

**I MINA' TRENTA NA LIHESLATURAN GUÅHAN  
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**Resolution No. 179-30(LS)**

Introduced by:

**FRANK B. AGUON, JR.  
TINA R. MUNA-BARNES  
TELO TAITAGUE  
FRANK F. BLAS, JR.**

**Relative to commending and congratulating the Academy of Our Lady of Guam in the celebration of its Diamond Jubilee or 60 years of academic excellence and service.**

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

**WHEREAS,** the Academy of Our Lady of Guam is a four year Archdiocesan College Preparatory School founded in 1949 for young women graduating its first class in 1953; has been accredited since 1970 by the Western Association of Schools and Colleges; and

**WHEREAS,** the Academy of Our Lady of Guam school's hallmark is excellence; maintains membership with the National Catholic Education Association; and is proud of the more than six thousand Chamorro, Filipino, Asian Pacific, Korean, Japanese, Chinese, Micronesian, Caucasian and Hispanic alumnae empowered spiritually, intellectually, socially, emotionally, morally, and physically for the challenges of adult life passed through the portals of the Academy ; and

**WHEREAS,** the Academy of Our Lady of Guam located in *Hagåtña*, Guam has over 95% of the graduating classes go to higher education and receive acceptance at top colleges and universities. Alumnae may be found in leadership positions as doctors, judges, lawyers, corporate executive,

leadership positions as doctors, judges, lawyers, corporate executive, educators, Church leaders, foreign relation officers, public officials, and numerous career paths; and

**WHEREAS**, the Academy of Our Lady of Guam continues its commitment to nurturing and mentoring young women and empowering them to make significant contributions in Church, society and the world-at-large since its establishment; and

**WHEREAS**, the Guam Sisters of Mercy of the Americas comprises the administration of the Academy of Our Lady of Guam and serve alongside the faculty of dedicated and seasoned lay men and women who provide a high level of personal attention to complement the excellent education that is the hallmark of its history and legacy for the future; and

**WHEREAS**, exhibiting high academic performance at the Academy, graduates have been recipients of various scholarships offered by the colleges of their choice. These include Honors Scholarships, Trustee Regents Scholarships, and the President's/Dean's Scholarship. The Academy students have been National Merit Scholarship Semi-Finalist and Finalists awardees, Presidential Scholars, and recipients of the University of Guam Merit Scholarship; and

**WHEREAS**, the Academy students are known for their scholastic accomplishments as evidence with their acceptance at the best colleges and universities such as Harvard, Yale, MIT, the University of Pennsylvania, the University of Chicago, the University of Notre Dame, University of America, Georgetown University, and Oxford University in England; and

**WHEREAS**, to celebrate the Academy of Our Lady of Guam's 60<sup>th</sup> Anniversary with the theme "*Celebrating Our Diamond Memories*", the academy organized a series of events which include the gala banquet on September 4, 2009 at Sheraton Hotel, Homecoming Parade of Classes on

September 9, 2009 and the Eucharistic Celebration on September 12, 2009 at Cathedral-Basilica, Hagatna ; now there be it

**RESOLVED**, that *I Mina' Trenta Na Liheslaturan Guahan* does hereby, on behalf of the people of Guam to congratulate the faculty and staff, students and alumni of the Academy of Our Lady of Guam for promoting the holistic development of a diverse population of young women fostering academic excellence, responsible leadership, global awareness, social justice , and compassionate justice service for all in the tradition of the Catholic faith as we celebrate the Diamond Jubilee or 60<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the premier all women ; and be it further

**RESOLVED**, that the Speaker and the Chairman 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 Sister Francis Jerome Cruz, R.S.M. the President of the Academy of Our Lady of Guam; to Ms. Mary A.T. Meeks, Principal of the Academy of Our Lady of Guam ; 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 AUGUST \_\_\_\_\_, 2009.**

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**JUDITH WON T. PAT**  
Speaker

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**RORY J. RESPICIO**  
Chairperson Committee on Rules

**TINA MUNA-BARNES**  
Legislative Secretary