREAS, the team paid their own way, and the members of the
- 18 International Surgical Missions brought with them about Fifty Thousand
- 19 Dollars (\$50,000) worth of medical supplies; and
- 20 WHEREAS, Guam Surgicenter donated an additional Ten Thousand
- 21 Dollars (\$10,000) worth of medical supplies to help with the Pag-asa Surgical
- 22 Mission; and

WHEREAS, the physicians bring back with them from their medical mission many success stories, and the passion and caring in which they provided medical assistance to those most in need will be long remembered by those who received their help, and by those whose lives were saved; and

WHEREAS, these doctors have a vision to not only provide services to Guam patients, but to also promote their ideals and bring change in the ways that medicine can assist the lives of those in need throughout the Pacific Rim; and

WHEREAS, the desire of the doctors to help those with little access to medical services, along with support of the Guam Medical Society and the International Surgical Missions, has improved the lives of many and contributed to the success of the Pag-asa Surgical Mission, now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that *I Mina'Trenta Na Liheslaturan Guåhan* does hereby, on behalf of the people of Guam, offer its gratitude to every participant involved in making Guam proud, including, doctors and other medical professionals from Guam who participated in the Pag-asa Surgical Mission in Leyte, Samar Province, Republic of the Philippines, helping to take care of others in the Pacific Rim; and, be it further

RESOLVED, that *I Mina'Trenta Na Liheslaturan Guåhan* does hereby, on behalf of the people of Guam, commend and congratulate Dr. Jerone Landstrom, Dr. Noel Silan, and Dr. George Macris for their accomplishments

- during the Pag-asa Surgical Mission in Leyte, Samar Province, Republic of the
- 2 Philippines; and, be it further
- 3 RESOLVED, that the Speaker certify and the Legislative Secretary
- 4 attests to, the adoption hereof, and that copies of the same be thereafter
- 5 transmitted to Dr. Jerone Landstrom; to Dr. Noel Silan; to Dr. George Macris;
- 6 to the Allen Town Medical Mission; to the Guam Medical Society; to the
- 7 International Surgical Missions; to the Guam Surgicenter; to the Foot Clinic; to
- 8 the Pacific Hand Surgery Center; and to the Honorable Felix P. Camacho, I
- 9 Maga'lahen Guåhan.

DULY AND REGULARLY ADOPTED BY I MINA'TRENTA NA LIHESLATURAN GUÅHAN ON THE 23RD DAY OF FEBRUARY, 2009.

JUDITH T. WON PAT, Ed.D.

Speaker

TINA ROSE MUÑA BARNES

Legislative Secretary