

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

Resolution No. 207-30 (COR)

Introduced by:

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Adolpho B. Palacios, Sr.
v. c. pangelinan
R. J. Respicio
Telo Taitague
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Relative to recognizing Tommy Arceo, one of Guam's working class heroes, for his hard work and dedication, not just to his job, but to all the people of Guam, and to extending *Un Dångkolo Na Si Yu'os Ma'åse'* to Mr. Arceo for his outstanding citizenship and accomplishments.

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

3 **WHEREAS,** Guam functions and succeeds as a result of the hard work
4 of all our working class heroes that serve our island every day as workers, as
5 parents, as children, as friends, and as active citizens in our democracy; and

6 **WHEREAS,** Guam's working class heroes have long been the forgotten
7 backbone of our island, and they should be recognized for their commitment
8 and loyalty in serving the community; and

9 **WHEREAS,** there would be no tourism industry without hotel workers,
10 no schools without education professionals, no healthcare without nurses, no
11 stores without clerks, no phones without lines people, no clean streets without
12 solid waste professionals, no safe beaches and pools without lifeguards and
13 park rangers, no safety and protection without police officers and firefighters,
14 no restaurants without servers or cooks, no balanced books without
15 accountants, no clean water without water workers, no clean and maintained
16 schools and buildings without custodians and maintenance workers, and no
17 children at school without bus drivers. Guam thrives thanks to our working
18 class heroes; and

19 **WHEREAS,** Mr. Tommy Arceo served for seven (7) years in the U.S.
20 Navy as a Materials Handler for the Public Works Center, servicing various
21 shops and homes; and

1 **WHEREAS**, Mr. Tommy Arceo has transported our children to and
2 from school safely working as a Bus Driver for the Department of Public
3 Works for close to fifteen (15) years; and

4 **WHEREAS**, Mr. Tommy Arceo is an active member of GFT Guam's
5 Local Union, and had expanded his knowledge on labor issues through the
6 ULI Training in Los Angeles, in July 2009; and

7 **WHEREAS**, Mr. Tommy Arceo has demonstrated kindness, compassion
8 and goodwill through the Bone Marrow Registry which he joined, and was
9 able to help an eight (8) year old child suffering from Leukemia through the
10 Registry; and

11 **WHEREAS**, Mr. Tommy Arceo has committed his spare time to
12 coaching Little League Baseball for four (4) to six (6) year olds, as well as the
13 Adult Softball League for the Hyatt Hotel; and

14 **WHEREAS**, Mr. Tommy Arceo endured and overcame the hardships of
15 taking care of five (5) children, and maintained a decent lifestyle for his
16 family, as his wife was sent to Afghanistan for eleven (11) months; now,
17 therefore, be it

18 **RESOLVED**, that the Committee on Rules of *I Mina'Trenta Na*
19 *Liheslaturan Guåhan* does hereby, on behalf of *I Liheslaturan Guåhan* and the
20 people of Guam, recognize Tommy Arceo, one of Guam's working class
21 heroes, for his hard work and dedication, not just to his job, but to all the

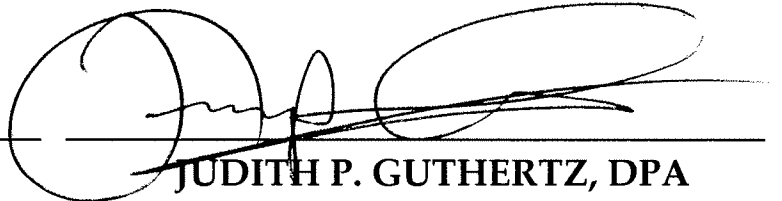
1 people of Guam, and does extend *Un Dângkolo Na Si Yu'os Ma'åse'* to Mr.
2 Arceo for his outstanding citizenship and accomplishments; and be it further
3 **RESOLVED**, that the Speaker and the Chairperson of the Committee on
4 Rules certify, and the Legislative Secretary attest to, the adoption hereof, and
5 that copies of the same be thereafter transmitted to Tommy Arceo; and to the
6 Honorable Felix P. Camacho, *I Maga'lahaen Guåhan*.

**DULY AND REGULARLY ADOPTED BY THE COMMITTEE ON RULES
OF I MINA'TRENTA NA LIHESLATURAN GUÅHAN ON THE 1ST DAY OF
OCTOBER 2009.**



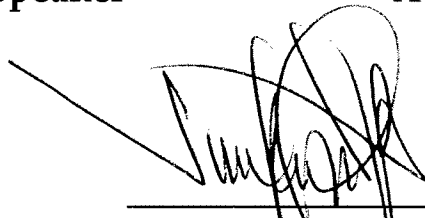
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Relative to congratulating the George Washington High School Class of 1959 on their Golden Class Reunion, and to commending them for their lifelong friendships that they have established and shared among themselves and their families.

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

3 **WHEREAS, on October 31, 1936, a building was constructed and**
4 **dedicated to the hardworking, intelligent, young men and women of Guam's**

1 Education Department, and in honor of the first President of the United States
2 and its Territories, as George Washington High School (GWHS) was
3 established by Governor Benjamin McCandlish; and

4 **WHEREAS**, when the educational institution opened its doors in July of
5 1936, Mrs. Agueda Iglesias Johnston, a prominent *Chamorro* woman educator,
6 became the first presiding Principal of George Washington High School. On
7 March 31, 1937, sixty-four (64) young men and women proudly graduated
8 from the ninth (9th) grade and in June of 1940, the first senior class graduated;
9 and

10 **WHEREAS**, between the years of 1945 to 1950, the GWHS campus
11 would relocate from *Sinajaña* to the former 5th Marine Depot in *Mongmong*,
12 due to the large number of students who enrolled after the ravages of World
13 War II; and

14 **WHEREAS**, between the years of 1953 to 1959, the student population at
15 GWHS increased to over two thousand two hundred (2,200) students,
16 whereby the faculty and staff would have to cope with housing and
17 accommodating each student, transforming quonset huts into classrooms.
18 Soon, accreditation would begin and in 1957, GWHS became a member of the
19 North Central Association of Colleges and Secondary Schools (NCA); and

20 **WHEREAS**, the commencement of the George Washington High School
21 (GWHS) graduating Class of 1959 was conducted on June 3, 1959 with two

1 hundred seventy (270) graduating high school seniors becoming the 19th class
2 to graduate from GWHS; and

3 **WHEREAS**, upon graduation, the GWHS Class of 1959 ventured into
4 the world to become outstanding achievers in various sectors of society at the
5 local, national and international levels; and

6 **WHEREAS**, the graduates of the GWHS Class of 1959 exemplified great
7 effort to reflect the mission and vision of their alma mater: “to provide
8 students the skills and knowledge they need to make wise decisions and be
9 good, productive citizens in the community”; and

10 **WHEREAS**, the GWHS Class of 1959 exemplified the mission of the
11 school by working long hours in their chosen profession; living in modest
12 neighborhoods and raising their families with the values cherished by the
13 island community; struggling after WWII to create a better future for
14 themselves and their children by going to trade school, joining the U.S. Armed
15 Forces, entering into the Government of Guam workforce, becoming
16 educational leaders by entering the Territorial College of Guam, now the
17 University of Guam, under the Department of Education; and serving in other
18 private business enterprises, ultimately becoming valued members of the
19 world community by assisting when called upon, and contributing to various
20 civic and religious organizations; and

21 **WHEREAS**, several members of the GWHS Class of 1959 have
22 volunteered their time to form a planning committee for the GWHS Golden

1 Class Reunion, with the goal of creating a festive and successful event,
2 fostering a sense of loyalty and fraternity among the 1959 graduates of
3 GWHS, and promoting the general welfare of classmates and support of the
4 high school located now in *Mangilao*, Guam; and

5 **WHEREAS**, the GWHS Class of 1959 is replete with successful leaders
6 within the community who have all contributed significantly to the overall
7 political, religious, economic, social and cultural advancements of the island
8 of Guam; and

9 **WHEREAS**, the GWHS Class of 1959 will be celebrating their “Golden
10 Class Reunion” at the Top o’ the Mar, Nimitz Hill, on October 3, 2009, a gala
11 event that celebrates fifty (50) years of promoting camaraderie, friendship and
12 support to each other; and

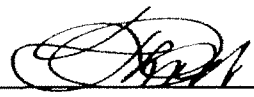
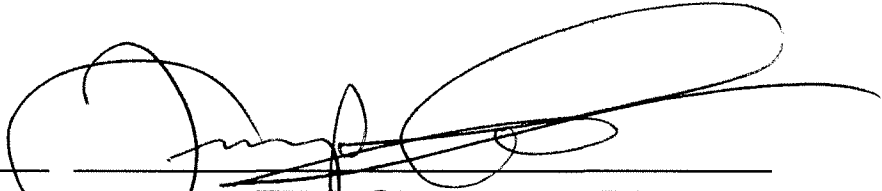
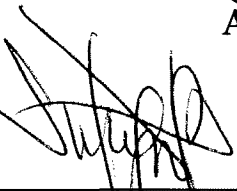
13 **WHEREAS**, the members of the GWHS Class of 1959 have fully
14 dedicated themselves to honoring their alma mater, their families and
15 themselves, and pays tribute to all those who have passed away and offers
16 their deepest condolences to the families on behalf of those who are present
17 for the Golden Class Reunion; now, therefore, be it

18 **RESOLVED**, that the Committee on Rules of *I Mina’Trenta Na*
19 *Liheslaturan Guåhan* does hereby, on behalf of *I Liheslaturan Guåhan* and the
20 people of Guam, congratulate the George Washington High School Class of
21 1959 on their Golden Class Reunion, and does commend them for their

1 lifelong friendships that they have established and shared among themselves
2 and their families; and be it further

3 **RESOLVED**, that the Speaker and the Chairperson of the Committee on
4 Rules certify, and the Legislative Secretary attest to, the adoption hereof, and
5 that copies of the same be thereafter transmitted to Dr. Nerissa Underwood,
6 Superintendent of the Department of Education; to Mrs. Begonia Flores,
7 Principal of George Washington High School; to Mrs. Evelyn L.G. Bonner,
8 President of the Planning Committee for the Golden Reunion of the Class of
9 1959; and to the Honorable Felix P. Camacho, *I Maga'lahaen Guåhan*.

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_____ JUDITH T. WON PAT, Ed.D. Speaker	_____ JUDITH R. GUTHERTZ, DPA Acting Chairperson, Committee on Rules
	
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