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

Resolution No. 211-30 (COR)

Introduced by:

Relative to recognizing Mar-Vic Cagurangan, one of Guam's Working Class Heroes, for her hard work and dedication, not just to her job, but to all the people of Guam; and to extending *Un Dångkolo Na Si Yu'os ma'åse'* to Ms. Cagurangan for her outstanding citizenship and accomplishments.

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

WHEREAS, Guam functions and succeeds as a result of the hard work of all our working class heroes that serve our island everyday as workers, as parents, as children, as friends, and as active citizens in our democracy; and

6 WHEREAS, Guam's working class heroes have long been the forgotten 7 backbone of our island, and they should be recognized for their commitment and 8 loyalty in serving the community; and

9 WHEREAS, there would be no tourism industry without hotel workers, no 10 schools without education professionals, no healthcare without nurses, no stores 11 without clerks, no phones without lines people, no clean streets without solid waste 12 professionals, no safe beaches and pools without lifeguards and park rangers, no 13 safety and protection without police officers and firefighters, no restaurants without 14 servers or cooks, no balanced books without accountants, no clean water without 15 water workers, no clean and maintained schools and buildings without custodians and

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maintenance workers, and no children at school without bus drivers. Guam thrives
thanks to our working class heroes; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Cagurangan was a journalist for her entire working career since 1988 in the Philippines. After years of journalism experience, Ms. Cagurangan brought her talent and skills to the Guam Marianas Variety in 2003 for seven (7) years as a reporter and now editor; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Cagurangan's journalist skills was recognized as the "2006
Best Columnist" for her column on Government and Politics entitled "Fights"; and

9 WHEREAS, Ms. Cagurangan is fortunate to be blessed with two children, 10 whom are her driving force in life. Ms. Cagurangan has experienced and overcame 11 the hardships of being a single mother for several years, working to support them the 12 best she can. Ms. Cagurangan has been separated from her children since she moved 13 to Guam, with occasional visits, awaiting for their arrival to start the life Ms. 14 Cagurangan has started for them; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Cagurangan is also gifted with the talent of painting for eight (8) years now. Ms. Cagurangan is a member of the Chamorro Artists Association with other visual artists of Guam collaborating ideas and showcasing their artwork in exhibits. Ms. Cagurangan held a one-woman exhibit showcasing two of her most notable pieces entitled Ico's World and The Mystery of Autism which was inspired by her autistic son; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Cagurangan has demonstrated a strong will and perseverance in her work as a journalist, visual artist, and being a model character for single working mothers; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that the Committee on Rules of *I Mina'Trenta Na Liheslaturan Guåhan* does hereby, on behalf of *I Liheslaturan Guåhan* and the people of Guam, recognize Mar-Vic Cagurangan, one of Guam's working class heroes, for her hard work and dedication, not just to her job, but to all the people of Guam; and does extend *Un Dångkolo Na Si Yu'os ma'åse'* to Ms. Cagurangan for her outstanding
 citizenship and accomplishments; and be it further

- **RESOLVED**, that the Speaker and the Chairperson of the Committee on Rules
 certify, and the Legislative Secretary attest to, the adoption hereof, and that copies of
 the same be thereafter transmitted to Mar-Vic Cagurangan and to the Honorable Felix
- 6 P. Camacho, I Maga'lahen Guåhan.

DULY AND REGULARLY ADOPTED BY THE COMMITTEE ON RULES OF *I MINA'TRENTA NA LIHESLATURAN GUÅHAN* ON THE 9TH DAY OF OCTOBER 2009.

JUDITH T. WON PAT, Ed.D. Speaker **RORY J. RESPICIO** Chairperson, Committee on Rules

TINA ROSE MUÑA BARNES Legislative Secretary