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Resolution No. 344-31 (cov)

Introduced by:

D.G. Rodriguez, Jr. 

**RELATIVE TO WELCOMING WITH A Hafa Adai Spirit the
Philippine Ambassador to the United States, Jose L.
Cuisia, Jr. for Promoting and Expanding Business
Relationships between Guam and the Philippines .**

1 BE IT RESOLVED BY I MINA'TRENTAI UNU NA LIHESLATURAN
2 GUÅHAN:

3 WHEREAS, Jose L. Cuisia, Jr. serves as the Ambassador of the
4 Philippines to the United States by continuously strengthening ties between
5 the Philippines and the United States as well as its territories; and

6 WHEREAS, Jose L. Cuisia Jr. was born on July 16, 1944 in Manila,
7 Philippines and is married to Maria Victoria Jose Cuisia, whom he has five
8 children with; and

9 WHEREAS, in 1967, Ambassador Cuisia received his degrees in
10 Bachelor of Arts in Social Science and Bachelor of Science in Commerce at De
11 La Salle University where he graduated Magna Cum Laude. Furthermore, he
12 continued to acquire higher education by attending Wharton School of

1 Business at the University of Pennsylvania where he completed his Masters
2 Degree in Business Administration—Finance in 1970; and

3 **WHEREAS**, throughout his career, Ambassador Jose L. Cuisia, Jr. was
4 awarded numerous monumental awards and recognitions in the Philippines
5 and internationally that gave pride to the Philippines and to Filipinos
6 worldwide; and

7 **WHEREAS**, his impressive achievements throughout his career include
8 being named the Ten Outstanding Young Men (TOYM) Awardee for
9 Domestic Banking in 1982, Chief Executive Award for Business Excellence in
10 the Philippines, Asian Insurance Personality of the Year and Manuel L.
11 Quezon Award for Exemplary Governance. In addition, in 2011, Ambassador
12 Jose L. Cuisia Jr., was awarded the Joseph Wharton Award for Lifetime
13 Achievement for an outstanding career in the banking and insurance industry;
14 and

15 **WHEREAS**, Ambassador Cuisia has held various executive positions in
16 some of the most prestigious companies in the Philippines with his expertise
17 in the banking and insurance industries. Other positions he held include,
18 Central Bank governor, chairman of the Monetary Board and chairman of the
19 Philippine Deposit Insurance Corporation (PDIC) Board. In addition, he was
20 also president and CEO of the Social Security System (SSS) and director of the
21 Philippine National Bank (PNB); and

1 **WHEREAS**, he also posses exemplary skills in the managerial field
2 where he took higher positions in prestigious corporations across the
3 Philippines. He served as the director of Far East Bank and Trust Company,
4 Vice Chairman of SM Prime Holdings. He also served as a member of the
5 company’s Nominating Committee and Chairman of the Audit and Risk
6 Management Committee. In addition, he took the position of director for
7 Holcim Philippines Inc., and Bacnotan Consolidated Industries; and

8 **WHEREAS**, one of his most recent achievements was acquiring the
9 nomination as the Philippine Ambassador to the United States from the
10 Philippine President Benigno Aquino III in 2010. He assumed the position on
11 February 2011 upon the approval of the Commission on Appointments; and

12 **WHEREAS**, his mission is to provide Philippines representation to
13 strengthen ties with the United States and its territories. As an ambassador, he
14 works towards promoting Filipino culture and business with the Philippines.
15 Moreover, he serves as the tool to provide support to Filipino Americans
16 overseas; and

17 **WHEREAS**, through the visit of Ambassador Cuisia to the island of
18 Guam, Filipino businessmen/women and professionals are given inspiration
19 in providing service to Guam and the Philippines and enhancing business
20 relationships with Guam. Furthermore, the Filipino communities were
21 provided opportunity to address their concerns regarding US-Philippine
22 relations; now therefore be it

1 **RESOLVED,** that I *Mina' Trentai Unu na Liheslaturan Guåhan*, does
2 hereby, on behalf of the people of Guam, welcome with the *Hafa Adai Spirit*
3 Ambassador Jose L. Cuisia Jr. and demonstrate our gratitude for his interest in
4 promoting Guam-Philippines relations and visiting the Filipino community of
5 the island.

6 **RESOLVED,** that the Speaker certify, and the Legislative Secretary attest
7 to, the adoption hereof, and that copies of the same be thereafter transmitted
8 to Philippine Ambassador to the United States, Jose L. Cuisia Jr. and to the
9 Honorable Edward J.B. Calvo, *I Maga'lahaen Guåhan*.

**DULY AND REGULARLY ADOPTED BY I MINA'TRENTAI UNU A NA
LIHESLATURAN GUÅHAN ON THE ___ DAY OF MARCH 2012.**

JUDITH T. WONPAT, Ed.D

Speaker

RORY J. RESPICIO

Chairman, Committee on Rules

TINA ROSE MUÑA-BARNES

Legislative Secretary