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

## Resolution No. 368-30 (LS)

Introduced by:

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Relative to recognizing and commending the Honorable Alicia Garrido Limtiaco, the first female elected as Attorney General of Guam, for her many achievements; and to congratulating her as she also becomes the first female to serve as the U.S. Attorney for Guam and the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands. 1 BE IT RESOLVED BY I MINA'TRENTA NA LIHESLATURAN 2 GUÅHAN:

3 WHEREAS, Attorney General Alicia Garrido Limtiaco attended the 4 University of Southern California (USC) in Los Angeles, and graduated in 5 1985 with a Bachelor of Science degree in Business Administration. She then 6 attended the University of California at Los Angeles (UCLA) School of Law, 7 and received her Juris Doctor degree in 1990; and

8 WHEREAS, Attorney General Limitaco, who is licensed to practice law 9 in Guam and California, has been a practicing attorney for more than fifteen 10 (15) years, and has been an Associate with private law firms, and a Partner 11 with the Law Offices of Torres Limitaco Cruz & Sison, PLLC, and the Law 12 Offices of Limitaco Cruz & Sison, PLLC; and

WHEREAS, Attorney General Limitaco has been in private practice for over eight (8) years, during which time she has represented clients in various civil matters involving business or corporate, employment, contract, probate, property, procurement, and family law. She has also represented clients in adult criminal and in juvenile delinquency and special proceedings matters; and

WHEREAS, Attorney General Limitaco has served as the ChiefProsecutor (Acting), and as an Assistant Attorney General with the Guam

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Attorney General's Office, Prosecution Division, where she served as a
 prosecutor for over seven (7) years; and

WHEREAS, as the Chief Prosecutor (Acting), Attorney General Limitaco
supervised prosecutors, investigators, paralegals, support staff, and
victim/witness advocates; and

WHEREAS, Attorney General Limitaco, in addition to handling her
own assigned caseload, was responsible for administrative matters involving
personnel, case assignments, training development and implementation,
budget reviews, and technological improvements; and

WHEREAS, Attorney General Limitaco has prosecuted numerous adult
 criminal felony and misdemeanor cases involving homicides, criminal sexual
 conduct, family violence, aggravated assaults and other violent crimes, as well
 as drugs, firearms, and property crimes; and

14 WHEREAS, Attorney General Limitaco has performed both jury trial15 and appellate work; and

16 WHEREAS, Attorney General Limitaco has served as the Lead Attorney 17 of the Criminal Sexual Conduct and Family Violence Unit; and as the Co-18 Chairperson of the Governor's Family Violence Task Force, she initiated the 19 drafting and implementation of family violence protocol utilized by the 20 Prosecution Division and the Guam Police Department, she assisted 21 legislators in the drafting of the 1994 and 1998 Guam Family Violence Acts, 22 and she participated in the drafting and review process of the sex offender registration and notification law enacted in 1999. She has also served as a
 member of the Family Violence Information Network; the Committee on
 Family Violence, Sex Offender Registry Steering Committee; and the Healing
 Hearts Crisis Center Steering Committee; and she had also assisted in the
 establishment of Erica's House; and

6 WHEREAS, Attorney General Limitaco has served as the Ninth Circuit Lawyer Representative for the District of Guam. She assisted the U.S. District 7 8 Court of Guam in the planning of the annual district conferences, and she 9 undertook special projects at the request of the Court including, but not limited to, the judicial conferences held by the Court, as she coordinated 10 community outreach activities, such as with the University of Guam and the 11 12 Guam Community College, to expose students to the legal system and the 13 federal judiciary; she participated with judges in programs or panel 14 discussions regarding various topics of interest to the bar and the community in general; and she also acted as the liaison between the bar and the federal 15 16 bench on issues raised by the bar; and

WHEREAS, Attorney General Limitaco has worked as a Law Clerk with
the Superior Court of Guam, and she was a Judicial Extern with the U.S.
District Court for the Central District of California; and

WHEREAS, Attorney General Limitaco has served as Adjunct Faculty
and Assistant Professor with the University of Guam, College of Professional
Studies, School of Business and Public Administration, Public Administration

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and Legal Studies Program, where she taught for over seven (7) years, in
 addition to working as Adjunct Faculty at the Guam Community College in
 their Basic Law Enforcement Academy and Criminal Justice Program since
 1999, for over six (6) years; and

5 WHEREAS, Attorney General Limitaco is an active member of our 6 community, volunteering her time to serve in various non-profit 7 organizations and other community outreach programs, and on legal 8 committees; and

9 WHEREAS, Attorney General Limitaco currently serves on the Board of 10 Directors of the Make-A-Wish Foundation; the Supreme Court of Guam 11 Subcommittee on Judicial Review/Appellate Rules Revision; the Supreme 12 Court of Guam Subcommittee on Judicial, Attorney, and Community 13 Education; the Supreme Court of Guam Subcommittee on Proposed Criminal 14 Justice Jury Instructions; and the Supreme Court of Guam and Guam Board of 15 Law Examiners Subcommittee on Bar Exam Grading and Drafting; and

16 WHEREAS, Attorney General Limtiaco has also served on and 17 participated in the Supreme Court of Guam Subcommittee on Rules of 18 Evidence Revisions; the Superior Court of Guam Cameras in the Courtroom 19 Committee; the U.S. Department of Justice Project Safe Neighborhoods Task 20 Force Selection Committee under the U.S. Attorney for the District of Guam; 21 the Department of *Chamorro* Affairs, Committee on the Authentication & 22 Standardization for *Chamorro* Heritage; the Saint Anthony Catholic School

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Accreditation and 45th Anniversary Gala Committees; the Women Senators of 1 26th Guam Legislature Committee on Women and Kids Entitled to Ultimate 2 Protection; the Guam Council on the Arts and Humanities Agency Board of 3 Directors; the University of Guam Public Administration and Legal Studies 4 5 Program Unit Representative; and she was a member of the College of 6 Professional Studies Academic Affairs Committee. She has also served as a member of the Public Administration and Legal Studies Program Search 7 Committee, and the College of Professional Studies Academic Affairs 8 9 Committee, Bylaws Subcommittee; and

WHEREAS, Attorney General Limitaco was elected as the first woman
Attorney General of Guam, and has been the Attorney General since January
1, 2006; and

13 WHEREAS, Attorney General Alicia Limitaco has deservedly earned 14 the distinguished honor to serve also as the first woman U.S. Attorney for 15 Guam and the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands (CNMI); 16 now, therefore, be it

17 **RESOLVED**, that *I Mina'Trenta Na Liheslaturan Guåhan* does hereby, on 18 behalf of the people of Guam, recognize and commend the Honorable Alicia 19 Garrido Limtiaco, Attorney General of Guam, as an important asset to our 20 island community, and for her immeasurable contributions as part of the legal 21 community; and does further congratulate her and wish her well on her 22 appointment as the U.S. Attorney for Guam and the CNMI; and be it further 1 **RESOLVED**, that the Speaker certify, and the Legislative Secretary 2 attest to, the adoption hereof, and that copies of the same be thereafter 3 transmitted to the Honorable Alicia Garrido Limtiaco, Attorney General of 4 Guam; and to the Honorable Felix P. Camacho, *I Maga'lahen Guåhan*.

## DULY AND REGULARLY ADOPTED BY *I MINA'TRENTA NA LIHESLATURAN GUÅHAN* ON THE 3<sup>RD</sup> DAY OF MAY 2010.

JUDITH T. WON PAT, Ed.D. Speaker

TINA ROSE MUÑA BARNES Legislative Secretary