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Relative to commending Royce Kinikki Palomo-Camacho for his numerous achievements in academics, leadership, the arts and sports; to acknowledging him for his many hours of dedicated service to his community; and to extending congratulations to him upon his graduation from St. Paul Christian School with high honors.

BE IT RESOLVED BY I MINA TRENTA NA LIHESLATURAN 2 GUÅHAN:

WHEREAS, Royce Kinikki Palomo-Camacho, from the village of Tamuning,
 was born on January 26, 1991, and graduated with high honors as Salutatorian of
 St. Paul's Christian School on Saturday May 23, 2009; and

WHEREAS, Royce, who is the recipient of an Advanced High School Scholarship at the University of Guam for the Spring of 2009, was taking college level courses before his high school graduation, demonstrating his excellence in academics; and

WHEREAS, among his many achievements in academics, Royce has received the Principal's List Award for every grade from 1st through 12th; has been a member of the National Society of High School Scholars since April 30, 2008; was a 2006 and 2008 graduate of the Junior Statesmen of America Summer School Programs at Stanford University; was the recipient of a \$1,000 Scholarship from the Guam Rotary Club in 2006 in honor of his acceptance as a Junior Statesman of America; and was inducted as a member of the National Honor Society, St. Paul Warriors Chapter, in September, 2006; and

WHEREAS, Royce received one of the top prizes in the St. Paul's 2003 Science Fair, and was selected for the St. Paul's Academic Challenge Bowl Team for 2004 and 2005. He received Outstanding Achievement in *Chamoru* Awards for every grade at the Astumbo Elementary School; he represented Astumbo Elementary School in 2001 at the Islandwide Scripps Howard Spelling Bee Competition; and took First Place in the Astumbo Elementary School 2000 and 2001 Science Fairs; and

WHEREAS, Royce was accepted into the Guam Public School System's Gifted and Talented Program from 1999 to 2002; was the Vice-President of the St. Paul National Honor Society Chapter for School Year 2008 to 2009; was Keynote Speaker for the Fall 2008 St. Paul National Junior Honor Society Chapter; was selected President of his 8th Grade Class, and his Junior Class at St. Paul's; he served in the Twenty-sixth (26th) Guam Youth Congress; and he Chaired the Committee on *Chamoru* Arts and Humanities; and

WHEREAS, Royce was an Elementary School Representative for the 1999 South Pacific Games Closing Ceremonies, and his essay represented elementary schools in the ceremonies for the Fiftieth (50th) Anniversary of the Organic Act in 2000; and

WHEREAS, as a self-taught musician proficient in guitar and drums, Royce excels in musicianship and was a member of the 1999 to 2000 Honor Choir for Astumbo Elementary School, as well as the 2008 to 2009 Honor Choir for St. Paul's; he was Grand Prize Winner as lead guitarist for "Hiroshima Heroes" in the 2006 Island Wide Youth Battle of the Bands; he was also among the top winners as lead guitarist for "Sound of the Stereo" in the 2008 Island-Wide Battle of the Bands for New Covenant Life Church; and he took the top prize in the 2009 Battle of the Bands; and

WHEREAS, Royce has also excelled in sports as a member of the St. Paul Warriors Soccer Team from 2003 to 2009; while on the St. Paul Warriors Basketball Team from 2003 to 2005, he was selected Defensive Player of the Year for 2004, and Outstanding Point Guard A" Team in 2005; he has a Yellow Belt in Go-Kyu-Judo; and he was a member of the Dededo Soccer Club from 1998 to 2003; and

WHEREAS, Royce's skills also extend to the visual arts, having had art work published in Pickle Papaya Volume 12, 1999 to 2009; placing 2nd in the 2001 Island Wide Adahi Logo Contest; winner of the Lions International Peace Poster Contest for 2003 and 2004; and he was selected as a GATE Visual Arts Student in 2004; and

WHEREAS, in addition, Royce has found time to serve his community, including, volunteering for the FIBA Oceania Guam Basketball Confederation, for which he wrote seven (7) articles for the FIBA website; volunteering at the Salvation Army Thrift Store and at the *Kamalen Karidat* where he fed the hungry; and volunteering for the Guam Special Olympics and for Island Girl Power, 2006 to 2008; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that *I Mina'Trenta Na Liheslaturan Guåhan* does hereby, on behalf of the people of Guam, commend and congratulate Royce Kinikki Palomo-Camacho for his numerous achievements, and does acknowledge him for his many hours of dedicated service to his community; 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 thereafter transmitted to Royce Kinikki Palomo-Camacho; to Helen Nishihira, Principal of St. Paul Christian School, Central; to Moryne-Nicole Monforte and Sean Monforte; to Joaquin Sablan Camacho; to Kenneth and Fita Santos; to David and Nanette Palomo; to Laling Camacho; and to the Honorable Felix P. Camacho, *I Maga'lahen Guåhan*.

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

JUDITH T. WON PAT, Ed.D.

Speaker

RORY J. RESPICIO
Acting Legislative Secretary