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

WHEREAS, the Honorable Consul Maria Paz G. Cortes was born and raised in Manila, Philippines; her parents are Manuel Cortes and Pacita Gaban Cortes, she has three siblings, and she celebrates her birthday every 2\textsuperscript{nd} of March; and
WHEREAS, Consul Cortes graduated from Moonwalk Elementary School in Las Piñas, Philippines; and she received her high school diploma from Cornerstone Community Baptist School in Quezon City, Philippines; and

WHEREAS, Consul Cortes completed her higher education at the University of the Philippines in Diliman, Quezon City, earning a Bachelor of Arts degree in Political Science and a Bachelor of Laws degree; and

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WHEREAS, on December 28, 2007, the Consulate General of the Philippines in Guam was pleased to welcome Consul Cortes, who assumed the responsibility of Vice Consul; and

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RESOLVED, that the Committee on Rules of I Mina Trentai Dos Na Liheslaturan Guåhan does hereby, on behalf of I Liheslaturan Guåhan and the people of Guam, recognize and congratulate the Honorable Consul Maria Paz G. Cortes on her latest achievement in being promoted to the rank of Foreign Service Officer, Class
II, and designated to serve as Consul of the Philippine Consulate General; and does further express our heartfelt appreciation, *Un Dângkolo na Si Yu’os Ma’âse’* and *Maraming Salamat Po* to her for her exemplary service and contributions to the island of Guam and the region; 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 Honorable Maria Paz G. Cortes, Consul of the Philippine Consulate General in Guam; to the Honorable Bayani V. Mangibin, Consul General to Guam of the Republic of the Philippines; to the Honorable Benigno “Noynoy” Aquino III, President of the Republic of the Philippines; and to the Honorable Edward J.B. Calvo, *I Maga'lahen Guåhan*.

DULY AND REGULARLY ADOPTED BY THE COMMITTEE ON RULES OF *IMINA'TRENTAI DOS NA LIHESLATURAN GUÅHAN* ON THE 11TH DAY OF APRIL 2013.

*BENJAMIN J.F. CRUZ*  
Acting Speaker

*RORY J. RESPICIO*  
Chairperson, Committee on Rules

*TINA ROSE MUÑA BARNES*  
Legislative Secretary
## VOTING SHEET

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Speaker                         Legislative Secretary