

I MINA'TRENTAI UNU NA LIHESLATURAN GUAHAN
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Resolution No. 5343(COR)
Introduced by:

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Relative to commending and congratulating *Guma Pas Ginen San Francisco*, the St. Francis Choir, and a proud member of *Taotao Tano'*, for his graduation from the Chamorro arts apprenticeship program under the master of Chamorro dance, Frank Rabon, and for receiving his certification as a cultural arts teacher.

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

WHEREAS, *Guma Pas Ginen San Francisco*, the St. Francis Choir, under the direction of Catherine (Cathy) Calvo Cruz, was formed in 1984, and with a membership of approximately 1500 students, has been Guam's preeminent children's choral group throughout its 28 year existence; and

WHEREAS, the Choir is comprised of young, spirited students who attend St. Francis Catholic School, their enrollment coming from the greater community of Guam; and

WHEREAS, *Guma Pas Ginen San Francisco* has produced three albums: 1993's "It's Christmas on Guam," 1996's "Island Rhythm," and 2002's "Peace," and the Choir was also featured in Guam's Opening and Closing Ceremonies for the 1998 South Pacific Games; and

WHEREAS, *Guma Pas Ginen San Francisco* has won numerous island-wide choral competitions, including the Pacific Star's "Best of Carols"

competition, the Hyatt Regency's "Christmas Carol" competition, and the "Tumon Bay Music Festival;" and

WHEREAS, *Guma Pas Ginen San Francisco* was featured at the "Voices in Praise Concert," with numerous visiting international musicians and conductors such as Sadao Watanabe and Dr. Eph Ehly; and

WHEREAS, *Guma Pas Ginen San Francisco* has contributed to charitable causes such as: Make a Wish Foundation; the Kurdish Refugee Camp in Tiyan, Guam; the Annual Christmas Caroling Tour for private businesses; government agencies and non-profit organizations including the Department of Youth Affairs, Sanctuary, Mental Health and the Guam Memorial Hospital; and for solemn Eucharistic celebrations for the Archdiocese of Agana; and

WHEREAS, the *Guma Pas Ginen San Francisco* Choir represented our island when visiting the Commonwealth of the Northern Marianas Islands, to share their gift of song with our Chamorro brothers and sisters; and

WHEREAS, the Choir also traveled to Italy in 2008, for the Journey of Peace Pilgrimage, allowing the Children's Choir to sing for Pope Benedict XVI at a Papal Audience in the Vatican, as well as making history by singing in the first Chamorro mass held in the Basilica of Mary of the Angels in Assisi, Italy, the homeland of their beloved Patron Saint Francis; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that *I Liheslaturan Guåhan* does hereby commend and congratulate *Guma Pas Ginen San Francisco*, the St. Francis Choir, and its talented and dedicated director Catherine (Cathy) Calvo Cruz, for their beautiful and inspirational contributions to the culture and people of Guam, and be it further

RESOLVED, that the Speaker and the Chairman of the Committee

on Rules certify, and the Legislative Secretary attest to the adoption hereof, and that copies of the same be hereafter transmitted to choir director Catherine (Cathy) Calvo Cruz and choir members, to *Pa'a Taotao Tano'*, and to the Honorable Edward J.B. Calvo, *I Maga'lahaen Guåhan*.

DULY AND REGULARLY ADOPTED BY THE COMMITTEE ON RULES OF I MINA'TRENTAI UNU NA LIHESLATURAN GUÅHAN ON THE TH DAY OF SEPTEMBER, 2012.

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Speaker

RORY J. RESPICIO
Chairperson, Committee on Rules

TINA ROSE MUÑA BARNES
Legislative Secretary