

I MINA' TRENTA NA LIHESLATURAN GUÁHAN
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Resolution No. 468-30 (COR)

Introduced by:

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Relative to commemorating the Fiftieth (50th) Anniversary of the founding of Saint Anthony Catholic School and extending a heartfelt congratulation to the many graduates, students, faculty and staff who have graced the halls of this fine institution.

1 **BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COMMITTEE ON RULES OF I**
2 ***MINTA'TRENTA NA LIHESLATURAN GUÁHAN:***

3 **WHEREAS**, in September of 1960, under the leadership and vision of
4 Reverend Father Leon Murphy, OFM Cap., and Sister Bernadette Marie Leon
5 Guerrero, RSM, Saint Anthony Catholic School in Tamuning first opened its
6 doors to sixty-four (64) first grade students in only two (2) classrooms. The
7 school's humble beginnings were supported by the Sisters of Mercy of the
8 Americas, Father Vicente T. Martinez and Sister Mary Jude, whom along with
9 Sister Bernadette Marie Leon Guerrero, were among the two pioneering teachers;
10 and

11 **WHEREAS**, by the time Saint Anthony Catholic School graduated their
12 first batch of students in 1968, the school's excellent reputation and esteem
13 attracted hundreds of new students. Despite damage from Typhoon Karen and
14 other calamities to plague the island, the school continued to expand, adding
15 several new classrooms, a library and a cafeteria; and

16 **WHEREAS**, Saint Anthony Catholic School continued to develop and
17 refine its academic, religious and extracurricular programs for their students in

1 order to grow and build the Christian character. By 1981, Saint Anthony Catholic
2 School was accredited by the Western Association of Schools and Colleges
3 (WASC). The school continues to maintain its high accreditation ratings to this
4 day; and

5 **WHEREAS**, in 1995, Saint Anthony Catholic School opted to follow a
6 modified school calendar by implementing the Year-Round Education Program for
7 the Archdiocese of Agana. This successful change led the school to be awarded
8 the national “Finalist Merit School Award” for Year Round Schools; and

9 **WHEREAS**, Saint Anthony Catholic School welcomed Sister Doris San
10 Agustin, RSM as principal in 1996. Under her continued leadership, major
11 renovations and improvements to the school were made. The school now boasts
12 the latest technology in its thirty-two (32) classrooms, two (2) computer labs,
13 science lab, library, and gymnasium/theater. Through the efforts of the current
14 administration, the School Board and an active Parent Teacher Organization
15 (PTO), the school will continue to see upgrades to its infrastructure to promote
16 excellency in education and a quality learning environment; and

17 **WHEREAS**, though the support of dedicated teachers, faculty, parents and
18 benefactors in the community, Saint Anthony Catholic School has been able to
19 develop programs that directly benefit the students of the school, including the
20 creation of a Scholarship Fund in 2002 by the School Board and the reactivation
21 of the “Rainbow’s For All God’s Children” support program for grieving children.
22 Faculty at the school have also been recognized for great accomplishments by the
23 Archdiocese of Agana and Veteran’s of Foreign Wars; and

24 **WHEREAS**, as a testament to Saint Anthony Catholic School’s excellent
25 curriculum, students have received numerous accolades in various local, national
26 and international programs including the Academic Challenge Bowl, MathCounts,

1 Math Olympiads, Spelling Bee, Geography Bee, Student Treasures, American
2 Scholastic Mathematics Association's Test, Patriot's Pen and various Science
3 Fairs. Students have also excelled in interscholastic and intramural sports, fine
4 arts, and numerous oratorical, essay and poster contests; and

5 **WHEREAS**, as a result of the exceptional morals and curriculum learned at
6 Saint Anthony Catholic School, graduates of the school have gone on to become
7 some of our island's most giving and successful citizens serving in all three
8 branches of government and the private sector. Alumni of the school include the
9 Honorable Felix P. Camacho, *I Maga'Lahen Guåhan*, and various judges,
10 attorneys, lawmakers, and businessmen; and

11 **WHEREAS**, Saint Anthony Catholic School will continue to create high-
12 caliber students through its professional faculty, staff and administration by
13 maintaining high academic achievement within the context of Catholic values;
14 now, therefore, be it

15 **RESOLVED**, that the Committee on Rules of *I Mina'Trenta Na*
16 *LiheSlaturan Guåhan* does hereby, on behalf of *I LiheSlaturan Guåhan* and the
17 people of Guam, commend Saint Anthony Catholic School on the Fiftieth (50th)
18 Anniversary of their founding; and be it further

19 **RESOLVED**, that the Committee on Rules of *I Mina'Trenta Na*
20 *LiheSlaturan Guåhan* does hereby, on behalf of *I LiheSlaturan Guåhan* and the
21 people of Guam, extend a heartfelt congratulation to the many graduates, students,
22 faculty and staff who have graced the halls of this fine institution; and be it further

23 **RESOLVED**, that the Speaker and the Chairman of the Committee of Rules
24 certify, and the Legislative Secretary attest to, the adoption hereof, and that copies
25 of the same be thereafter transmitted to Saint Anthony Catholic School; Sister
26 Doris San Agustin, RSM, SACS Principal; Mrs. Cynthia Agbulos, Superintendent

1 of Catholic Schools; Mr. Herminio Queja, Chairman of the SACS Advisory
2 Board; Sister Cecilia Camacho, RSM, Guam Mercy Administrator of the Sisters of
3 Mercy of the Americas; Reverend Father Joseph English, OFM Cap. of the
4 Capuchin Friars; Most Reverend Anthony S. Apuron, OFM Cap. D.D.,
5 Archbishop of Agana; and to the Honorable Felix P. Camacho, *I Maga'Lahen*
6 *Guåhan*.

**DULY AND REGULARLY ADOPTED BY THE COMMITTEE ON RULES
OF *I MINTA'TRENTA NA LIHESLATURAN GUÅHAN* ON THIS ____ DAY
OF _____ 2010.**

JUDITH T. WON PAT, Ed.D.
Speaker

RORY J. RESPICIO
Chairperson, Committee on Rules

TINA ROSE MUÑA BARNES
Legislative Secretary