




I MINA'TRENTA NA LIHESLATURAN GUÅHAN
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RELATIVE TO COMMENDING BIG BROTHERS BIG SISTERS OF GUAM FOR THEIR EFFORTS IN BRINGING TOGETHER COMMUNITY PARTNERS FOR SUCCESSFUL MENTORSHIP PROGRAMS AND TO RECOGNIZING THE MONTH OF FEBRARY 2010 AS “MENTOR AWARENESS AND APPRECIATION MONTH”.

1 **BE IT RESOLVED BY I MINA 'TRENTA NA LIHESLATURAN**

2 **GUÅHAN:**

3 **WHEREAS**, in 1904 a young New York City court clerk named Ernest
4 Coulter, set out in search for caring adults to assist the many boys and girls
5 coming through his courtroom, marking the beginning of the movement and
6 mission of what would eventually become the modern-day Big Brothers Big
7 Sisters Organization; and

8 **WHEREAS**, the mission of Big Brothers Big Sisters has been to help
9 children reach their prospective goals, as it continues to be the leader in one-
10 to-one youth service for more than a century, developing positive
11 relationships that have a direct and long lasting impact on the lives of young

1 people, mentoring children ages six through eighteen; and

2 **WHEREAS**, the mentoring programs of Big Brothers Big Sisters – which
3 have been endorsed by Presidents and First Ladies, including Theodore
4 Roosevelt, Calvin Coolidge, Bill Clinton, Laura Bush, and Barack and Michelle
5 Obama, have shown through national research that positive relationships
6 between youth and their Big Brothers Big Sisters mentors have a direct and
7 measurable impact on children’ s lives. By participating in youth mentoring
8 programs, Little Brothers and Sisters are 46% less likely to begin using illegal
9 drugs, 27% less likely to begin using alcohol and 52% less likely to skip school;
10 and

11 **WHEREAS**, Big Brothers Big Sisters of Guam seeks to provide the same
12 quality volunteer and professional mentoring services for children and youth
13 and to assist the children in achieving their highest potential as they grow to
14 become responsible men and women; and

15 **WHEREAS**, the corporate mentoring partners with Big Brothers Big
16 Sisters of Guam have devoted their time and efforts to positively influence
17 students around the island; and

18 **WHEREAS**, students attending Price Elementary School, Carbullido
19 Elementary School, Upi Elementary School, Tamuning Elementary School; FB
20 Leon Guerrero Middle School, Agueda Johnston Middle School, Untalan
21 Middle School, Mount Carmel School, and Benavente Middle School were
22 able to receive support through intervention and prevention programs, as
23 well as educational and community involvement, allowing each child to
24 achieve their potential and function in society with a greater degree of

1 confidence; and

2 **WHEREAS,** the community partners with Big Brothers Big Sisters of
3 Guam including the Department of Education, Department of Youth Affairs,
4 Department of Mental Health and Substance Abuse, Community Services and
5 Resources and the Red Ribbon Committee, continue to promote the
6 accessibility of mentoring programs through various activities available at
7 their agencies by their persistent support, hard work and dedication; and

8 **WHEREAS,** individual volunteers and members of voluntary
9 organizations have come forward to offer Big Brothers Big Sisters of Guam
10 their services to work toward improving the lives of our children on the island
11 of Guam; now, therefore, be it

12 **RESOLVED,** that the Committee on Rules on behalf of the Guam
13 Legislature and the people of Guam, recognize the month of February 2010 as
14 “Mentor Awareness and Appreciation Month”, and does urge the island
15 community to actively participate in promoting greater understanding of
16 mentoring a child; and does further commend the Big Brothers Big Sisters of
17 Guam corporate and community partners and volunteers who have made
18 great strides, who continue to help raise the awareness, and who without fail
19 offer their support in mentoring a child; and be it further

20 **RESOLVED,** that the Speaker and the Chairperson of the Committee
21 on Rules certify, and the Legislative Secretary attest to, the adoption hereof,
22 and that copies of the same be thereafter transmitted to Big Brothers Big
23 Sisters of Guam; and to the Honorable Felix P. Camacho, I’ Magalahan
24 Guahan.

**DULY AND REGULARLY ADOPTED BY I MINA' TRENTA NA
LIHESLATURAN GUÅHAN ON THE ____ DAY OF FEBRUARY 2010.**

**Judith T. Won Pat, Ed.D.
Speaker**

**Tina Rose Muna Barnes
Senator and
Secretary of the Legislature**