

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

**Resolution No. 428-31 (COR)**

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**Relative to recognizing, congratulating and commending Sister Mary Carmelita Peredo, Sister Francis Jerome Cruz and Sister Doris San Agustin on their Diamond Jubilee celebrations, and Sister Erencia Saipweirik on her Silver Jubilee celebration as Sisters of Mercy; and to further extending a sincere *Un Dangkolo Na Si Yu'os Ma'ase* to the Sisters of Mercy South Central Community in Guam for their commitment and dedication to the people of Guam.**

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

1           **WHEREAS**, the Sisters of Mercy from Belmont, North Carolina, first arrived  
2 in Guam in 1946; and later that year, the first group of local women entered and  
3 started their postulancy; and

4           **WHEREAS**, the Sisters of Mercy are inspired by the courageous and  
5 compassionate example of their founder, Mother Catherine McAuley, R.S.M.; and

6           **WHEREAS**, the Sisters of Mercy on Guam are involved in various ministries,  
7 including education, pastoral work, prayer ministry, and social work; and

8           **WHEREAS**, they have dedicated years of service to educate thousands of  
9 Guam’s youth in Catholic schools and Confraternity of Christian Doctrine (CCD)  
10 programs throughout the island; and

11           **WHEREAS**, in addition to educating the young people of Guam, the Sisters of  
12 Mercy carry out their social work mission by ministering to abused women and  
13 children at the *Alee* Shelter, which they took over in 2003; and

14           **WHEREAS**, in fulfillment of their mission, the Sisters of Mercy opened their  
15 Rota Mission in 1989; in 1991, they opened a convent in Saipan; and in 1996, they  
16 opened their Chuuk Mission; and

17           **WHEREAS**, the Sisters of Mercy South Central Community in Guam  
18 celebrated their first set of Diamond Jubilees in 1997, with Sister Mary Damien, Sister  
19 Maria Dolores, Sister Mary Roberts, and in memoriam, Sister Mary Dolores; and

20           **WHEREAS**, this year, the Sisters of Mercy celebrate the Diamond Jubilees of  
21 three (3) of its members, Sister Mary Carmelita Peredo, Sister Francis Jerome Cruz  
22 and Sister Doris San Agustin, and the Silver Jubilee of Sister Erencia Saiperick; and

23           **WHEREAS**, Sister Mary Carmelita Peredo, R.S.M., entered the Sisters of  
24 Mercy Community in Guam on July 2, 1952, and she committed to live by the motto:  
25 “To Act, To Love, To Suffer”. She has served in various capacities, especially in

1 ministering to young children, and she is currently assigned to the Infant of Prague  
2 Nursery and Kindergarten; and

3       **WHEREAS**, Sister Francis Jerome Cruz, R.S.M., also entered the Sisters of  
4 Mercy Community on July 2, 1952, and she committed to live by the motto: “Thy will  
5 be done!”. She has served as a both a teacher and administrator at Guam’s Catholic  
6 schools, and she is currently the President of the Academy of Our Lady of Guam; and

7       **WHEREAS**, Sister Doris San Agustin, R.S.M., entered the Sisters of Mercy  
8 Community in 1953 as a Novice, and she made her final profession of vows in 1961  
9 when she committed to live by the motto “*Deus Cordis Mei Domine*”. She has served  
10 as both a teacher and administrator at Guam’s Catholic schools, and she currently  
11 ministers as the Principal of Saint Anthony Catholic School; and

12       **WHEREAS**, Sister Erenca Saipweirik, R.S.M., entered the Sisters of Mercy  
13 community on September 8, 1986, and she committed to live by the motto: “Jesus my  
14 life!”. She had spent many years teaching young children at the Infant of Prague  
15 Nursery and Kindergarten, and the Mercy Heights Nursery and Kindergarten. Sister  
16 Erenca currently serves at the Saramen Chuuk Academy, a coed high school in  
17 Weno, Chuuk; and

18       **WHEREAS**, the generous service and commitment that the Sisters of Mercy  
19 South Central Community in Guam give to the island community is an invaluable  
20 resource that has helped shape our unique spirit of hospitality; now therefore, be it

21       **RESOLVED**, the Committee on Rules of *I Mina’ Trentai Unu Na Liheslaturan*  
22 *Guåhan* does hereby, on behalf of *I Liheslaturan Guåhan* and the people of Guam,  
23 recognize, congratulate and commend Sister Mary Carmelita Peredo, Sister Francis  
24 Jerome Cruz and Sister Doris San Agustin on their Diamond Jubilee celebrations, and  
25 Sr. Erenca Saipweirik on her Silver Jubilee celebration as Sisters of Mercy; and does  
26 further extend a sincere *Un Dångkolo Na Si Yu’os Ma’åse’* to the Sisters of Mercy

1 South Central Community in Guam for their commitment and dedication to the people  
2 of Guam; and be it further

3 **RESOLVED**, that the Speaker and the Chairperson of the Committee on Rules  
4 certify, and the Legislative Secretary attest to, the adoption hereof, and that copies of  
5 the same be thereafter transmitted to Sr. Mary Carmelita Peredo, RSM; to Sr. Francis  
6 Jerome Cruz, RSM; to Sr. Doris San Agustin, RSM; to Sister Erencia Saipweirik,  
7 RSM; and to the Honorable Edward J.B. Calvo, *I Maga'lahaen Guåhan*.

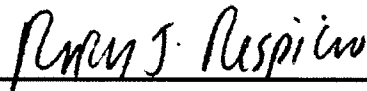
**DULY AND REGULARLY ADOPTED BY THE COMMITTEE ON RULES OF  
I MINA'TRENTAI UNU NA LIHESLATURAN GUÅHAN ON THE 25<sup>TH</sup> DAY  
OF MAY 2012.**



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**JUDITH T. WON PAT, Ed. D.**

Speaker



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**RORY J. RESPICIO**

Chairperson, Committee on Rules



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**TINA ROSE MUÑA BARNES**  
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