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

Rules Resolution No. <u>584</u> -31 (COR)

Introduced by:

R. J. Respicio MM

Relative to welcoming to Guam the Honorable Aquilino Martin de la Llana "Koko" Pimentel III, Senator of the Republic of the Philippines, as guest speaker for one of Guam's most prestigious organizations, the Filipino Community of Guam, in honor of its 58<sup>th</sup> Anniversary, and in support of strengthening the many ties between our island and the Philippines, a nation to which many of our

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

people are so strongly connected.

WHEREAS, the Honorable Senator Aquilino Martin de la Llana Pimentel III, affectionately known as "Koko" Pimentel, is the son of Lourdes de la Llana Pimentel, and former Senator the Honorable Aquilino Pimentel, Jr., who served his country faithfully as a member of the Senate of the Republic of the Philippines for 18 years; and

WHEREAS, Senator "Koko" Pimentel has traveled to Guam as an honored guest of the Honorable President Leah Beth Naholowaa of the Filipino Community of Guam, one of our island's premiere organizations, and which is celebrating its 58<sup>th</sup> Anniversary this month, at which Senator "Koko" Pimentel will be the guest speaker; and

WHEREAS, Senator "Koko" Pimentel holds a Bachelor of Science degree in Mathematics from Ateneo de Manila University, and a Bachelor of Laws degree from University of the Philippines, Diliman,

and subsequently achieved the highest marks in the 1990 Philippine Bar Examinations; and

WHEREAS, Senator "Koko" Pimentel began working as an attorney in 1990, and served as commissioner for Mindanao Province on the National Youth Commission from 1995–98, and since 2006 has been a lecturer for MBA-JD Consortium, De La Salle Professional Schools, and the Far Eastern University Institute of Law; and

WHEREAS, Senator "Koko" Pimentel first sought the office of Senator in 2007, and was successful, but election fraud prevented him from taking his rightful place in the Senate for four years; and

WHEREAS, Senator "Koko" Pimentel's disputed loss was finally reversed after an election supervisor revealed that irregularities had taken place during the 2007 election, allowing the Senator to assume his rightful seat in the Philippine Senate on August 15, 2011; and

WHEREAS, Senator "Koko" Pimentel holds an impressive number of responsible offices and positions including: Fellow, in the Aquilino Q. Pimentel, Jr. Institute for Leadership and Governance; Legal Counsel for the National Commuters Council Of The Philippines, Legal Advisor for the Catholic Media Network and Legal Advisor for National Press Photographers; and

WHEREAS, Senator "Koko" Pimentel is also a former Professor of the FEU Institute of Law - La Salle Business School, JD - MBA Program; and is a long-time member and officer of the Partido Demokratiko Pilipino (PDP – LABAN Political Party), holding or having held the positions of President from 2010 to the present; and also serving as Secretary General (2006-2010), General Legal Counsel (1998-2006), and was the writer of the Party's constitution; and

WHEREAS, Senator "Koko" Pimentel's other memberships include the integrated Bar of the Philippines, the Rotary Club of

Manila Bay, Couples for Christ, the East West Center Philippines Alumni Association, the Junior Chamber of the Philippines, and many other awards, memberships and affiliations that are too numerous to mention; now, therefore, be it

**RESOLVED**, that the Committee on Rules of *I Mina'Trentai Unu Na Liheslaturan Guahan*, on behalf of the people of Guam, does hereby acknowledge and warmly welcome the Honorable Senator Aquilino Martin de la Llana Pimentel III, affectionately known as "Koko" Pimentel, to the island of Guam, U.S.A.; 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 Honorable Senator Aquilino Martin de la Llana "Koko" Pimentel III; to the Honorable President of the Filipino Community of Guam, Ms Leah Beth Naholowaa; and to the Honorable Edward Baza Calvo, Governor of Guam.

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

JUDITH T. WON PAT, Ed.D. Speaker

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