

I MINA'TRENTA NA LIHESLATURAN GUÅHAN
2010 (SECOND) Regular Session

Resolution No. 265-30 (COR)

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Relative to commending Ms. Sonya Artero for her service to the people of Guam as a journalist, and to extending *Un Dångkolo Na Si Yu'os Ma'åse* to her for her dedication to the non-profit organizations of the community.

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

1 **WHEREAS**, journalism is crucial to informing the members of any
2 community of the events that shape their lives; and

3 **WHEREAS**, on a small island like Guam, it is even more important to
4 rely on news organizations for fair reporting; and

5 **WHEREAS**, Ms. Sonya Artero began her career in journalism in
6 Southern California, as a News Reporter and Anchor for AAOCN, Around &
7 About Orange County News; and

8 **WHEREAS**, at the same time, she worked for former President Richard
9 Nixon, as a Public Relations Coordinator at the Nixon Library; and

10 **WHEREAS**, in the spring of 1995, Sonya joined KUAM News, covering
11 police and court-related stories, in addition to producing and anchoring the
12 “Weekend Edition”; and

13 **WHEREAS**, she moved from Guam to the Commonwealth of the
14 Northern Marianas and worked as the Bureau Chief of Saipan Cable News;
15 and

16 **WHEREAS**, Sonya soon took on many positions at KMCV7 News,
17 including News Director, Anchor, Producer and Reporter; and

18 **WHEREAS**, she then transitioned into government service, working as
19 the Federal Policy Advisor and Press Secretary for the Honorable Juan
20 Babauta, CNMI Governor; and

21 **WHEREAS**, in October 2004, Sonya returned to Guam and worked at
22 KGTF Public Television; and

1 **WHEREAS**, in her roles as Development Director and Corporate
2 Support Producer, Sonya was crucial to the financial success of the public
3 broadcasting station; and

4 **WHEREAS**, in June 2005, Sonya went back to her roots – working again
5 at KUAM News; and

6 **WHEREAS**, shortly after rejoining the news team, Sonya began hosting
7 “KUAM News Extra,” one of Guam’s most popular locally-produced
8 television programs; and

9 **WHEREAS**, as the host of the program, Sonya has interviewed
10 countless government and military officials, business owners, entertainers,
11 artists, and musicians; and

12 **WHEREAS**, she is best known for using the program as a vehicle to
13 promote non-profit organizations; and

14 **WHEREAS**, nearly every group on Guam promoting a good cause has
15 benefited from the publicity Sonya graciously provided; and

16 **WHEREAS**, her commitment to giving back isn’t merely found in her
17 program, as Sonya also works tirelessly for the Salvation Army, and she has
18 been one of the most active members of the KUAM Care Force; and

19 **WHEREAS**, one of the most beloved and recognized journalists on the
20 island, Sonya will be relocating to Hong Kong; now, therefore, be it

21 **RESOLVED**, that the Committee on Rules of *I Mina’Trenta Na*
22 *Liheslaturan Guåhan* does hereby, on behalf of *I Liheslaturan Guåhan* and the

1 people of Guam, commend Ms. Sonya Artero for her service to the people of
2 Guam, and does extend *Un Dangkolo Na Si Yu'os Ma'ase* to her for her
3 dedication to the non-profit organizations of the community; and be it further
4 **RESOLVED**, that the Speaker and the Chairperson of the Committee on
5 Rules certify, and the Legislative Secretary attest to, the adoption hereof, and
6 that copies of the same be thereafter transmitted to Ms. Sonya Artero and her
7 family; to KUAM News; and to the Honorable Felix P. Camacho, *I Maga'lahen*
8 *Guåhan*.

**DULY AND REGULARLY ADOPTED BY THE COMMITTEE ON RULES
OF I MINA'TRENTA NA LIHESLATURAN GUÅHAN ON THE 8TH DAY OF
JANUARY 2010.**



JUDITH T. WON PAT, Ed.D.
Speaker



RORY J. RESPICIO

Chairperson, Committee on Rules



TINA ROSE MUÑA BARNES
Legislative Secretary