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

Committee on Rules Resolution No. 37

Introduced by:

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Relative to congratulating the Guam Police Department, the Judiciary of Guam, and the Guam Community College on the opening of the new Guam Police Department Crime Lab.

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

WHEREAS, the Guam Police Department has made attempts to construct a new forensic laboratory for over twenty years; and

WHEREAS, in December 2006, a project coordinator was hired to finally oversee and coordinate the effort; and

WHEREAS, construction began a year later, on the campus of the Guam Community College; and

WHEREAS, on December 31, 2008, the project was completed, resulting in the most sophisticated forensic science laboratory in Guam's history; and

WHEREAS, this facility is the first laboratory in the Guam Police Department to have climate and cross contamination controls; and

WHEREAS, the building is also the first in the department to be built specifically to house a laboratory; and

WHEREAS, the Guam Police Crime Lab will be able to analyze fingerprints, firearms, tool marks, drugs, serology evidence, and photos, in addition to other Crime Scene Investigation activities; and

WHEREAS, plans are being made with the Guam Community College, the University of Guam, and George Washington High School to utilize the laboratory as part of their curriculum; and

WHEREAS, as the only U.S. facility in the Western Pacific, the laboratory will not only deal with local and federal cases in Guam, but also in the Republic of the Marshall Islands, the Republic of Palau, the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands, the Federated States of Micronesia, and other Pacific islands; now therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that *I Mina'Trenta Na Liheslaturan Guåhan* does hereby, on behalf of the people of Guam, congratulate the Guam Police Department, the Judiciary of Guam, and the Guam Community College on the opening of the new Guam Police Crime Lab; and be it further

RESOLVED, that the Speaker certify, and the Secretary of the Legislature attest to, the adoption hereof and that copies of the same be thereafter transmitted to Chief of Police Paul Suba, the Forensic Science Laboratory, the Judiciary of Guam, the Guam Community College, and to the Honorable Felix P. Camacho, *I Maga'lahen Guåhan*.

DULY AND REGULARLY ADOPTED BY *I MINA'TRENTA NA LIHESLATURAN GUÅHAN* ON THE <u>10th</u> DAY OF FEBRUARY, 2009.

RORY RESPICIO Chairman, Committee On Rules RAY TENORIO Senator and Sponsor