

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

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Relative to recognizing and commending Craig Santos Perez on his achievements as an accomplished poet who has been a phenomenal ambassador for our island, eloquently conveying through his words, the beauty and love that is the *Chamorro* culture.

1 **BE IT RESOLVED BY MINA' TRENTA NA LIHESLATURAN**

2 **GUÅHAN:**

3 **WHEREAS**, Craig Santos Perez, originally from *Mongmong*, Guam, a
4 graduate of Father Duenas Memorial High School, and a resident of
5 California since 1995, is an accomplished poet; and

6 **WHEREAS**, Craig Santos Perez has a Bachelor of Arts degree from the
7 University of Redlands, a Masters of Fine Arts in Writing from the
8 University of San Francisco, and has participated in studies abroad in
9 Florence, Italy and Moscow, Russia; and

10 **WHEREAS**, Craig Santos Perez is a Ph.D. candidate in Comparative
11 Ethnic Studies, as well as a research fellow at the University of California at
12 Berkeley; and

13 **WHEREAS**, Craig Santos Perez is the author of two (2) poetry books
14 about Guam, *from Unincorporated Territory [hacha]*, (Tinfish Press, 2008), and
15 *from Unincorporated Territory [saina]*, (Omnidawn Publishing, 2010), in
16 addition to authoring several chapbooks, including *constellations gathered*
17 *around the ecliptic* (Shadowbox Press, 2007), *all with ocean views* (Overhere
18 Press, 2007), and *preterrain* (Corollary Press, 2008); and

19 **WHEREAS**, Craig Santos Perez is a co-founder of Achiote Press, and
20 has had his poetry, essays and reviews published in various media,
21 including *Colorado Review*, *Denver Quarterly*, *Iowa Review*, *New American*
22 *Writing*, *Pleiades*, and *ZYZZYVA*, among others; and

1 **WHEREAS**, Craig Santos Perez, whose poetic use of personal and
2 familial narratives to continue the themes of culture, language, memory,
3 family and history, is being sponsored and honored by the Guam
4 Humanities Council, as part of its project, "Eight Thousand (8,000) How Will
5 It Change Our Lives? Community Conversations on the Military Buildup in
6 Guam", in an effort to encourage island residents to examine the impact of
7 the relocation of military personnel and their families to Guam in 2014,
8 through humanities-based conversations on related themes of service,
9 leadership, community, identity and power; and

10 **WHEREAS**, Craig Santos Perez will be honoring our island residents
11 with a weeklong series of readings and discussions with high school and
12 college students; presentations with the larger public including *An Evening*
13 *with the Author* poetry reading, and fundraiser on Thursday, March 25, at
14 *Meskla* Restaurant, and a larger community conversation event that will take
15 place on Wednesday, March 24, at the Outrigger Guam Resort, sponsored
16 and coordinated by the Guam Humanities Council; and

17 **WHEREAS**, Craig Santos Perez's poetry, from his collection in *from*
18 *unincorporated territory [hacha]* (2008), was selected for recognition from
19 among seven hundred twelve (712) competing entries; and

20 **WHEREAS**, Craig Santos Perez is the recipient of this year's California
21 Writers Exchange Award, funded by the James Irvine Foundation, for which
22 he was awarded an all-expenses paid trip to New York City to give a public

1 reading and to meet with top literary professionals, including editors,
2 agents, publishers, and prominent writers; and

3 **WHEREAS,** *I Mina'Trenta Na Liheslaturan Guahån* would like to
4 acknowledge the strategic use of typography, diagrams, maps, illustrations,
5 and other aspects of visual design to expound on the politics and poetics of
6 the writings of Craig Santos Perez, which will initiate an increased
7 awareness of Guam and raise the consciousness, with regard to our island
8 culture; now, therefore be it

9 **RESOLVED,** that *I Mina'Trenta Na Liheslaturan Guåhan* does hereby, on
10 behalf of the people of Guam, honor and commend Craig Santos Perez for
11 his meritorious ability to eloquently convey his thoughts, feelings and spirit
12 through his writings, thereby bringing national recognition to both his work
13 and his island home; and be it further

14 **RESOLVED,** that the Speaker certify, and the Legislative Secretary
15 attest to, the adoption hereof, and that copies of the same be thereafter
16 transmitted to Craig Santos Perez; to Thomas Hughes and Helen Santos
17 Perez, parents of Craig Perez; to Dr. Kimberlee Kihleng, Director, Guam
18 Humanities Council; to Patrick Bamba, Director, Guam Council on the Arts
19 and Humanities Agency; to the Honorable Arnold B. Schwarzenegger,
20 Governor of California; to Mark G. Yudof LLB, President, University of
21 California at Berkeley; and to the Honorable Felix P. Camacho, *I Maga'lahren*
22 *Guåhan*.

DULY AND REGULARLY ADOPTED BY *I MINATRENTA NA LIHESLATURAN GUÅHAN* ON THE 15TH DAY OF MARCH 2010.



BENJAMIN J. F. CRUZ
Acting Speaker



TINA ROSE MUÑA BARNES
Legislative Secretary