




I MINA' TRENTAI UNU NA LIHESLATURAN GUÁHAN
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Resolution No. 111-31(COR)

Introduced by:

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RELATIVE TO RECOGNIZING THE EXEMPLARY PARENTING EXHIBITED BY MARIA R. GILNIFRAD FOR LEADING FORTY-SEVEN (47) STUDENTS TO SCHOOL AT MACHANANAO ELEMENTARY SCHOOL AND COMMENDING THE STAFF AND TEACHERS AT MACHANANAO ELEMENTARY SCHOOL FOR INSTILLING THE LOVE OF SCHOOL IN THEIR STUDENTS

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

3 **WHEREAS**, on May 6th 2011 Maria R. Gilnifrad mother of
4 Machananao Elementary School student Luke Pong, led Forty Seven (47)
5 students to school when she realized that the assigned bus for her child's
6 district did not arrive as scheduled; and

7 **WHEREAS**, With her child's education as a top priority in her mind,
8 Mrs. Gilnifrad was instrumental in ensuring that her child and the rest of the
9 students made it to school on time for testing procedures; and

10 **WHEREAS**, Maria R. Gilnifrad and her family live a mile from
11 school and she had the wherewithal to safely lead the Forty-Seven (47)
12 students to school while walking along a busy roadway; and

13 **WHEREAS**, Maria R. Gilnifrad realized the importance of year end
14 testing, and without a moment of hesitation, took charge of the situation and

1 made a decision to get the children safely to school so they could be able to
2 finish their testing, and not allowing a flat tire problem, which delayed the
3 scheduled school bus, to affect the academic standings of the children in her
4 neighborhood; and

5 **WHEREAS**, the Forty-Seven (47) students that were led by Maria R.
6 Gilnifrad, on their own free will, chose to walk the one mile trek to school
7 rather than turning around and heading home; and

8 **WHEREAS**, undoubtedly this love for school was instilled in them
9 by the outstanding teachers and administrators from Machananao
10 Elementary School; and

11 **WHEREAS**, the staff of Machananao Elementary School provided
12 breakfast for all Forty-Seven (47) children and gave the children the
13 opportunity to rest and refresh themselves before administering the test; and

14 **WHEREAS**, the principal at Machananao Elementary showed
15 tremendous gratitude for this parent and contacted the media to show that
16 good students come from good parents and praised Maria R. Gilnifrad as an
17 “Education Hero”; and

18 **RESOLVED**, that the Committee on Rules of *I Mina' Trentai Unu*
19 *Na I Liheslaturan Guåhan* does hereby, on behalf of *I Liheslaturan Guåhan*
20 and the people of Guam, recognizes Maria R. Gilnifrad as an “Education
21 Hero” for her courageous act of leading Forty-Seven 47 students to school
22 when they were not picked up by the assigned bus; and be it further

23 **RESOLVED**, that the Committee on Rules of *I Mina' Trentai Unu*
24 *Na I Liheslaturan Guåhan* does hereby, on behalf of *I Liheslaturan Guåhan*
25 and the people of Guam also recognizes the administrators and teachers of
26 Machananao Elementary School by commending them for instilling the love
27 of school in their students; and be it further

1 **RESOLVED**, that the Speaker and the Chairperson of the Committee
2 on Rules certify, and the Legislative Secretary attest to, the adoption hereof,
3 and that copies of the same be thereafter transmitted to Maria R. Gilnifrad,
4 Principal Robert H Malay on behalf of the faculty and staff of Machananao
5 Elementary School, Dr. Nerissa Bretania Underwood of the Guam
6 Department of Education; and the Honorable Eddie Baza Calvo, *I*
7 *Maga'lahaen Guåhan*.