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

Resolution No. 446-30 (COR)

Introduced by:

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Relative to recognizing and congratulating Mr. and Mrs. Robert and Anna Kao on the occasion of the Fortieth (40th) Anniversary of Genghis Khan Furniture; and to further commending Mr. and Mrs. Kao for their invaluable contributions to the people of Guam.

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

WHEREAS, Mr. and Mrs. Robert and Anna Kao came to Guam in 1971, when Anna Kao was recruited to work as the Sales Manager for the furniture store at Andersen Air Force Base. Shortly after their arrival on Guam, Robert and Anna Kao opened their own furniture store, Genghis Khan Furniture, in an eight hundred ninety (890) square foot space in the James Lee Asia Plaza; and

9 WHEREAS, Genghis Khan Furniture would steadily flourish through 10 the years, and grew into a reputable island business, serving the needs of the community. Robert and Anna Kao faced some adversity along the way; in 11 12 1976, Typhoon Pamela caused damage to the Store's showroom and 13 warehouse, but they quickly recovered and reopened. In 1997, Typhoon Paka 14 severely damaged Genghis Khan Furniture's new thirty thousand (30,000) 15 square foot showroom and fifteen thousand (15,000) square foot warehouse 16 facility. Despite their tremendous losses, Robert and Anna Kao persevered, restoring their business to full operation; and 17

WHEREAS, over the past forty (40) years, Genghis Khan Furniture has been at the forefront of offering fine furnishings to Guam's residents and businesses alike. Robert and Anna Kao's loyal customers will attest to the quality of the furnishings and services that Genghis Khan Furniture has offered through the years; and

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WHEREAS, Genghis Khan Furniture continued to expand, to include a
 Rosewood Shop in 1992; Asia Furnishings at Andersen South in 2000; and
 Asia Furnishings at the Navy Exchange on Naval Base Guam and the
 Andersen Air Force Base Mall in 2008; and

5 WHEREAS, Genghis Khan Furniture also expanded to three (3) 6 additional store locations in San Diego and San Marcos, California, and one 7 (1) in mainland China in 1993; and

8 WHEREAS, during their forty (40) years on Guam, Robert and Anna 9 Kao have been active members of several community organizations, including 10 the Chinese School Foundation; the Chinese Chamber of Commerce of Guam (formerly known as the Chinese Merchants Association); the Chinese Ladies 11 Association of Guam; the Chinese Association of Guam; the Chinese School; 12 the Fo Guang Shan Buddha Temple; the Overseas Compatriot Affairs 13 14 Commission; the Confucian Society of Guam; Guma Mami; the Sugar Plum 15 Tree Project; Sanctuary, Inc.; the American Red Cross; the University of Guam Endowment Foundation; International Women's Club of Guam; and the Girl 16 17 Scouts of America; and

18 WHEREAS, Anna Kao was recognized as the Businesswoman of the 19 Year in 2010; she received the Outstanding Overseas Businesswoman Award 20 in 1999, provided by Taipei's Mayor, who is now President; and she was the 21 Small Business Advocate of the Year in 1995; and

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WHEREAS, Robert and Anna Kao have provided community service,
including providing interior design concepts and furniture to the present and
former Governors of Guam, and Government House in *Agana Heights*; the Our
Goddess of Life bronze statue at the A. B. Won Pat International Airport;
working with the Chinese Community to build the Confucius Park in Upper *Tumon*; and they had assisted in the building of the *Santa Marian Kamalen*statue in *Merizo*; now, therefore, be it

8 **RESOLVED**, that the Committee on Rules of *I Mina'Trenta Na* 9 *Liheslaturan Guåhan* does hereby, on behalf of *I Liheslaturan Guåhan* and the 10 people of Guam, commend and congratulate Mr. and Mrs. Robert and Anna 11 Kao for their great successes, as they celebrate forty (40) years of service to 12 Guam's residents since the opening of their business, Genghis Khan 13 Furniture; and does further extend *Un Dangkulo Na Si Yu'os Ma'ase* to them for 14 their invaluable contributions to the people of Guam; and be it further

15 **RESOLVED**, that the Speaker and the Chairperson of the Committee on 16 Rules certify, and the Legislative Secretary attest to, the adoption hereof, and 17 that copies of the same be thereafter transmitted to Mr. and Mrs. Robert and 18 Anna Kao; to Genghis Khan Furniture; and to the Honorable Felix P. 19 Camacho, *I Maga'lahen Guåhan*.

DULY AND REGULARLY ADOPTED BY THE COMMITTEE ON RULES OF *I MINA'TRENTA NA LIHESLATURAN GUÅHAN* ON THE 16TH DAY OF SEPTEMBER 2010.

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JUDITH T. WON PAT, Ed.D.

Speaker

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