### I MINA'TRENTA NA LIHESLATURAN GUÅHAN 2009 (FIRST) Regular Session

Resolution No. \_ (LS)

Introduced by:

ATURAN GUÅHAN ar Session J.T. Won Pat, Ed.D T.R. Muna Barnes B.J.F. Cruz F.B. Blas, Jr

## RELATIVE TO EXPRESSING SINCERE CONDOLENCES TO THE FAMILY OF THE LATE MONIQUE PORTUSACH-CEPEDA ULLOA, AND TO RECOGNIZING AND MEMORIALIZING THE MANY ACCOMPLISHMENTS SHE HAS DONE FOR OUR COMMUNITY AND OUR PEOPLE OF GUAM.

#### 1 BE IT RESOLVED BY I MINA'TRENTA NA LIHESLATURAN

2 **GUÅHAN:** 

3 WHEREAS, Monique Y. Portusach-Cepeda Ulloa was born on March 9,

4 1978 and was raised in the village of Agana Heights; and

5 WHEREAS, Monique graduated valedictorian from George Washington 6 High School and received her bachelor's degree from Brown University and 7 furthered her education by receiving a Masters Degree from Harvard 8 University; and

9 WHEREAS, Monique, a first generation college graduate, a product of 10 the Guam Public School system, and a Chamorro woman, brought her the 11 understanding and privileges of having to give back to and dedicate her life to

#### 1 her island community; and

WHEREAS, Monique's contributions to the island stemmed from her frustrations from the lack of research and class on Pacific Islands as well as the under-representation of Native Pacific Islanders in academia and from there, she made it one of her missions in life to bring the nation and the world to a complete understanding of her island's culture, its people, and its traditions as well as the islands surrounding Guam; and

8 WHEREAS, Monique's dedication to public service, accomplishments 9 within her community, and her role as a community leader was nationally 10 recognized when she was selected as a Truman Scholar, a prestigious 11 designation given to only a select few across the nation by Congressionally 12 mandated scholarship foundation designed as a living monument dedicated 13 to the life of President Harry S Truman; and

WHEREAS, Monique worked for the Social Security Administration as a Federal Disability Examiner for American Samoa, the Commonwealth of the Northern Marianas Islands and Guam, which assisted with one of her missions in life to bring to light the plight and difficulties surrounding Pacific Islanders by learn firsthand about the diseases and disabilities affecting Pacific Islanders and issues associated with limited access to care; and

WHEREAS, Monique not only was a friend to many, but she made it a point to a mentor to others, helping children understand their role within our world by participating in organizations that motivate individuals to be the best they can be; and; now, therefore, be it

24 **RESOLVED**, that *I Mina' Trenta Na Liheslaturan Guåhan* does hereby, on

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behalf of the people of Guam, recognize and commend the late Monique
Portusach-Cepeda Ulloa on her numerous and outstanding accomplishments
and contributions to the island and the people of Guam and celebrate her life
as one of Guam's outstanding daughters who demonstrated, and further
extends its most sincere condolences to her husband Nathaniel Ulloa, to her
parents and to her family; and be it further

RESOLVED, that the Speaker and the Secretary of the Legislature attest
to, the adoption hereof and that copies of the same be thereafter transmitted to
Mr. Nathaniel Ulloa, Mrs. Hudgens, and to the Honorable Felix P. Camacho, *I Maga'lahen Guåhan*.

# DULY AND REGULARLY ADOPTED BY I MINA' TRENTA NA LIHESLATURAN GUÅHAN ON THE \_\_\_\_ DAY OF JANUARY 2009.

Judith T. Won Pat, Ed.D. Speaker Tina Rose Muna Barnes Senator and Secretary of the Legislature