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Resolution No. 118 (LS)
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Introduced by:

FRANK B. AGUON 

Relative to recognizing and commending the contributions of all individuals in the nursing profession during the celebration of Guam Nurses Association's 58th Anniversary and the annual observance of Nurses Month every month of May with this year's theme: "Nurses Building A Healthy America Starting on Guam."

BE IT RESOLVED BY I MINA' TRENTA NA LIHESLATURAN GUÅHAN:

WHEREAS, the two million and nine hundred thousand registered nurses in the United States comprise our nation's largest health care profession. On Guam, the Guam Board of Nurses Examiners has issued licenses to seven hundred twenty-two (722) Registered Nurses and one hundred thirty-seven (137) Licenses Practical Nurses, thus making the nursing profession the largest health care provider on Guam; and

WHEREAS, nursing encompasses a broad range of careers including certified nursing assistants, licensed practical nurses, registered nurses and nurse practitioners. Nursing includes responsibilities such as paperwork, patient assistance such as toileting, bathing, and dressing, life-saving acts in emergency situations, and diagnosing and treating patients. Nursing is a high-stress, demanding career and many hospitals are short-staffed creating much more work for each nurse. These special men and women rise to the challenge; and

WHEREAS, the depth and breadth of the registered nursing profession meets the different and emerging health care needs of the people of Guam; and

WHEREAS, the Guam Nurses Association , as the voice for registered nurses on Guam , is working to chart new courses for a healthy island community that relies in increasing delivery of primary and preventive health care. A renewed emphasis on primary and preventive health care will require the better utilization of all our island's registered nursing resources; and

WHEREAS, the Guam Nurses Association, as the representative unit of professional registered nurses , has demonstrated to be an indispensable component in the safety and quality of care of hospitalized patients; and

WHEREAS, the demand for registered nurses will be greater than ever because of the aging population, the continuing expansion of life-sustaining technology, and the explosive growth of home care services. More qualified registered nurses will be needed in the future to meet the increasing needs of the health care consumers; and

WHEREAS, nurses provide direct care, assessment, intervention, education, and emotional/spiritual support to their clients, families and those they love, thus the cost effective, safe and quality health care services provided by registered nurses will continue to be an important component of the health care delivery system in the future; and

WHEREAS, the commitment of nurses to provide beyond their calling and make significant contributions towards healing their clients, families, and those they love is a standard of care inherent in the profession ; and

WHEREAS, the Guam Nurses Association , the only professional nurses association for all registered nurses on Guam celebrate its 58th anniversary in conjunction with its annual nurses' month celebration from May 1 to May 31, 2009 with this year's theme: *Nurses Building A Healthy America Starting on Guam* ;

WHEREAS, various activities were coordinated throughout the month of May 2009 to commemorate the event, including nurses mass, 5K Fun Run/Walk, nursing conference and the nurses' banquet/awards and recognition for the Nurse of the Year at Westin Resort Guam; and now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that the Executive Committee of *I Mina Trenta Na Liheslaturan Guahan* does hereby, on behalf of the *I Liheslaturan Guahan* and the people of Guam, honor the officers and members of Guam Nurses Association and all the professional nurses and nursing practitioners for their tireless commitment to the improvement of health care on Guam; and be it further

RESOLVED, that the Speaker and the Chairperson of the Executive Committee certify, and the Secretary of the Legislature attest to, the adoption hereof, and that copies of the same be thereafter transmitted to Ms. Maria I. Salomon, President of Guam Nurses Association and Head , Department of Nursing, School of Nursing , Social Work and health Services, University of Guam; Ms. Jennifer Cruz , Hospital Nursing Services Administrator, Guam Memorial Hospital Authority; Ms. Luise Foster, Department of Nursing Program and Allied Health , Guam Community College; Ms. Margarita Gay, Administrator of Bureau of Family Health Care and Nursing Services, Department of Public Health and Social Services; Dr. Judith Avery, Psychiatric Nurse Administrator, Department of Mental Health and Substance Abuse; Louis Santos, Chairperson of 2009 Annual Nurses Celebration of Guam Nurses Association; Ms. Glynis Almonte , Executive Director, Guam Nurses Association ; to the Honorable Madeleine Z. Bordallo, Member of Congress, US House of Representatives; and to the Honorable Felix P. Camacho, *I Maga'lahaen Guahan*.

**DULY AND REGULARLY ADOPTED BY THE COMMITTEE ON RULES
OF I MINA'TRENTA NA LIHESLATURAN GUÁHAN ON THIS DAY
OF MAY _____, 2009.**

JUDITH T. WON PAT, Ed. D.
Speaker

RORY J. RESPICIO
Chairperson, Committee on Rules

TINA ROSE MUNA BARNES
Legislative Secretary