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

Resolution No. 428-31 (cor)

Introduced by:

Dennis G. Rodriguez, Jr. 4

Relative to recognizing and commending Sr. Mary Carmelita Peredo, Sr. Francis Jerome Cruz and Sr. Doris San Agustin on their Diamond Jubilee celebration and Sr. Erencia Saipweirik on her Silver Jubilee celebration as Sisters of Mercy; and 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

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COMMITTEE ON RULES OF

- I MINA'TRENTAI UNU NA LIHESLATURAN GUÅHAN:
- 3 WHEREAS, Sisters of Mercy from Belmont, North Carolina first arrived in
- 4 Guam in 1946 and later in that same year the first group of women entered and
- 5 started their postulancy; and
- 6 WHEREAS, the Sisters of Mercy are inspired by the courageous and
- 7 compassionate example of their founder, Catherine McAuley; and
- 8 WHEREAS, the Sisters of Mercy on Guam are involved in various
- 9 ministries including: education, pastoral work, prayer ministry, and social work;
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WHEREAS, they have dedicated years of service to educate thousands of 1 the Guam's youth in Catholic schools and CCD programs throughout the island; 2 and 3 WHEREAS, in addition to educating young people of Guam, the Sisters of 4 Mercy carry out their social work mission by ministering to abused women and 5 children at the Alee Shelter, which they took over in 2003; and 6 WHEREAS, in fulfillment of their mission the Sisters of Mercy opened 7 their Rota Mission in 1989, in 1991 opened a convent in Saipan and later in 1996 8 opened their Chuuk Mission; and 9 WHEREAS, in 1997 the Sisters of Mercy South Central Community in 10 Guam celebrated their first set of Diamond Jubilees in 1997 with Sisters May 11 Damien, Maria Dolores, Mary Roberts, and in memoriam, Sister Mary Dolores; 12 and 13 WHEREAS, this year the Sisters of Mercy celebrate the Diamond Jubilee of 14 three (3) of its members, Sister Mary Carmelita Peredo, Sister Francis Jerome Cruz 15 and Sister Doris San Agustin, and the Silver Jubilee of Sister Erencia Saiperick; 16 and 17 WHEREAS, Sister Mary Carmelita Peredo entered the Mercy Community 18 in Guam on July 2, 1952 and committed to by live the motto: "To Act, To Love, 19 To Suffer." She has served in various capacities, especially ministering to young 20 children and is currently assigned to Infant of Prague Nursery and Kindergarten; 21 and 22 WHEREAS, Sister Francis Jerome Cruz also entered the Mercy Community 23 on July 2, 1953 and committed to live by the motto: "Thy will be done!" She has 24 served as a both a teacher and administrator in Guam's Catholic schools and is 25 currently the president of the Academy of Our Lady of Guam; and 26

WHEREAS, Sister Doris San Agustin entered the Mercy Community in 1953 as a Novice and made her final profession of vows in 1961 when she committed to live by the motto "Deus Cordis Mei Domine." She has served as both a teacher and administrator in Guam's Catholic schools and currently ministers as the principal of Saint Anthony Catholic School; and

WHEREAS, Sister Erencia Saipweirik entered the Sisters of Mercy community on September 8, 1986 and committed to live by the motto: "Jesus my life!" She spent many years teaching young children at Infant of Prague Nursery and Kindergarten and Mercy Heights Nursery and Kindergarten. Sister Erencia currently serves at Saramen Chuuk Academy, a coed high school in Weno, Chuuk; and

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

RESOLVED, the Committee on Rules of *I Mina'Trentai Una Na Liheslaturan Guahan*, does hereby, on behalf of *I Liheslaturan Guahan* and the people of Guam, recognize and commend Sr. Mary Carmelita Peredo, Sr. Francis Jerome Cruz and Sr. Doris San Agustin on their Diamond Jubilee celebration and Sr. Erencia Saipweirik on her Silver Jubilee celebration as Sisters of Mercy and extend a sincere *Un Dångkolo Na Si Yu'os Ma'ase'* Sisters of Mercy South Central Community in Guam for their commitment and dedication to the people of Guam; and be it further

RESOLVED, that the Speaker and the Chairperson of the Committee on Rules certify, and the Secretary of the Legislature attest to, the adoption hereof, and that copies of the same be thereafter transmitted to Sr. Mary Carmelita Peredo, RSM; Sr. Francis Jerome Cruz, RSM; Sr. Doris San Agustin, RSM; Sister Erencia

- Saipweirik, RSM; and the, and to the Honorable Edward J.B. Calvo, I Maga'lahen

 Guåhan.

 DULY AND REGULARLY ADOPTED BY THE COMMITTEE ON RULES
 OF I MINA'TRENTAI UNU NA LIHESLATURAN GUÅHAN ON THE

 DAY OF MAY, 2012.

 JUDITH T. WON PAT, Ed.D

 Speaker

 RORY RESPICIO
 Chairman, Committee on Rules
 - TINA ROSE MUÑA BARNES
 Legislative Secretary