

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

Resolution No. 83 (COR)

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Relative to commending and congratulating the Saint Thomas Aquinas Catholic High School Mock Trial team for winning First (1st) Place in the 2009 Island-wide High School Mock Trial Competition.

1 **BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COMMITTEE ON RULES OF I**
2 ***MINA'TRENTA NA LIHESLATURAN GUÅHAN:***
3 **WHEREAS,** the Saint Thomas Aquinas Catholic High School Mock Trial
4 team successfully competed amongst a competitive field of seven (7) other

5 high school teams on Guam, winning first (1st) place in the Island-wide High
6 School Mock Trial Competition; and

7 **WHEREAS**, Saint Thomas Aquinas Catholic High School successfully
8 assembled an exceptional seven (7) member team from the school’s inaugural
9 class, consisting of only 21 (twenty-one) enrollees; and

10 **WHEREAS**, the Saint Thomas Aquinas Catholic High School Mock Trial
11 team assiduously prepared for the fictitious court case, *Erin Wilson v. Gander’s*
12 *Inc.*, in which members were assigned to perform in the capacity of attorneys,
13 witnesses, and bailiff; and

14 **WHEREAS**, the students benefited greatly from the advice of their
15 teacher coach, Mr. Andrew Mojikowski, and attorney coaches, G. Patrick
16 Civile and Joyce C.H. Tang, who graciously volunteered numerous hours to
17 ensure the team’s success; and

18 **WHEREAS**, the students’ participation in the mock trial team further
19 provided them with the opportunity to bolster their confidence and fine tune
20 their public speaking and critical thinking skills—essential traits to those
21 interested in potential careers as lawyers, public speakers, politicians, and the
22 like; and

23 **WHEREAS**, the Saint Thomas Aquinas Catholic High School Mock Trial
24 team reaped the benefits of their hard work by defeating the St. John’s School
25 Mock Trial team in the final round of competition on April 2, 2009 in *Hagåtña*;
26 and

27 **WHEREAS**, this winning team includes, Lucas Shimizu, Jack Odi, Ryan
28 Raguindin, Aaron Quitugua, Dara Namazi, Monica Civile, and Anthony
29 Sholing; and


30 **WHEREAS**, on May 5, 2009, this team will compete against students
31 from over forty-four (44) States, U.S. Territories, and South Korea in a two (2)
32 day national competition at the National High School Mock Trial
33 Championship in Atlanta, Georgia; now, therefore, be it


34 **RESOLVED**, that the Committee on Rules of *I Mina'Trenta Na*
35 *Liheslaturan Guåhan* does hereby, on behalf of *I Liheslaturan Guåhan* and the
36 people of Guam, commend and congratulate the Saint Thomas Aquinas
37 Catholic High School Mock Trial team for winning First (1st) Place in the 2009
38 Island-wide High School Mock Trial Competition, and does further extend its
39 best wishes for success at the National High School Mock Trial
40 Championship; and be it further

41 **RESOLVED**, that the Speaker and the Chairperson of the Committee on
42 Rules certify, and the Secretary of the Legislature attest to, the adoption
43 hereof, and that copies of the same be therefore transmitted to the 2009 Saint
44 Thomas Aquinas Catholic High School Mock Trial team; to Saint Thomas
45 Aquinas Catholic High School; and to the Honorable Felix P. Camacho, *I*
46 *Maga'lahaen Guåhan*.

DULY AND REGULARLY ADOPTED BY THE COMMITTEE ON RULES
OF *I MINA'TRENTA NA LIHESLATURAN GUÅHAN* ON THIS 28TH DAY
OF APRIL, 2009.


BENJAMIN J.F. CRUZ
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