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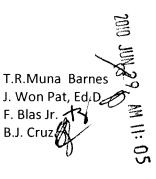
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Relative to recognizing and commending the laudable achievements of Dr. Ellen P. Bez, founder and Board President of the Guam Sexual Assault and Abuse Resource Center Association, who was awarded the Visionary Voice Award from the National Sexual Violence Resource Center.

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COMMITTEE ON RULES OF I MINA' TRENTA NA

LIHESLATURAN GUÅHAN:

WHEREAS, Dr. Ellen Bez worked for Pacific Medical Center-Isla Health System from 1993 through 1998 and from 1998 through 2006 she worked for Marianas Physicians Group (MPG) and returned to MPG in 2008 where she currently remains; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Ellen Bez, contributed her talents to our local community through her work with Marianas Physicians Group and Pacific Medical Center, she simultaneously worked with the Department of Mental Health and Substance Abuse-Healing Hearts Crisis Center from 1998 through the present where she continues to work with victims of rape; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Ellen Bez gives selflessly of her time and abilities as she has worked for over fifteen (15) years at the Department of Mental Health and Substance Abuse--Healing Hearts Rape Crisis Center, Guam's only rape crisis center, as a Medical Consultant and Forensic Medical Examiner; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Ellen Bez, prior to working at Healing Hearts Rape Crisis Center, served 14 as a volunteer physician helping to train nurses as sexual assault nurse examiners; and 15 16 WHEREAS, Dr. Ellen Bez was instrumental in establishing Guam's Sexual Assault Response Team in 2007; and 17 18 WHEREAS, Dr. Ellen Bez is the founder and Board President of the Guam Sexual 19 Assault and Abuse Resource Center Association (SAARCA) whose mission is to provide technical assistance and education in the care of victims of sexual assault; and 20 21 WHEREAS, Dr. Ellen Bez serves as a board member of the Guam Coalition Against Sexual Assault and Family Violence; and 22 23 WHEREAS, Dr. Ellen Bez, successfully applied for a 2009-2010 Office on Violence Against Women grant totaling \$156,000.00 to develop a community advocate program to assist 24 25 the underserved community in understanding Guam's laws/customs regarding sexual assault 26 and domestic violence, to provide a directory of community resources/services and to provide 27 information for victims of crime; and WHEREAS, Dr. Ellen Bez was the recipient of the 2009 Soroptimist International-28 Making a Difference for Women Award; and 29 30 WHEREAS, Dr. Ellen Bez was recognized and honored by the National Sexual Violence Resource Center as one of the 2010 recipients of the 2010 Visionary Voice Awards for her 31 32 advocacy to prevent sexual violence and was recognized for her exemplary work in the area of

WHEREAS, Dr. Ellen Bez is a hero to our community for the work she does, work that very few people are capable of doing; now, therefore, be it

sexual violence prevention; and

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37 **RESOLVED**, that the Committee of Rules of I Mina' Trenta Na Lihelslaturan Guåhan,

does hereby acknowledge that Dr. Ellen P. Bez is an important asset to our island community,

with her immeasurable contributions and selfless devotion to victims of rape and abuse; and be

40 it further

41 **RESOLVED,** that the Speaker and the Chairperson of the Committee on Rules certify,

and the Legislative Secretary attest to, the adoption hereof, and that copies of the same be

thereafter transmitted to Dr. Ellen P. Bez, Department of Mental Health and Substance Abuse

Healing Hearts Rape Crisis Center; and to the Honorable Felix P. Camacho, I Maga'lahen

45 Guåhan.

DULY AND REGULARLY ADOPTED BY *I MINA'TRENTA NA LIHESLATURAN GUÅHAN* ON THIS

19st DAY OF MARCH, 2010.

JUDITH T. WON PAT, Ed.D.

Speaker

TINA ROSE MUNA BARNES
Legislative Secretary