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

Resolution No. 328.30(cor)

Introduced by:

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Relative to congratulating Special Olympics Guam on their 34<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of promoting public awareness of the needs and potential of people with handicapping conditions and developmental disabilities through the "Special Olympic Games" and commending the hardworking and dedicated volunteers and corporate partners for coordinating, promoting and making this annual event a success.

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

3 WHEREAS, Special Olympics Guam is dedicated to building self-4 esteem among people with disabilities, raising awareness of both their needs 5 and their abilities, and providing opportunities to help them enjoy physical 6 fitness activities while developing friendships and building skills; and

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WHEREAS, Special Olympics Guam's mission statement is to provide 1 2 year-round sports training and competition in a variety of Olympic-type 3 sports for children and adults with intellectual disabilities by giving them continuing opportunities to develop physical fitness, demonstrate courage, 4 experience joy, and participate in a sharing of gifts, skills and friendship with 5 their families, other Special Olympic athletes and the island community; and 6 7 WHEREAS, this year's 2010 games will host 279 athletes, over 1,600 8 volunteers and thousands of guests and spectators; and 9 WHEREAS, athletes will compete in the sports of track and field, 10 aquatics, bowling and golf to celebrate their gifts and abilities; and 11 WHEREAS, many of these specially gifted athletes will show how they 12 are able to succeed and to inspire; and WHEREAS, through the Special Olympic Games, friendships will be 13 14 forged between volunteers and athletes and with the help of volunteers, the

athletes will enjoy the camaraderie of their fellow Olympians as well as earnthe respect of many others; and

WHEREAS, the Special Olympic Games involves all facets of the community throughout the island, including businesses, government agencies, individuals, and youth groups with one goal: to provide sporting opportunities for people with a learning disability and provide equality of opportunity for all our athletes regardless of ability or degree of disability; and

1 WHEREAS, the Special Olympics Guam is made up of volunteers that 2 raises funds through private means, such as donations and grants; and

3 WHEREAS, the success of the Special Olympic Games is due to the hundreds of community volunteers and the generous contributions of the 4 numerous corporate sponsors and benefactors; now, therefore, be it 5

6 **RESOLVED**, that the Committee on Rules of I Mina' Trenta Na Liheslaturan Guåhan does hereby, on behalf of I Liheslaturan Guåhan and the 7 people of Guam, congratulate Special Olympics Guam on their 34th 8 Anniversary of promoting public awareness of the needs and potential of 9 10 people with handicapping conditions and developmental disabilities through the "Special Olympic Games"; and be it further 11

12 **RESOLVED**, that the Committee on Rules of I Mina' Trenta Na 13 Liheslaturan Guåhan does hereby, on behalf of I Liheslaturan Guåhan and the people of Guam, recognize and extend a heartfelt un Dångkolo' Si Yu'os Ma'åse' 14 15 to the many dedicated and selfless organizers and volunteers of these games; 16 and be it further

17 **RESOLVED**, that the Speaker and the Chairperson of the Committee on Rules certify, and the Secretary of the Legislature attest to, the adoption 18 19 hereof, and that copies of the same be thereafter transmitted to Mr. Frank 20 Florig, Executive Director, Special Olympics Guam; and to the Honorable Felix P. Camacho, I Maga'lahen Guåhan. 21

## DULY AND REGULARLY ADOPTED BY THE COMMITTEE ON RULES OF *I MINA' TRENTA NA LIHESLATURAN GUÅHAN* ON THE \_\_\_\_\_DAY OF \_\_\_\_\_ 2010.

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

**TINA ROSE MUÑA BARNES** Legislative Secretary