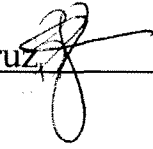


I MINA' TRENTA NA LIHESLATURAN GUÅHAN
2009 (FIRST) Regular Session

Resolution No. 83 (COR)

Introduced by:

B. J.F. Cruz 

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Relative to commending and congratulating the Saint Thomas Aquinas Catholic High School Mock Trial team for winning First (1st) Place in the 2009 Island-wide High School Mock Trial Competition.

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

3 **WHEREAS,** the Saint Thomas Aquinas Catholic High School Mock
4 Trial team successfully competed amongst a competitive field of seven (7)
5 other high school teams on Guam, winning first (1st) place in the Island-wide
6 High School Mock Trial Competition; and

7 **WHEREAS,** Saint Thomas Aquinas Catholic High School
8 successfully assembled an exceptional seven (7) member team from the
9 school's inaugural class, consisting of only 21 (twenty-one) enrollees; and

10 **WHEREAS,** the Saint Thomas Aquinas Catholic High School Mock
11 Trial team assiduously prepared for the fictitious court case, *Erin Wilson v.*
12 *Gander's Inc.*, in which members were assigned to perform in the capacity
13 of attorneys, witnesses, and bailiff; and

14 **WHEREAS,** the students benefited greatly from the advice of their
15 teacher coach, Mr. Andrew Mojikowski, and attorney coaches, G. Patrick
16 Civile and Joyce C.H. Tang, who graciously volunteered numerous hours to
17 ensure the team's success; and

18 **WHEREAS**, the students’ participation in the mock trial team further
19 provided them with the opportunity to bolster confidence, along with public
20 speaking and critical thinking skills—essential traits to those interested in
21 potential careers as lawyers, public speakers, politicians, and the like; and

22 **WHEREAS**, the Saint Thomas Aquinas Catholic High School Mock
23 Trial team reaped the benefits of their hard work by defeating the St. John’s
24 Mock Trial team in the final round of competition on April 2, 2009 in
25 Hagåtña; and

26 **WHEREAS**, this winning team includes Lucas Shimizu, Jack Odi,
27 Ryan Raguindin, Aaron Quitugua, Dara Namazi, Monica Civile, and
28 Anthony Sholing; and

29 **WHEREAS**, on May 5, 2009, this team will compete against students
30 from over forty-four (44) States, U.S. Territories, and South Korea in a two-
31 day national competition at the National High School Mock Trial
32 Championship in Atlanta, Georgia; now, therefore, be it

33 **RESOLVED**, that the Committee on Rules of *I Mina’ Trenta Na*
34 *Liheslaturan Guåhan* does hereby, on behalf of the People of Guam, extend
35 its sincere best wishes for success at the National High School Mock Trial
36 Championship, and commend and congratulate the two thousand and nine
37 (2009) Saint Thomas Aquinas Catholic High School Mock Trial team for
38 winning first (1st) place in the Island-wide High School Mock Trial
39 Competition; and be it further

40 **RESOLVED**, that the Speaker and the Chairperson of the Committee
41 on Rules certify, and the Secretary of the Legislature attest to the adoption
42 hereof, and that copies be transmitted to Saint Thomas Aquinas Catholic
43 High School; and the individual members of the 2009 Saint Thomas Aquinas

- 44 Catholic High School Mock Trial team; and the Honorable Felix P.
45 Camacho, *I Maga'lahren Guåhan*.

**DULY AND REGULARLY ADOPTED BY THE COMMITTEE ON
RULES OF *I MINA'TRENTA NA LIHESLATURAN GUÅHAN* ON
THE ___ DAY OF _____ 2009.**

JUDITH T. WON PAT, ED.D.
Speaker

RORY J. RESPICIO
Chairperson, Committee on Rules

TINA ROSE MUÑA BARNES
Secretary of the Legislature