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

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Resolution No. 629-31 (CoR)

Introduced by:

Dennis G. Rodriguez, Jr.

Relative to commending and congratulating Mr. Paul M. Fisher on the occasion of his retirement after thirty-seven (37) years of federal government service and extend a warm *Un Dangkolo Na Si Yu'os Ma'ase'* for his dedicated service to our island community.

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COMMITTEE ON RULES OF

2 I MINA'TRENTAI UNU NA LIHESLATURAN GUÅHAN:

WHEREAS, Mr. Paul M. Fisher was born on April 25, 1947 in Atlantic

4 City, New Jersey and has been married to Aurea (Auring) Bolanos Fisher for forty-

5 three (43) years to which they have four children named Lehua, Erika, Katryn and

6 Christopher and two grandchildren whose names are Kyle and Liam; and

7 WHEREAS, Mr. Fisher graduated Phi Beta Kappa, magna cum laude from

the University of Washington in 1973 with a B.A. in Japanese Regional Studies

and received his Juris Doctorate from Georgetown University Law Center in 1978

and is a member of the District of Columbia Bar; and

WHEREAS, he has served as the Counsel at Commander, Joint Region

Marianas Guam (formerly known as Commander, Naval Forces Marianas) since

13 July 2001; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Fisher has provided exemplary legal advice relating to the issues that bridge partnership between the military community and the people of Guam to include providing legal research relating to the Guam Excess Lands Act, Ancestral Land Program, the Guam 'Priority for Excess Property' Act and the Chamorro Land Trust Program. His knowledge and background provided a better understanding of how these land issues affect the growth of the anticipated military buildup between the Government of Guam and the Department of Defense; and

WHEREAS, he has become well versed in the Guam Organic Act relating to taxation and custom issues that affect the men and women in the Armed Forces stationed on Guam in order to assist them and their families as they transition to Guam; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Fisher has actively participated as the Navy's local spokesperson regarding the Legal Support Working Group to the recent passing of the Guam Beverage Container Deposit Recycling Act (Guam PL 30-221) that includes the military's commitment to participate in this joint effort in improving our environment; and

WHEREAS, in 2010, Mr. Fisher was one of the founding members and an officer of the "Island Success through Learning Association (ISLA), Inc.", organization, that distributes backpacks filled with school supplies to needy children in the public schools of Guam. This effort has distributed more than 5,000 backpacks to the children of Guam's public school system; and

WHEREAS, in 2009 through 2012, Mr. Fisher has served as a Judge of the Guam High School Mock Trials in collaboration with the Guam Bar Association during the Law Week events; and

WHEREAS, from 2008 up to present, Mr. Fisher serves as a catechist in his parish at the Our Lady of Lourdes Church and Santa Bernadita Chapel in Yigo preparing adults desiring to enter into the catholic faith through the "Rite of

- 1 Christian Initiation for Adults" also known as the RCIA program and also serves as
- 2 a Lector and Eucharistic minister at Saint Michael's parish onboard Andersen Air
- Force Base; and now, be it further
- 4 RESOLVED, I Liheslaturan Guåhan and the people of Guam, commend
- and congratulate Mr. Paul M. Fisher on the occasion of his retirement after his
- 6 thirty-seven (37) years of federal government service and extend a warm *Un*
- 7 Dangkolo Na Si Yu'os Ma'ase' for his dedicated service in serving the needs of our
- 8 island community; and be it further
- 9 **RESOLVED**, that the Speaker and the Chairperson of the Committee on
- 10 Rules certify, and the Secretary of the Legislature attest to, the adoption hereof,
- and that copies of the same be thereafter transmitted to Mr. Paul M. Fisher; 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 5th DAY OF DECEMBER, 2012

JUDITH T. WON PAT, Ed.D Speaker

RORY RESPICIO Chairman, Committee on Rules

TINA ROSE MUÑA BARNES Legislative Secretary