

***I MINA'TRENTAI UNU NA LIHESLATURAN GUÁHAN***  
**2012 (SECOND) Regular Session**

**Resolution No. 412-31 (COR)**

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**Relative to commending and congratulating the Guam Premier Outlets on being the recipients of the Guam Chamber of Commerce “2012 Guam Business Hall of Fame Business Laureates Award”.**

1        **BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COMMITTEE ON RULES OF I**  
2        ***MINA'TRENTAI UNU NA LIHESLATURAN GUÁHAN:***

3        **WHEREAS**, before the Guam Premier Outlets became Guam’s first and only  
4 true outlet mall with nationally recognized retailers, it had served as one of Guam’s  
5 major department stores, under the name Gibson’s Shopping Center from 1975 to  
6 1997, when a renovation and expansion project transformed the store into one of  
7 Guam’s premier shopping destinations; and

1           **WHEREAS**, in the early 1970s the Fukunaga family, owners of a Hawaii based  
2 business, arrived on Guam and noticed a great potential for retail operations, and  
3 during their time here, they met with Felix Martinez Camacho, the father of former  
4 Governor Carlos Camacho, and the grandfather of former Governor Felix Camacho,  
5 and they immediately formed a partnership that would last for two (2) decades; and

6           **WHEREAS**, Mr. Camacho and his family offered up a parcel of land in the  
7 heart of *Tamuning*, and the Fukunagas provided the capital to develop an eighty-six  
8 thousand (86,000) square foot department store on that property; and

9           **WHEREAS**, in 1975, the realization of Gibson’s Shopping Center came full  
10 circle and throughout its tenure, Gibson’s would serve the residents of Guam as the  
11 one-stop shopping center for clothing, apparel, toys, hardware, and automotive  
12 accessories; and

13           **WHEREAS**, over the years, the company was one of the largest employers on  
14 Guam, and its seasonal promotions were creative and generated much support from  
15 the island community; and

16           **WHEREAS**, in 1995, the owners saw the potential to bring outlet mall  
17 shopping to Guam, and after a few years of negotiations, as well as a major renovation  
18 and expansion, the Guam Premium Outlets was introduced to Guam, changing the  
19 department store concept it once was to a full-scale shopping center with nationally  
20 branded products at discounted outlet pricing; and

21           **WHEREAS**, the transformation of the facility boasted an additional one  
22 hundred fourteen thousand (114,000) square feet to its pre-existing capacity, with a  
23 state-of-the-art movie theater, a food court, an extended parking lot, and additional  
24 store spaces; and

25           **WHEREAS**, the project was completed by real estate developer Richard  
26 “Dick” Gushman, and opened in 1997, and additional changes included the ownership

1 of the facility, which changed hands to an international conglomeration of outlet  
2 stores operated by the Chelsea Property Group; and

3 **WHEREAS**, Guam Premium Outlets replaced the Gibson’s name until 2003,  
4 when the name was changed to its current “Guam Premier Outlets” also known as  
5 “GPO”; and

6 **WHEREAS**, in 2007, the Mills Group, its current owner, acquired the shopping  
7 center; and

8 **WHEREAS**, GPO is currently home to several national and local brands and  
9 vendors, including: Ross Dress for Less, Famous Footwear, BCBG, Everblue Factory  
10 Outlet, Nine West, Levi’s, Ruby Tuesdays, Chili’s, Wendy’s, King’s Restaurant,  
11 Chuck E. Cheese’s, Cold Stone Creamery, Payless ShoeSource, Fragrance Outlet,  
12 Twinkles, ABC Stores, California Mart, IT&E, GTA Teleguam, Royal Bics, Goody’s,  
13 Docomo Pacific, and most recently Naturalizer and Skechers Outlet stores; and

14 **WHEREAS**, the food court, which is separate from the retailers and  
15 restaurateurs, comprises a variety of international and local food outlets offering a vast  
16 selection for all palettes; and

17 **WHEREAS**, other desirable features of GPO’s facilities also include a newly  
18 installed children’s Playtime Playground and the popular Hollywood Theaters, a  
19 fourteen (14)-screen movie theater equipped with state-of-the-art amenities and  
20 stadium seating; and

21 **WHEREAS**, GPO is well-known for bringing creative promotions unique to  
22 Guam, providing local residents exclusive experiences never before offered, such as  
23 bringing the magic of snow to Guam’s tropical shores; and

24 **WHEREAS**, in 2002, GPO offered a Snow Festival, a unique facility where  
25 customers could experience snow and slide down a snow-covered ramp; and

1           **WHEREAS**, in 2006, GPO brought Magic Snow inside the shopping facility  
2 and in the Plaza, an outside area by the Hollywood Theaters; and

3           **WHEREAS**, in 2009, GPO introduced ice-skating, which afforded non-profit  
4 organizations with an opportunity to raise funds for their individual causes; and

5           **WHEREAS**, GPO also hosts many charitable and organizational activities,  
6 community events, and annual festivals to assist many local nonprofits, such as: the  
7 Guam Boy Scouts; the Guam Girl Scouts; *På'a Taotao Tåno'*; *Hurao*, Inc.; Big  
8 Brothers Big Sisters of Guam; Rainbows for Kids; *Inafa'maolek*; the *Alee* Shelter; *I*  
9 *Fanlalai'an* Cultural Group; the Guam Museum Foundation; the Guam USO; Erica's  
10 House of Hope; the Make-A-Wish Foundation; the American Cancer Society; St.  
11 Baldrick's; the American Red Cross and others; and

12           **WHEREAS**, GPO is an active member of many of the island's prominent  
13 organizations including: the Guam Chamber of Commerce, the Guam Visitors Bureau,  
14 the Guam Hotel and Restaurant Association, the Lt. Governor's Graffiti Task Force,  
15 and the Island Wide Beautification Task Force; and

16           **WHEREAS**, from the time it first opened its doors in 1975 as Gibson's to the  
17 present day, the Guam Premier Outlets has made a positive impact on the island, and  
18 continues to be an economic and philanthropic driver for others in the community to  
19 emulate; now therefore, be it

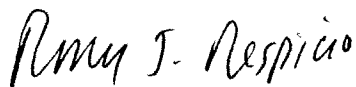
20           **RESOLVED**, that the Committee on Rules of *I Mina Trentai Unu Na*  
21 *Liheslaturan Guåhan* does hereby, on behalf of *I Liheslaturan Guåhan* and the people  
22 of Guam, commend and congratulate the Guam Premier Outlets on being the recipient  
23 of the Guam Chamber of Commerce "2012 Guam Business Hall of Fame Business  
24 Laureate Award"; and be it further

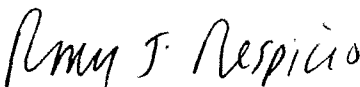
25           **RESOLVED**, that the Speaker and the Chairperson of the Committee on Rules  
26 certify, and the Legislative Secretary attest to, the adoption hereof, and that copies of

- 1 the same be thereafter transmitted to the owners of the Guam Premier Outlets; to the
- 2 Guam Chamber of Commerce; and to the Honorable Edward J.B. Calvo, *I*
- 3 *Maga'lahaen Guåhan.*

**DULY AND REGULARLY ADOPTED BY THE COMMITTEE ON RULES OF  
I MINA'TRENTAI UNU NA LIHESLATURAN GUÅHAN ON THE 11<sup>TH</sup> DAY  
OF MAY 2012.**

  
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**BENJAMIN J.F. CRUZ**  
Acting Speaker

  
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**RORY J. RESPICIO**  
Chairperson, Committee on Rules

  
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**RORY J. RESPICIO**  
Acting Legislative Secretary