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

Resolution No. <u>356-30 (coe)</u>

Introduced by:

FRANK B. AGUON, JR.

**RELATIVE** TO RECOGNIZING **AND** CONGRATULATING THE BINABALIAN FAMILIES ASSOCIATION OF GUAM ON THEIR 22ND ANNUAL **OF** IN HONOR **PATRON FIESTA** SAINT IMMACULATE CONCEPTION ON DECEMBER 12, 2009 AND TO EXPRESS UN DANGKOLO NA SI YU'OS MA'ASE FOR THEIR MANY VALUABLE CONTRIBUTIONS TO THE PEOPLE OF GUAM.

## BE IT RESOLVED BY I MINA'TRENTA NA LIHESLATURAN

- 2 **GUÅHAN:**
- 3 WHEREAS, Binabalian is a barangay of the municipality of Candaleria in
- 4 the province of Zambales in Philippines. Nestled at the foot of Zambales
- 5 Range in the east and lies along coastline of the South China Sea in the
- 6 west, Candaleria has a population of 24,243 people with cleanest lake in
- 7 Central Luzon named Uocon Lake; and

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- WHEREAS, during Spanish era, there was a story that the Spanish first
- saw many candles in Candelaria, Zambales that started the town name
- 11 Candle-Area and became customarily called Candelaria; and

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- 1 WHEREAS, on December 8, 1987, a group of Binabalian families living in
- 2 Guam started celebrating their annual fiesta in honor of their patron saint
- 3 Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary; and

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- 5 WHEREAS, a homily by Father Paul Mankowski, SJ presented at Women
- 6 for Faith & Family's Immaculate Conception Mass and Festival held at St.
- 7 Roch's Church in St. Louis, December 8, 1989; and

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- 9 WHEREAS, people who observe this special day by making a special
- candle by attaching a picture or figure of the Infant Jesus to the base of a
- large pillar-type candle. Such practice is being observed in Candelaria,
- 12 Zambales and by the Binabalian Families Association of Guam; and

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- 14 WHEREAS, with the guidance of the Solemnity of Mary the Binabalian
- 15 Families Association of Guam increased their membership from 5 families
- to 38 families celebrating its annual fiesta; and

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- 18 WHEREAS, the association elected their President Henry A. Edquid who
- is now serving his sixth years and led the group in their civic works such
- 20 relief operations to help victims of calamities, donations during death of
- 21 relatives of their members and monetary help during hospitalization of
- 22 their members; and

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- 24 WHEREAS, Mr. Edquid is hosting this year's fiesta at his residence at 123
- 25 Candelaria Drive Gil Subdivision Machananao, Yigo from 6:00 pm to 10:00
- 26 pm; now therefore be it

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- 28 **RESOLVED**, that the Committee on Rules of I Mina' Trenta Na Liheslaturan
- 29 Guahan, does hereby, on behalf of the people of Guam recognize and
- 30 congratulate the Binabalian Families Association of Guam on their 22nd
- 31 Annual Fiesta in honor of their Patron Saint Immaculate Conception on
- 32 December 12, 2009 and to express Un Dangkolo Na Si Yu'os Ma'ase for
- their many valuable contributions to the people of Guam; and be it further

1 RESOLVED, that the Speaker and the Chairperson of the Committee on 2 Rules certify, and the Legislative Secretary attest to, the adoption hereof, 3 and that copies of the same be thereafter transmitted to Henry A. Edquid, 4 President of the Binabalian Families Association of Guam, Philippine 5 Consul General Olivia Palala and to the Honorable Felix P. Camacho, I 6 Maga'lahen Guåhan. 7 DULY AND REGULARLY ADOPTED BY THE COMMITTEE ON RULES OF I MINA 'TRENTA NA LIHESLATURAN GUAHAN ON THIS DAY OF DECEMBER 2009. JUDITH T. WON PAT, Ed. D **RORY J. RESPICIO** Speaker Chairperson, Committee on Rules

TINA MUNA- BARNES
Legislative Secretary