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

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Relative to congratulating the Skip Entertainment Company on its "Twenty-fifth (25th) Anniversary" and to commend and recognize Teri and Lee Knapp on their accomplishments as the founders of this exceptional organization.

1 BE IT RESOLVED BY I MINA'TRENTA NA LIHESLATURAN 2 GUÅHAN: WHEREAS, the Skip Entertainment Company was founded by Teri and
 Lee Knapp as a non-profit children's production company to identify the
 talent and skills of the youth of our island; and

WHEREAS, the Skip Entertainment Company celebrates its "Twentyfifth (25th) year Anniversary" in May 2009, and reflects on the twenty-five (25)
years of blood, sweat, tears, laughter, love, and pride it has bestowed on the
youth of our island; and

8 WHEREAS, among the most notable accomplishments of the Skip Entertainment Company, was its dancers ability to become Guam's 9 10 ambassadors to the world by competing and showcasing Guam's talent in the 1997 Jazz Dance World Congress in Germany; in the 2002 International Grand 11 12 Prix Festival Champions in Cesna, Italy; in the Showstopper National Finals in 13 Myrtle Beach, South Carolina, in 2003; as the 2004 Star Power National Jr. Small Group Champions in Ocean City, Maryland; in selection, as Star 14 Performers Club TV on ABC-5 Television in Manila, Philippines; in selection 15 by Dance Spirit Magazine as one of the top fifty (50) GROUPS ON THE 16 17 MOVE for the United States; as overall Dance Champions at the 2007 International Grand Prix Festival; and in garnering: the Overall Choreography 18 19 Award in Prague, Czech Republic; and

20 WHEREAS, beyond the special honors and awards, Teri and Lee Knapp, 21 the founders of Skip Entertainment Company, take great pride in the 22 realization of the dreams of hundreds of *Guamanian* children; and

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WHEREAS, most worthy of recognition is the success rate of the Skip
children, who after their experience with the company on Guam, have become
professional dancers in productions such as, *the King and I* on Broadway, the *Mikhail Baryshnikov White Oak Dance Tour, the Celine Dion Show, the Britney Spears Tour, the Paulina Rubio Tour, the Ricky Martin Tour,* on Celebrity Cruise
Lines, and with *Disney's* High School Musical as dance teachers; and

WHEREAS, many *Guamanian* Skip dancers have or continue to attend
colleges on dance scholarships to New York University, Hawaii Pacific
University, and the University of Hawaii; and

WHEREAS, our *Guamanian* children, through their involvement with
the Skip Entertainment Company, had the opportunity to perform on the Star
Search stage, the Kennedy Center stage at the International Theatre in Italy,
and at the National Theatre in Prague; and

WHEREAS, the amount of hard work and dedication that the Skip
Entertainment Company, through their founders, have provided the children
of Guam is most worthy of recognition as they celebrate its "Twenty-fifth (25th)
Anniversary"; now, therefore be it

18 **RESOLVED,** that *I Mina'Trenta Na Liheslaturan Guåhan* does hereby, on 19 behalf of the people of Guam, congratulate the Skip Entertainment Company 20 on its "Twenty-fifth (25th) Anniversary" of existence and does commend and 21 recognize Teri and Lee Knapp for their commitment to the children of Guam

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and for their dedication in ensuring Guam produces award winning talent in
 the professional entertainment industry; and be it further

RESOLVED, that the Speaker certify, and the Legislative Secretary attest to, the adoption hereof, and that copies of the same be transmitted to Teri and Lee Knapp; to Mr. Phil Flores, founding supporter of Skip; and to the Honorable Felix P. Camacho, *I Maga'lahen Guåhan*.

DULY AND REGULARLY ADOPTED BY I MINA'TRENTA NA LIHESLATURAN GUÅHAN ON THIS 29TH DAY OF MAY 2009.

JUDITH T. WON PAT, Ed.D. Speaker TINA ROSE MUÑA BARNES Legislative Secretary