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

Resolution No. 169-31 (LS)

Introduced by:

D.G. Rodriguez, Jr. 

RELATIVE TO CELEBRATING THE OPENING OF THE NEW JOHN F. KENNEDY HIGH SCHOOL CAMPUS AND TO COMMENDING THE JFKHS ISLANDERS COMMUNITY, FACULTY, STAFF, STUDENTS, PARENTS AND ALUMNI ON THE CELEBRATION OF THIS AUSPICIOUS AND HISTORICAL OCCASION.

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COMMITTEE ON RULES OF
I MINA'TRENTAI UNU NA LIHESLATURAN GUÅHAN:

WHEREAS, the John F. Kennedy High School (JFKHS) formerly Tumon Senior-Junior High School, is a public secondary school located in the Tumon area of Tamuning; and

WHEREAS, the school opened in September 1959 serving the villages of Tamuning, Upper Tumon Hagatna and portion of Dededo ; and

WHEREAS, in 1965, the Guam Legislature voted to change the name of the school in honor of the late US President John F. Kennedy; and

WHEREAS, JFKHS accommodates over 2,500 students from grades 9 through 12; and

WHEREAS, over the years, the campus has seen new construction since the original "quad" design; the section housing the band and ROTC rooms was added in the early 1970s, the "annex" was added in the late 1980's, and the back section where the GCC classes are located were added in the early

1990's. The JFKHS football field and track were named after the late Senator Eugene Ramsey, a former student of JFKHS; and

WHEREAS, in June 2008 some of JFKHS buildings were declared unsafe, so the students for the school year 2008-2009 shared space with George Washington High School in double sessions; and

WHEREAS, for the 2009-2010 school year, JFK students were moved into an interim school campus in the Tiyan area of Barrigada; and

WHEREAS, the construction of the new school campus has been significantly delayed due to the Government of Guam's inability to finance the high cost of reconstructing JFKHS; and

WHEREAS, despite enormous challenges including legal battle, JFK community remain steadfast and continue to endure the turmoil in completing the project to welcome the JFK Islanders back to their original school campus; and

WHEREAS, a task force created for JFKHS Finance, Demolish, Design, Construct and Lease- Back Project finally completed the modern two-storey campus with library, administrative offices and classrooms; and, now therefore be it

RESOLVED, that the Committee on Rules of I Mina' Trentai Unu na Liheslaturan Guåhan, on behalf of the people of Guam, join in the celebration of the opening of the new JFKHS campus and does recognize all the joint of efforts of education stakeholders, the JFK Islanders, students, parents, faculty & staff, the JFK Alumni Association, the Guam Education Department, the Department of Public Works, the

Guam Economic Development Authority, the Office of the Governor, the International Bridge Corporation; and be it further

RESOLVED, that the Speaker and Chairperson of the Committee on Rules certify, and the Legislative Secretary attest to, the adoption hereof, and that copies of the same be thereafter transmitted to Mr. Kenneth B. Chargualaf, JFKHS Principal; Ms. Taling Taitano, Interim Superintendent of the Guam Department of Education; and to the Honorable Edward J.B. Calvo, I Maga'lahren Guåhan.

DULY AND REGULARLY ADOPTED BY THE COMMITTEE ON RULES OF I MINA'TRENTAI UNU A NA LIHESLATURAN GUÅHAN ON THE ___ DAY OF JULY 2011.

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Speaker

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Chairman, Committee on Rules

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