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

Resolution No. 398-30 (COR)

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Relative to extending a warm *Hafa Adai* to Mr. Efren Geronimo Peñaflorida, Jr.; and to commending him for being a role model to *Filipinos* and activists around the world.

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COMMITTEE ON RULES OF I

- 2 MINA'TRENTA NA LIHESLATURAN GUÅHAN:
- 3 WHEREAS, people rely on the tireless dedication of volunteers and civic
- 4 leaders to make real and lasting changes to improve their communities; and

- 1 WHEREAS, locally, our Good Samaritans often look to regional examples
- 2 of role models for inspiration; and
- WHEREAS, Mr. Efren Geronimo Peñaflorida, Jr. began his activism at the
- 4 age of sixteen (16) years old when he started a youth group, called the
- 5 "Dynamic Teen Company," at his high school in the Republic of the
- 6 Philippines, which was aimed at diverting students' attention away from street
- 7 gangs, and toward community activism and personal development; and
- 8 WHEREAS, today, more than twenty (20) years after it was founded, the
- 9 Company is a shining example of community activism that makes a real
- 10 difference, including utilizing pushcarts to conduct classes on Saturdays in non-
- 11 traditional venues; and
- 12 WHEREAS, Mr. Peñaflorida's accomplishments earned him the
- 13 designation as a CNN "Hero" in March 2009; and on November 22, he also was
- 14 named CNN's "Hero of the Year" for 2009; and
- 15 WHEREAS, Mr. Efren Geronimo Peñaflorida, Jr. has generously
- 16 accepted an offer from the Filipino Community of Guam to be the keynote
- 17 speaker at this year's Philippine Independence Ball; and
- 18 WHEREAS, the people of Guam can use this rare opportunity to learn
- 19 from Mr. Peñaflorida's experiences, and use his expertise to change our island
- 20 for the better; 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, extend a warm Hafa Adai to Mr. Efren Geronimo Peñaflorida,
- 2 Jr.; and does further commend him for being a role model to Filipinos and
- 3 activists around the world; 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 Mr. Efren Geronimo
- 7 Peñaflorida, Jr.; and to the Honorable Felix P. Camacho, I Maga'lahen Guåhan.

DULY AND REGULARLY ADOPTED BY THE COMMITTEE ON RULES OF I MINA TRENTA NA LIHESLATURAN GUÅHAN ON THIS 3RD DAY OF

JUNE, 2010.

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