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Relative to recognizing the United Chinese Association of Guam for hosting a joint conference of the Biennial Thirtieth (30th) Conference of the Oceanic Regional of Association Overseas Taiwanese and Chinese Organizations, and the Seventeenth (17th) Asian Chinese Amity Conference, two (2) of the most prestigious gatherings of ethnic Chinese organizations throughout the world, to be held on Guam, from May 5 to May 8, 2010; and to extending a sincere Un Dångkolo Na Si Yu'os Ma'åse' to them for their outstanding contributions in improving the quality of life of our Island Community.

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

WHEREAS, the Oceanic Regional Association of Overseas Taiwanese and Chinese Organizations was established in April 1977 at Sydney, Australia, and held the first conference in August of the same year. The primary purpose of the conference was to gather all patriotic overseas Chinese communities in the region to increase contact, and to strengthen the unity, mutual assistance and cooperation of each organization; and

9 WHEREAS, succeeding yearly conferences were held with 10 participants from Oceania, the delegates and their families, and held 11 alternately in different countries throughout the Oceania; and

WHEREAS, in 2005, the annual event was changed to a biennial 12 13 conference in hopes to increase contact and strengthen unity and mutual assistance and cooperation linking the Chinese in the Asian region. 14 In 15 1982, while celebrating the bi-centennial inauguration of Bangkok, Thailand, as a city, the group determined to establish the Asian Chinese 16 17 Amity Conference to meet yearly at different Asian cities. In 1988, the group decided to meet once every two (2) years during the 16th biennial 18 19 conference held in Malaca, Malaysia; and

20 WHEREAS, the United Chinese Association of Guam had previously 21 hosted both conferences separately, and its members are proud to organize 22 this joint conference, not only to gather all the different Chinese organizations, but to showcase the beauty and hospitality of Guam, and to
 encourage investments be made here on island; and

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WHEREAS, the joint conference will be held on Guam, from May 5 3 to May 8, 2010, with delegates coming from the different Chinese 4 5 communities of countries in Asia and Oceania, including Japan, Korea, 6 Taiwan, Singapore, Malaysia, Hong Kong, Indonesia, Thailand, the Philippines, Australia, New Zealand, Tahiti, Guam, Saipan, Palau, Papua 7 8 New Guinea, and other countries; and the theme of the 2010 conference is: "Establish Enormous Opportunities through Global Chinese Economic 9 10 Strength"; and

11 WHEREAS, the venue for the joint conference is the Hotel Nikko 12 Guam in *Tumon*, featuring a Grand Dance performance during the opening 13 night by the visiting dance troupe from the National Taiwan Academy of 14 Arts. In 2002, the school became the first University in Asia to be invited to perform at the Kennedy Center in New York, since the establishment of the 15 National American College Dance Festival twenty (20) years ago. Guam is 16 17 the first leg of their North American Taiwan Heritage Week Tour, continuing on to San Francisco and Los Angeles, California; Seattle, 18 Washington; Vancouver and Montreal, Canada; Boston, Massachusetts; 19 Atlanta, Georgia; New York City and Albany, New York, with their final 20 21 performance in Toronto, Canada; and

22 WHEREAS, founded in 1972, the United Chinese Association of 23 Guam has in its membership, some of Guam's most influential and capable

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businessmen, who have contributed significantly to the economy of Guam.
 The Association has been recognized since its establishment, not only for
 having impacted the quality of life on Guam, but for the creation of some
 very valuable resources that people on Guam now enjoy; now, therefore,
 be it

RESOLVED, that I Mina'Trenta Na Liheslaturan Guåhan does hereby, 6 7 on behalf of the people of Guam, recognize the United Chinese Association 8 of Guam for hosting a joint conference of the Biennial Thirtieth (30th) 9 Conference of the Oceanic Regional Association of Overseas Taiwanese 10 and Chinese Organizations, and the Seventeenth (17th) Asian Chinese Amity Conference, two (2) of the most prestigious gatherings of ethnic 11 Chinese organizations throughout the world, to be held on Guam, from 12 13 May 5 to May 8, 2010; and to extending a sincere Un Dångkolo Na Si Yu'os 14 Ma'åse' to them for their outstanding contributions in improving the 15 quality of life of our Island Community; and, be it further

16 **RESOLVED**, that the Speaker certify, and the Legislative Secretary 17 attest to, the adoption hereof, and that copies of the same be thereafter 18 transmitted to the United Chinese Association of Guam; and to the 19 Honorable Felix P. Camacho, *I Maga'lahen Guåhan*. DULY AND REGULARLY ADOPTED BY I MINA'TRENTA NA LIHESLATURAN GUÅHAN ON THE 27TH DAY OF APRIL 2010.

JUDITH T. WON PAT, ED.D. Speaker

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