

I MINA'TRENTAI UNU NA LIHESLATURAN GUÅHAN
2011 (FIRST) Regular Session

Resolution No. 49-31 (LS)

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Relative to commending and congratulating Notre Dame High School, Inc., on the celebration of their Second (2nd) Annual Gala; and to further recognizing the School for providing quality, Catholic education for the past forty-three (43) years, and for many contributions to our Guam community.

1 **BE IT RESOLVED BY *I MINA'TRENTAI UNU NA LIHESLATURAN***
2 ***GUÅHAN:***
3 **WHEREAS, in 1968, Notre Dame High School, Inc., (NDHS) was established**
4 **by the School Sisters of Notre Dame (SSND) as an all-female institution; and**

1 **WHEREAS**, Notre Dame High School, Inc., is a Catholic, co-educational high
2 school that prepares students not only for college, but for lifelong learning by
3 empowering the whole person; and

4 **WHEREAS**, in 1970, the first commencement exercise was presided over by
5 the late Archbishop Felixberto C. Flores, D. D., and took place at the Dulce Nombre
6 de Maria Cathedral-Basilica in *Hagatña*. Fifty (50) girls received their diplomas under
7 the guidance of their School Principal, Sister Mary Romauld Nedwecka, SSND; and

8 **WHEREAS**, in 1970, the SSND opened a dormitory to accommodate female
9 NDHS students from other Pacific islands, including Rota, Tinian, Saipan, Yap and
10 Chuuk; and

11 **WHEREAS**, through the efforts and contributions of SSND Regional leader,
12 Sister Mary Antonice Murawski, and numerous parents and students, a cafeteria-
13 gymnasium with six (6) classrooms on the second floor was built in 1974.
14 Additionally, major contributions were received from the Milwaukee Province and the
15 SSND Generalate in Rome, as well as from other provinces of the SSND in North
16 America, Europe and Japan; and

17 **WHEREAS**, the NDHS Royals *Alma Mater* was composed by the talented
18 NDHS students, Dorothy Perez (Harris) and the late Louise Baza in 1977; and

19 **WHEREAS**, in 1980, NDHS received its first, full six (6)-year accreditation
20 from the Western Association of Schools and Colleges (WASC) under the helm of
21 Principal Sister Jean Ann Crisostomo, SSND. The School has received subsequent
22 WASC accreditation in 1986, 1992, 1998 and 2004; and

23 **WHEREAS**, during the School Year 1979-1980, NDHS became a full, four
24 (4)-year high school by accepting ninth (9th) grade students; and.

25 **WHEREAS**, in 1995, twenty-seven (27) years after opening its doors to young
26 women, Notre Dame High School, Inc. became Guam's first Catholic, co-educational

1 high school when it welcomed thirty-six (36) young men into the freshmen and
2 sophomore classes. The last all-female NDHS graduating class received their
3 diplomas in 1997, with the School's first co-educational class graduating the
4 following year; and

5 **WHEREAS**, in 2004, NDHS held its grand opening for the Gerhardinger
6 Center, a building that consists of a cafeteria on the lower level, and four (4)
7 classrooms on the second floor; and

8 **WHEREAS**, in the summer of 2009, the School reached a significant milestone
9 when the SSND Milwaukee Province team reviewed the School's model of
10 governance, and guided NDHS through the process of becoming a Sponsored
11 Institution; and

12 **WHEREAS**, during the current School Year 2010-2011, NDHS has been busy
13 with the preparations for the Second (2nd) Annual Gala. Additionally, Notre Dame
14 High School, Inc., is in the process of obtaining its sixth (6th) accreditation from
15 WASC, and its first-ever accreditation from the Western Catholic Educational
16 Association; and

17 **WHEREAS**, this year's Gala Theme, "A Legacy of Tradition," captures the
18 spirit of the Royal journey from its early beginnings to today's many
19 accomplishments and improvements. This time last year, Notre Dame's Parent-
20 Alumni Advisory Board held its First (1st) Annual Royal Gala. The Gala was a
21 successful event, and is soon to become a new Royal tradition; and


22 **WHEREAS**, according to its mission and vision statements, Notre Dame High
23 School, Inc., "encourages collaboration, instills leadership, promotes dedication to
24 service, and inspires passion for justice and peace in the spirit of Jesus Christ. A
25 Notre Dame graduate is a person instilled with Gospel values, empowered

1 academically and vocationally to be an active and transforming member of society.”;
2 now, therefore, be it

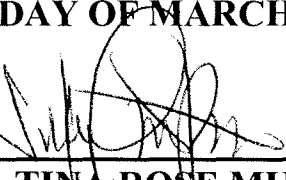
3 **RESOLVED**, that *I Mina'Trentai Unu Na Liheslaturan Guåhan*, does hereby,
4 on behalf of the people of Guam, commend and congratulate Notre Dame High
5 School, Inc., on the celebration of its Second (2nd) Annual Gala: “A Legacy of
6 Tradition”; and does further recognize Notre Dame High School, Inc., for providing
7 forty-three (43) years of quality, Catholic education in Guam, as well as for their
8 invaluable contributions to the people of Guam; and be it further

9 **RESOLVED**, that the Speaker certify, and the Legislative Secretary attest to,
10 the adoption hereof, and that copies of the same be thereafter transmitted to Mariessa
11 Cruz-San Nicolas, Principal, Notre Dame High School, Inc.; to Sister Jean Ann
12 Crisostomo, SSND, President, Notre Dame High School, Inc.; to Sister Debra Sciano,
13 SSND, Provincial Leader; and to the Honorable Edward J.B. Calvo, *I Maga'lahen*
14 *Guåhan*.

DULY AND REGULARLY ADOPTED BY *I MINA'TRENTAI UNU NA LIHESLATURAN GUÅHAN* ON THE 14th DAY OF MARCH, 2011.



JUDITH T. WON PAT, Ed.D.
Speaker



TINA ROSE MUÑA BARNES
Legislative Secretary