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Relative to commending and congratulating Mr. Russell Jon Miranda Bala-an on his accomplishments as a member of the winning team of the Association of Government Accountants’ Sixth (6th) Annual Government Finance Case Challenge; and to further extending Un Dângkolo Na Si Yu’os Ma’âse’ to him for his community contributions.

BE IT RESOLVED BY I MINA’TRENTAI DOS NA LIHESLATURAN GUÅHAN:

WHEREAS, through the adoption of Resolution No. 25-32(COR) I Liheslaturan Guåhan recognized and commended the Association of Government
Accountants (AGA) for its contributions to the field of accounting across our country and our island; including the recognition of the AGA Citizen-Centric Government Reporting Initiative, which was launched a few years ago with the intent to foster innovative means of communication between governments and their citizenry; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Doreen Crisostomo, University of Guam (UOG) Professor, first introduced her students to the Citizen-Centric Government Reporting Initiative in her Spring 2009 BA401 “Government Accounting” class. Dr. Crisostomo incorporated the initiative into her syllabus to complement classroom learning and give her students exposure to real-world experiences through interacting with our local government agencies to compile various Citizen-Centric Reports (CCR) for each agency involved; and

WHEREAS, last year, AGA National kicked-off its Sixth (6th) Annual Government Finance Case Challenge, inviting the best undergraduate accounting/financial management/business students in the country to compete. Student teams were to collaboratively analyze and offer a written response to a case centered on how a U.S. city government creates a CCR; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Doreen Crisostomo, UOG Accounting Professor, formed a four (4) member student team from her Fall 2012 BA401 “Government Accounting” class, of which Mr. Russell Jon Miranda Bala-an was a member. Under the guidance of Dr. Crisostomo, the team of Bala-an, Mr. Steven Patrick Delgado, Ms. Cindelle Mayo Sazon and Ms. Angeline Corpuz Nieto entered the AGA National’s competition to prepare a Citizen-Centric Report for the Loudoun County Public Schools, Virginia; to include a paper that summarizes the criteria and the justification the team used to decide what information to include and exclude in the performance report; and
WHEREAS, the UOG team of Bala-an, Delgado, Sazon and Nieto, successfully placed as one of the top two (2) finalist teams, along with North Carolina State University; and

WHEREAS, all finalist teams were awarded scholarships to attend the AGA’s 2013 National Leadership Conference in Washington, D.C., which the UOG team accepted; and

WHEREAS, through the adoption of Resolution No. 25-32(COR), I Liheslaturan Guåhan recognized, commended and offered its well wishes to the UOG team, who attended the Conference held on February 12-13, 2013; and

WHEREAS, all two (2) finalist teams presented their finalized solutions on February 12, 2013 before a panel of judges comprised of federal, state and local government leaders; corporate partners; and chief financial officers; and

WHEREAS, on February 13, 2013, the judges’ selection was announced, and the UOG team was selected as this year’s AGA Government Finance Case Challenge winners. In addition to the honor and recognition of holding the position as this year’s winning team, each member of the team will also receive a cash prize and a free one (1) year AGA membership; and

WHEREAS, the AGA followed through on its promise that this experience would challenge students' moral reasoning, raise their awareness of the importance of government accountability, and open doors to a future career in government; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Bala-an, his teammates and their advisor, followed through on their promise to work their hardest and try their best, for themselves, for our University, and for our island; now therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that I Mina’Trentai Dos Na Liheslaturan Guåhan does hereby, on behalf of the people of Guam, commend and congratulate Mr. Russell Jon Miranda Bala-an on his accomplishments as a member of the University of Guam’s winning
team of the Association of Government Accountants’ Annual Government Finance
Case Challenge; and does further extend Un Dângkolo Na Si Yu’os Ma’âse’ to Mr.
Bala-an for his contributions to our community by way of his positive representation
of our island, which extends farther than our boundaries and puts Guam on the map,
as is evidenced by his team’s accomplishments at this competition held in the nation’s
Capitol; and be it further

RESOLVED, that the Speaker certify, and the Legislative Secretary attest to,
the adoption hereof, and that copies of the same be thereafter transmitted to Mr.
Russell Jon Miranda Bala-an, Student Member of the University of Guam winning
team of the Association of Government Accountants’ Government Finance Case
Challenge; to Dr. Anita Borja Enriquez, Dean of the School of Business and Public
Administration, University of Guam; and to the Honorable Edward J.B. Calvo, I
Maga’lahen Guåhan.

DULY AND REGULARLY ADOPTED BY I MINA’TRENTAI DOS NA LIHESLURUAN GUÅHAN ON THE 25TH DAY OF FEBRUARY 2013.

JUDITH T. WONPAT, Ed D
Speaker

TINA ROSE MUÑA BARNES
Legislative Secretary