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Relative to congratulating Ms. Joleen M. Aguon, M.D., for having attained her Medical Doctorate on May 16, 2009, while attending the John A. Burns School of Medicine, University of Hawaii at Manoa from 2005 to the present, and on her acceptance to the University of Southern California Internal Medicine Residency Program.

1 **BE IT RESOLVED BY THE OF I MINA' TRENTA NA**
2 **LIHESLATURAN GUÁHAN:**

3 **WHEREAS**, Ms. Joleen Maañao Aguon, the second (2nd) of four (4)
4 children of Ms. Doris Onedera Maañao Aguon, was born on March 20, 1977,
5 in the village of *Yoña*, Guam. Her siblings are: Ms. Denise Jean M. Aguon, Mr.
6 Joseph M.C. Gogo and Mr. Donicio O. Maañao. Ms. Joleen Maañao Aguon is
7 the daughter Mr. Joseph J. and Mrs. Rossanna V. Aguon of *Barrigada*. Ms.
8 Aguon was reared by Mr. Roland V. and Louisa M. Ada, with three (3) reared
9 brothers, Mr. Roland V.M. Ada, Mr. Ken Joe M. Ada, Mr. Jason J. M. Ada, and
10 a reared sister, Ms. Lizabeth M. Ada; and

11 **WHEREAS**, Ms. Joleen Maañao Aguon's maternal grandparents are
12 †Mr. Jesus Atoigue and †Mrs. Agueda Santos Onedera Maañao, and her
13 paternal grandparents are †Mr. Jose Pablo and †Mrs. Inmaculada Perez
14 Aguon; and

15 **WHEREAS**, Ms. Joleen Maañao Aguon attended Saint Francis School in
16 *Yoña*, Guam, and received her diploma after graduating from Guam
17 Adventist Academy, Windward Hills, Guam, in June 1994. She attended the
18 University of Guam from 1995 to May 2000, obtaining her Bachelor of Arts
19 degree in Biology. She completed her Master of Science degree in
20 Biotechnology in December 2002 from Johns Hopkins University, Baltimore,
21 Maryland, and presented a Certificate of Completion of the Imi Ho'ola Post

1 Baccalaureate Program from the University of Hawaii at Manoa (2004 to
2 2005); and

3 **WHEREAS**, Dr. Joleen Maañao Aguon was a nominee of the National
4 Dean’s List in 1999 and 2000, was named to the University of Guam’s Dean’s
5 List in 2000, and was a University of Guam Marine Laboratory recipient of the
6 Minority Biomedical Research Support funded by the National Institute of
7 Health (NIH) General Medical Sciences for student research, from March 1998
8 to June 2000. Ms. Aguon received her Minority Medical Education Program
9 Certificate of Completion from the University of Virginia School of Medicine
10 in 2000. Her educational awards continued, achieving the Dean’s List in 2001
11 from Montgomery College in Maryland; receiving a Professional/Technical
12 Award in Guam (2005 to 2008); she was a Dr. Hans & Clara Zimmerman
13 Scholarship recipient in 2006 from the Hawaii Community Foundation; and a
14 Pacific Asia Scholarship Recipient in 2006 at the John Burns Medical School,
15 Manoa, Hawaii. In 2006, Ms. Aguon was a nominee for the American Medical
16 Association Foundation Minority Scholars Award, and was a scholarship
17 recipient, from 2007 to 2008, of the Manoa, from the John and Gertrude Moir
18 Jr. Education Foundation; and

19 **WHEREAS**, Dr. Joleen Maañao Aguon’s research experience includes
20 being a Research Assistant I (March 1998 to June 2000) to Dr. Robert
21 Richmond, Professor of Marine Biology, University of Guam Marine
22 Laboratory, *Mangilao*, Guam. She was the Laboratory Assistant in the study of

1 coral reproduction (*gamete collection*, larval development and recruitment);
2 was the Laboratory Assistant to post-doctoral research in fieldwork involving
3 the observation and collection of *scleractinian* coral; and she studied genetic
4 variation among *scleractinian* corals, using molecular genetic methods (DNA
5 extractions, PCR, *agarose gel* electrophoresis); and

6 **WHEREAS**, several publications containing papers Dr. Joleen Maañao
7 Aguon collaborated with include: Romano, S.L., **Aguon, J.M.**, and R.H.
8 Richmond (1999), Analysis of genetic variation in Guam populations of the
9 mass spawning coral *Acropora surculosa* using RAPDs; American Zoologist,
10 Vol. 39:122A, Presence of CD14/CD16-positive monocytes/macrophages in
11 older HIV seropositive individuals with dementia, Bruce Shiramizu, Machael
12 Cho, **Aguon J**, Cecilia Shikuma, Victor Valcour and Silvia Ratto-Kim (2003);
13 Journal of NeuroVirology, Vol. 9:1142, Circulating proviral HIV DNA and
14 HIV-associated dementia Shiramizu B, Gartner S, Williams A, Shikuma C,
15 Ratto-Kim S, Watters M, **Aguon J** and Valcour V. (2005); Vol. 19(1):45-52,
16 Discordant plasma and cerebral spinal fluid cytokines/chemokines in relation
17 to HIV-1-associated dementia, Killebrew DA, Troelstrup D, Valcour V,
18 Williams A, **Aguon J**, Sapalo D, Shikuma C, Ratto-Kim S and Shiramizu B;
19 Cell Mol Biol (Noisy-le-grand). 2005; Vol. 51 Suppl:OL745-54, Assessing
20 nutritional knowledge and dietary practices of Native Hawaiian children,
21 Pulido S, **Aguon J** and Calhoun H, Native Hawaiian Center of Excellence
22 (2006); and

1 **WHEREAS**, Dr. Joleen Maañao Aguon’s leadership service includes
2 various roles: Co-Chair, JABSOM 1st Annual Blood Drive (2005); Co-Vice
3 President, Geriatrics Interest Group (2005 to 2006); Co-Chair Decorations
4 Committee (Luau 2006), Chair of Willed Body Food Committee (2006); Co-
5 Chair, logistics for JABSOM Health Fair (2007); and Co-Vice President, Class
6 of 2009 (2007); and

7 **WHEREAS**, Dr. Joleen Maañao Aguon’s teaching experience includes:
8 1st year mentor, Imi Ho'ola Post-Baccalaureate Students (2005 to 2006);
9 Medical School Mentorship Program (2006); and 2nd year mentor, Imi Ho'ola
10 Post-Baccalaureate Students (2006 to 2007); and

11 **WHEREAS**, School Service for Dr. Joleen Maañao Aguon developed in
12 2006, as she volunteered for Problem Based Learning (PBL) demonstration
13 and coordinated Guam preceptorship for the Summer 2006 academic
14 requirement. Dr. Aguon’s memberships include: the Internal Medicine
15 interest group, John A. Burns School of Medicine; Geriatrics interest group,
16 John A. Burns School of Medicine; American Medical Student Association;
17 and the American College of Physicians; and

18 **WHEREAS**, Dr. Joleen Maañao Aguon participated in several
19 community service programs, as a Hawaii Blood Bank Donor since 2003; as a
20 Hospice Hawaii Respite Volunteer from 2004 to 2006; in the Blood Pressure
21 Screening Okinawan Festival in 2005; in the American Heart Association
22 Katrina Relief Fund in 2005; in the St. Elizabeth’s Church Health Ministry

1 since 2004 in Aiea, Hawaii; in the 2005 Blood Drive Committee Health Fair; in
2 the Blood Pressure Screening sponsored by Americorps Guam at the *Agaña*
3 Shopping Center in Guam on December 2007; and in the Blood Pressure
4 Screening sponsored by the American Heart Association and Macy's in
5 Kailua, Hawaii, in 2007; and

6 **WHEREAS**, the personal interests and skills of Dr. Joleen Maañao
7 Aguon vary from her native *Chamorro* language and *Chamorro* cooking cuisine
8 to competitive sporting and athletic activities, including billiards, bowling,
9 softball and rugby; she spends her leisure time playing tennis and volleyball,
10 and enjoys ocean sports --swimming, spear fishing, snorkeling, scuba diving
11 (PADI certified); and


12 **WHEREAS**, Dr. Joleen Maañao Aguon's work experience began in a
13 management position with Maañao's Catering and Food Processing on Guam
14 from 1994 to 2000. Dr. Aguon continues her active involvement in community
15 service on principles and values learned as a young *Chamorro* woman, based
16 on a foundation of responsibility, character, integrity and respect for others,
17 and family commitment enhancing her spiritual, personal, and professional
18 growth; now, therefore, be it

19 **RESOLVED**, that *I Mina'Trenta Na Liheslaturan Guåhan* does hereby, on
20 behalf of the people of Guam, congratulate Ms. Joleen Maañao Aguon, M.D.,
21 for having attained her Medical Doctorate on May 16, 2009, while attending
22 the John A. Burns School of Medicine, University of Hawaii at Manoa, from

1 2005 to the present, and on her acceptance to the University of Southern
2 California Internal Medicine Residency Program, and does further commend
3 her for her outstanding achievements, and acknowledge her as a positive role
4 model for our Island's youth; and, be it further

5 **RESOLVED**, that the Speaker certify, and the Legislative Secretary
6 attests to, the adoption hereof, and that copies of the same be thereafter
7 transmitted to Ms. Joleen Maañao Aguon, M.D.; to Ms. Doris Onedera
8 Maañao Aguon; to Ms. Denise Jean M. Aguon; to Mr. Joseph M.C. Gogo; to
9 Mr. Donicio O. Maañao; to Mr. and Mrs. Joseph J. and Rossanna V. Aguon; to
10 Mr. Joseph J. Aguon, II; to Ms. Carlana J. Aguon; to Mr. and Mrs. Roland V.
11 and Louisa M. Ada; and to the Honorable Felix P. Camacho, *I Maga'lahren*
12 *Guåhan*.

**DULY AND REGULARLY ADOPTED BY THE I MINA'TRENTA NA
LIHESLATURAN GUÅHAN ON THIS 28TH DAY OF MAY 2009.**



JUDITH T. WON PAT, Ed.D.
Speaker



TINA ROSE MUÑA BARNES
Legislative Secretary