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

Resolution No. 463-30 (COR)

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Relative to commending and recognizing the efforts of altruistic volunteers throughout the Marianas Islands who work tirelessly to teach and perpetuate the *Chamorro* Language and Culture, who work to address current and future challenges as a community and chart our course as a people, and who come together to celebrate our collective progress and find common ground.

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COMMITTEE ON RULES OF I MINA'TRENTA NA LIHESLATURAN GUÅHAN: WHEREAS, the people of Guam, Saipan, Tinian and Rota share a history, language and culture spanning more than four (4) millenia; and WHEREAS, I Fine'ne'na Na Konferensia, held in Guam in 2006, was the first gathering of Chamorros of the Marianas Islands in over sixty (60) years; and WHEREAS, I Fine'ne'na Na Konferensia, has evolved every year thereafter, resulting in the advancements of traditional medicine, language, culture, and the environment, and is now moving into the fourth (4th) Konferensia, 'I Mina' Kuattro na Konferensia Chamorro'; and

WHEREAS, it is the desire of the planning committees of 'I Mina'Kuattro na Konferensia' to establish a Council for the advancement of Chamorros; and

WHEREAS, the mission of this Council is "to establish and promote the sustainable cultural, economic and community development of *Chamorros* based in our indigenous cultural values; to educate our people, and to promote research and capacity building of community-based organizations that will contribute to the well-being of the Marianas Islands and its people; and

WHEREAS, the vision of this Conference is to "engage and sustain a self-determined *Chamorro* community that is grounded in cultural knowledge

and values and is directed towards the advancement and well-being of our

2 people and the future of the Marianas Islands"; and

WHEREAS, the working philosophy of this Conference is "that we come together to share and unite our people and lands as one entity while respecting our differences; that we find ways to resolve conflicts; heal our Minds, Bodies, and Spirits in order to preserve, protect and promote the people of the Marianas, the *Chamorros*"; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that the Committee on Rules of *I Mina'Trenta Na Liheslatuan Guåhan* does hereby, on behalf of the people of Guam, highly commend and thank you for your efforts to preserve, protect, and perpetuate the *Chamorro* Language and Culture; and be it further

RESOLVED, that the Speaker and the Chairperson of the Committee of Rules certify, and the Legislative Secretary attest to, the adoption hereof, and that copies of the same be thereafter transmitted to the *I Konferensia Chamorro* Planning Committee; 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 THE DAY 11^{TH} OF OCTOBER, 2010.

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