

***MINA' TRENTAI UNU NA LIHESLATURAN GUÅHAN***  
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Introduced by:

B.J.F. Cruz 

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**RELATIVE TO CONGRATULATING “BIG BROTHERS BIG SISTERS GUAM” FOR NATIONAL MENTORING MONTH AND CONGRATUALING THEIR “BIG BROTHER OF THE YEAR” JOHN IBANEZ AND “BIG SISTER OF THE YEAR” CAROL MORAL-MAYERS AND “HONORARY BIG BROTHER OF THE YEAR” JOSEPH HUSSLEIN**

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

3 **WHEREAS**, “Big Brothers Big Sisters of Guam” was incorporated in the  
4 year 2000. It is an affiliate of “Big Brothers Big Sisters of America”, the  
5 nation’s premier mentoring organization with over 300 agencies across the  
6 country. Since its founding on Guam, over 700 children have been served.  
7 Last year, “Big Brothers Big Sisters of Guam” supported 146 mentoring  
8 matches; and

9 **WHEREAS**, it is the mission of the organization is to serve children  
10 facing adversity by providing one-to-one mentoring services with the help of  
11 positive role models. Mentorship is about developing positive relationships  
12 that have a direct and long lasting impact on the lives of young people; and,

13 **WHEREAS**, it is proven that by participating in our youth mentoring  
14 programs, Little “Brothers and Sisters” are 46% less likely to begin using

1 illegal drugs, 27% less likely to begin using alcohol and 52% less likely to  
2 skip school; and are more likely to enroll in a four-year university; and

3 **WHEREAS**, “Big Brothers Big Sisters of Guam” seeks to provide  
4 quality volunteer and professional mentoring services for children and youth  
5 and to assist the children in achieving their highest potential as they grow to  
6 become responsible men and women.

7 **WHEREAS**, volunteer mentors from diverse backgrounds –  
8 corporate community, the military community, government employees and  
9 retirees, high school and college students --- all have devoted their time and  
10 efforts to positively influence youth around the island; and

11 **WHEREAS**, site-based mentoring programs are found at Price  
12 Elementary School, Carbullido Elementary School, Upi Elementary School,  
13 Tamuning Elementary School; FB Leon Guerrero Middle School, Agueda  
14 Johnston Middle School, Untalan Middle School, Mount Carmel School,  
15 Benavente Middle School and Santa Teresita Church; and

16 **WHEREAS**, community partners include the Department of  
17 Education, Department of Youth Affairs, Department of Mental Health and  
18 Substance Abuse and the Red Ribbon Committee. Big Brothers Big Sisters  
19 continues to promote healthy choices through evidence-based programming  
20 and collaborations with likeminded organizations; and

21 **WHEREAS**, program supporters include local businesses and federal  
22 employees through the Combined Federal Campaign effort, as well as  
23 private foundations, such as the Beacon Foundation which helped raise  
24 significant funds for Big Brothers Big Sisters agencies across the country;  
25 and

26 **WHEREAS**, John Ibanez, and Connie Moral-Mayers will be named  
27 as Big Brother and Big Sister of the year and Joseph Husslein as an

1 Honorary Big Brother of the Year for their contributions to this worthy  
2 mentoring project, be it

3 **RESOLVED**, that the Committee on Rules of does hereby, on behalf  
4 of *I Liheslaturan Guahan* and the people of Guam, recognize, congratulate  
5 and offer its strong endorsement for the “Big Brothers Big Sisters of Guam”  
6 and the high standards set by them in this island wide mentoring mission be  
7 it

8 **RESOLVED**, the Speaker, Vice Speaker and the Chairman of the  
9 Committee on Rules of *I Mina'Trentai Unu Na Liheslaturan Guahan* certify  
10 and the Legislative Secretary attest the adoption of and that copies of the  
11 same shall be transmitted thereafter to “Big Brothers Big Sisters of Guam”,  
12 John Ibanez, Connie Moral-Mayers, Joseph Husslein, and Edward B. Calvo  
13 *I Magalahi Guahan* on this day February 16, 2011 at 7 P.M in the evening at  
14 the Nissan Showroom in Upper Tumon.