I MINA'TRENTA NA LIHESLATURAN GUAHAN 2010 (SECOND) Regular Session Resolution No. 30 - ____

RESOLUTION NO. 351-30(LS) Introduced by:

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Relative to commending the Department of Mental Health and Substance Abuse, the PEACE Project Guam and all the participants of the 22nd Annual Youth for Youth Live! 2010 Conference

1 BE IT RESOLVED BY I MINA' TRENTA NA LIHESLATURAN GUAHAN:

WHEREAS, building a sound foundation for our youth and providing the education, skills, resources and nurturing guidance they need to succeed is one of the most important legacies we leave behind as parents, leaders and members of this community; and

WHEREAS, today's adolescents are faced with countless critical challenges,
even as our society's progress continues to provide never before seen
opportunities and resources to achieve lifelong goals; and

WHEREAS, through the monumental efforts and dedication of women like "Mama" Gayle R. Osborn, "Auntie" Bobbie S.N. Benavente of the Department of Mental Health and Substance Abuse; and all of the hardworking men and women moving Guam's mental health profession forward everyday, our youth are fortunate to experience the strength of these mentors and leaders who volunteer their time and resources and dedicate their careers to providing our youth, 1 especially those who are at most risk of substance abuse or suicide, with a positive2 and nurturing influence; and

WHEREAS, since 1988, the vision and foresight of these individuals has since
developed into a regionally-renowned organization of youth-driven and youthled prevention programs that have been a positive outlet for our families, villages,
communities, schools and our children; and

7 WHEREAS, the Youth for Youth Live! organization continues to present a 8 great alternative for our future leaders by providing activities and events that 9 promote the prevention of drug, alcohol, tobacco abuse, suicide and violence 10 through establishing strong morals, values and healthy lifestyles while 11 emphasizing the importance of building a sound foundation focused on cultural 12 acceptance, education and reaching attainable goals; and

WHEREAS, today marks the 22nd Annual Youth for Youth Live Conference, where young people from throughout our region join together to discuss the importance of substance abuse and suicide prevention so that they may positively influence their lives and the lives of other students and youth around them; and

WHEREAS, this annual conference, attended by hundreds of students each year, continues to be a beacon of hope in our community as adults and adolescents alike, work together to spread the message of saving lives, building futures and raising awareness; and now, therefore, be it

21 **RESOLVED** that *I Mina' Trenta Na Lishelaturan Guåhan* does hereby, on behalf

of the People of Guam, commend the Department of Mental Health and Substance
Abuse, the PEACE Project Guam and all the organizers, sponsors and youth
participants of the Youth for Youth Live! 2010 Conference; and therefore, be it
further

RESOLVED, that *I Mina' Trenta Na Liheslaturan Guåhan* does hereby, on
behalf of the people of Guam, commend Gayle Osborn and Barbara Benavente for
their vision and dedication to our children; and therefore, be it further

8 **RESOLVED**, that *I Liheslatura* congratulates the Department of Mental Health 9 and Substance, the PEACE Project Guam and all those participating in the Youth 10 for Youth Live! 2010 Conference and all those who have contributed to this 11 organization's success for more than two decades; and be it further

12 **RESOLVED**, that the Speaker certify, and the Secretary of the Legislature 13 attest to, the adoption hereof and that copies of the same be thereafter transmitted 14 to the Department of Mental Health and Substance Abuse, the PEACE Project 15 Guam, Gayle Osborn, Barbara Benavente and the Honorable Felix P. Camacho, *I* 16 *Maga'lahen Guåhan*.

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DULY AND REGULARLY ADOPTED BY I MINA 'TRENTA NA LIHESLATURAN GUAHAN ON THE ____ DAY OF APRIL, 2010.

JUDITH T. WON PAT, Ed. D.

Speaker

Chairman, Committee on Rules

TINA ROSE MUÑA BARNES Legislative Secretary