I MINA'TRENTA NA LIHESLATURAN GUÅHAN 2010 (SECOND) Regular Session

Resolution No. <u>295-30(cor)</u>

Introduced by:

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RELATIVE TO COMMENDING AND CONGRATULATING THE GUAM GIRL SCOUTS, INC. ON THEIR 75TH ANNIVERSARY AS THEY CONTINUE TO PROVIDE ACTIVITIES ENCOURAGING OUR YOUNG GIRLS TO REACH THEIR FULL POTENTIAL.

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE OF I

- 2 MINA'TRENTA NA LIHESLATURAN GUÅHAN:
- 3 WHEREAS, Girl Scouts, the world's preeminent organization dedicated
- 4 to all girls was founded by Juliette Gordon Low on March 12, 1912 with the
- 5 mission to help girls build character and skills necessary for success in the real
- 6 world; and

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- 7 WHEREAS, Agueda Iglesias Johnston and Francys Darr introduced and
- 8 subsequently found the Guam Girl Scouts on March 13, 1935 encouraging self-
- 9 esteem growth by providing activities such as training for parade marching
- units, first aid, and homemaking skills as well as promoting outdoor activities
- through activities in beaches and hiking sites around the island; and
- WHEREAS, through the generosity and vision of Mr. Kenneth T. Jones,

and with support from Gov. Ricardo J. Bordallo and others, the Girl Scouts were provided a building to serve as administrative and activity hub for the program known as the Girl Scout Service Center, also known as the Kenneth T. Jones Building, continues to function as a base of Girl Scout program resource and support, and with over four decades of active leadership and service on the island, the Guam Girl Scouts were gifted with a permanent organizational home in Tamuning; and

WHEREAS, through the Guam Girl Scouts' unique leadership development program, girls discover more about themselves as they form positive values, develop a sense of self, build practical life skills, seek challenges in the world and develop critical thinking; and

WHEREAS, Girl Scouts contribute to the quality of life on Guam through program partnerships with many business, government and non-profit groups, as well as through self-directed service projects such as planting trees in our parks, collecting food for those in need, painting school fences; conducting beach clean-ups; making cards for hospitalized children and sending care packages to island residents deployed in military service to our country; and

WHEREAS, Girl Scouting provides positive programs to help girls become their best, both at the troop level and island-wide, with opportunities such as the summer camps, GirlSports initiative; science programs; the Girl Scout 5K run; "SongFest"; the Girl Scout cookie program; the "World Thinking Day' diversity celebration; the "College Pathways" program for older girls; and opportunities for travel to national and international

leadership institutes; and

WHEREAS, girls connect with others as they forge healthy relationships, promote cooperation and team building, learn how to resolve conflicts, advance diversity in a multicultural world and become connected to their local and global communities, encouraging the girls take action and make the world a better place as they identify community needs, become problem solvers, advocate for themselves and others, educate and inspire others to act, and realize they are empowered to make a difference on the island an around the world; and

WHEREAS, the membership of Guam Girl Scouts reflects its inclusive nature with members from all ethnic, economic and social backgrounds have found the power and friendship of girls together in Girl Scouting; with thousands of trained volunteers through the decades, guiding the girls, the Girl Guam Girl Scouts have become confident women of leadership, patriotism and service, to Guam and to the world – a legacy of which our island can be proud; and now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that *I Mina' Trenta Na Liheslaturan Guåhan* does hereby, on behalf of the people of Guam, recognize and commend the efforts of the Guam Girl Scouts in helping our island girls develop to their full potential by encouraging the attainment of their goals and providing contributions to the improvement of society, and congratulates the organization's leadership and members on their on the 75th anniversary of the founding of the Guam Girl

Scouts; and be it further

- 1 **RESOLVED**, that the Speaker and the Chairman of the Rules Committee
- 2 certify, and the Secretary of the Legislature attest to, the adoption hereof and
- 3 that copies of the same be thereafter transmitted to Ms Vickie Fish, Executive
- 4 Director; to Ms. Pam Cruz, President of the Board of Directors; to the
- 5 members of the Guam Girl Scout Inc. Board of Directors, and to the Honorable
- 6 Felix P. Camacho, I Maga'lahen Guåhan.

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

Judith T. Won Pat, Ed.D. Speaker Tina Rose Muna Barnes
Senator and
Secretary of the Legislature