Resolution No. 7-32 (COR)

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Relative to recognizing and commending the late James A. Camacho for his invaluable contributions and commitment to the youth of Guam as a teacher and mentor for the Guam Department of Education; and to further extending sincerest condolences to his family and friends on his passing.

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

WHEREAS, Mr. James Angoco Camacho, known to the community as “Jimmy”, formerly of Sinajana and a resident of Mangilao, was born on March 13, 1958. He is the son of Oliva Angoco Camacho and Jesus Garrido Camacho; and he
is the husband of Mrs. Jerena P. Camacho, and the father of Paul, Jorayna Jude and James Thomas Camacho; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Camacho’s siblings are Fred, John, David, Lolita and Anthony Camacho. He is a graduate of George Washington High School, and he later attended college at the University of Guam, where he earned a Bachelor of Arts degree in Political Science. Shortly after, he went on to pursue his Master’s degree from the University of Portland; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Camacho had been involved with the local community and the youth since he was a young boy, serving the community as an Altar Server for the St. Jude Catholic Church; he played baseball for the Sinajana Little League; he was a member of the Knights of Columbus; and he volunteered for numerous civic activities. While attending college at the University of Guam, Mr. Camacho worked as a volunteer mentoring the youth at Sanctuary Inc., a community-based organization which exists to improve the quality of life for Guam’s youth; to promote reconciliation during times of family conflicts; to foster the development of responsible community members; and to advocate for their needs; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Camacho had spent most of his career teaching, mentoring and advising students from Oceanview Middle School, the J.P. Torres Alternative School, and George Washington High School. His career in education began in 1990; and he continued to teach up until the latter part of 2012. He was well respected and admired by his peers and his students for his commitment to promote and preserve the Chamorro culture, teachings, and traditions; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Camacho was an Advisor for numerous student organizations, including the George Washington High School Guam Club, for several consecutive years; he was an Advisor for the Student Council, and an Advisor for the Student Body Association (SBA). He was a staunch supporter for all school activities, and he assisted students in coordinating and organizing school
and club events, such as fundraisers, pep rallies, Chamorro Week festivities, and various other school events; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Camacho was committed to teaching and promoting academic excellence and discipline to all of his students. Mirroring closely to the actions and leadership of his mentor, one of the islands’s most recognized education pioneers, the late Mrs. Gloria C. Nelson, he believed in the potential of each and every one of his students, and he dedicated countless hours outside of his regular school hours to assist and tutor his students. This included teaching summer school for both sessions at George Washington High School; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Camacho was an advocate for social change, and he encouraged his children to be active in the community. Mr. Camacho was a loving and supportive family man to his wife, children, siblings, godchildren, numerous nieces and nephews, uncles, aunts, and extended family. He approached all things in life with humility and simplicity, making every attempt to teach the younger generation the importance of understanding and cultivating the Chamorro culture and traditions. Mr. Camacho will be greatly missed by his family, friends, students, and peers; now therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that the Committee on Rules of I Mina'Trentai Dos Na Lihesluran Guåhan does hereby, on behalf of I Lihesluran Guåhan and the people of Guam, recognize and commend the late Mr. James A. Camacho for his invaluable contributions and commitment to the youth of Guam as a teacher and mentor for the Guam Department of Education, and for his dedication and commitment of service to the people of Guam; and does further extend sincerest condolences to his family and friends on his passing; and be it further

RESOLVED, that the Speaker and the Chairperson of the Committee on Rules certify, and the Legislative Secretary attest to, the adoption hereof, and that copies of the same be thereafter transmitted to the wife and family of the late
James A. Camacho; and to the Honorable Edward J.B. Calvo, I Mga’lahen Guåhan.

DULY AND REGULARLY ADOPTED BY THE COMMITTEE ON RULES OF I MINA’TRENTAI DOS NA LIHESLATURAN GUÅHAN ON THE 11TH DAY OF JANUARY 2013.

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