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

## Resolution No. 176-31 (LS)

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Relative to commending and congratulating Kim "Marko" Germar for his achievement as the Third  $(3^{rd})$  Place Winner on the "So You Think You Can Dance" television show; and to further extending a most sincere Un Dångkulo Na Si Yu'os Ma'åse to Marko for making the people of Guam proud of him in his accomplishments.

BE IT RESOLVED BY I MINA'TRENTAI UNU NA LIHESLATURAN
 GUÅHAN:

WHEREAS, Kim "Marko" Vitale Germar was born on November 18, 1988, in
 Bulacan, Philippines; and he is the son of Armand and Mayette Germar of *Dededo*,
 Guam; and

4 WHEREAS, Marko began dancing at the tender age of seven (7) when he 5 joined a group of street hip-hop dancers in the Philippines, and learned most of his 6 tricks dancing on a concrete pavement with his cousins; and

WHEREAS, Marko arrived in Guam when he was eight (8) years old and
started his formal dance training at DanzJazz Studio in *Dededo*. He was trained by
Cesar "C'zer" Morales Medina in diverse dance styles, such as jazz, ballet, tap, hiphop, ballroom and gymnastics; and

WHEREAS, despite his financial challenges Marko continued his dance training by enrolling in the DanzJazz Studio Study Program, where he worked as a cleaner and helper as he tried to improve his talent and learn more dance routines; and he eventually became one of the dance instructors in the studio; and

WHEREAS, Marko graduated from Father Duenas Memorial School, and he
 then attended the University of Guam for a year; and

WHEREAS, in 2008, Marko moved to Los Angeles, California to pursue acareer in dance; and

19 WHEREAS, while chasing his dream, Marko worked at Disneyland in 20 Anaheim, California, for the show "Aladdin The Musical Spectacular", where he 21 worked as a dancer for almost two (2) years; and

WHEREAS, Marko earned his moniker "the bullet-ridden dancer" because he is still carrying the bullet that he sustained after he was shot in the arm during a robbery attempt at a medical clinic in Los Angeles; and

WHEREAS, on February 19, 2011, Marko auditioned in Atlanta, Georgia, for
the "So You Think You Can Dance" television series on Fox Channel 6; and

1 WHEREAS, "So You Think You Can Dance" is America's favorite summer 2 TV series and has kept viewers amazed and inspired as talented dancers skilled in 3 everything from hip-hop to quickstep, salsa and jive, compete to be named as 4 "America's Favorite Dancer"; and

5 WHEREAS, representing *Dededo*, Guam, Marko went through a highly-6 competitive weekly dance competition and emerged as a consistent favorite of the 7 members of the panel of judges; and

8 WHEREAS, throughout the grueling competition, Marko continued to gain 9 popularity as over five (5) million viewers watched the dancer from *Dededo*, Guam, 10 take a huge lead among male competitors and emerged as one of the top four (4) 11 dancers of Season 8 of the popular dance contest; and

WHEREAS, Marko was voted as the third (3<sup>rd</sup>) place winner of "So You Think
You Can Dance" during the show's Season Finale on August 11, 2011; now therefore,
be it

15 **RESOLVED,** that *I Mina'Trentai Unu Na Liheslaturan Guåhan* does hereby, 16 on behalf of the people of Guam, commend and congratulate Kim "Marko" Vitale 17 Germar for his outstanding achievements as the Third (3<sup>rd</sup>) Place Winner of "*So You* 18 *Think You Can Dance*"; and does further extend *Un Dångkulo Na Si Yu'os Ma'åse* to 19 Marko for making the people of Guam proud with his participation in a highly 20 renowned American television show and emerging as one of its winners; and, be it 21 further

RESOLVED, that the Speaker certify, and the Legislative Secretary attest to, the adoption hereof, and that copies of the same be thereafter transmitted to Kim "Marko" Vitale Germar; to Armand and Mayette Germar, Marko's parents; to Director Cesar "C'zer" Medina of DanzJazz Studio; and to the Honorable Edward J.B. Calvo, *I Maga'lahen Guåhan*.

## DULY AND REGULARLY ADOPTED BY *I MINA'TRENTAI UNU NA LIHESLATURAN GUÅHAN* ON THE 17<sup>TH</sup> DAY OF AUGUST 2011.

JUDITH T. WON PAT, Ed.D. Speaker TINA ROSE MUÑA BARNES Legislative Secretary