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An Act Resolved by the Committee on Rules of I Minatrentai Dos na Liheslaturan Guam: HAGATNA, GUAM

Relative to recognizing and congratulating Guam Positive Parents Together, Incorporated (GPPT) on being the "2014 Exemplary Service Provider" Award of the National Association of Social Workers, Guam Chapter and to further extending Un Dångkko Na Si Yu'ø Ma'å'se' to GPPT for its service to our island's families and the people of Guam.

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

WHEREAS, in February 2007, members of four parent-led disability support groups came together to form a coalition that would provide a stronger voice for all families affected by disabilities in Guam; and

WHEREAS, representatives from the Down Syndrome Association of Guam, the Autism Community Together, the Guam Early Hearing Detection and Intervention (EHDI), Parent-to-Parent support group, and the Guam Identifiers Families Transition Services established the Guam Positive Parents Together, Incorporated (GPPT) in record time; and

WHEREAS, the founding members, Ann Marie Cruz, Mary Therese Edgardo, Helen Middlbrooks, and Evelyn S.A. Chavez, had the vision to create GPPT to provide support and guidance to families of children affected by developmental, physical and emotional disabilities; and

WHEREAS, GPPT's mission is to educate and train parents so that they can be the very best advocates for their children in all areas of life; and

WHEREAS, GPPT is now focusing on disability-specific projects. The first project, the Parent Training and Information Center (PTI), began in October 2010. Through the PTI, parents in Guam are learning how to advocate for their children in an educational setting, and the PTI offers at least four trainings during the school year; and

WHEREAS, finding appropriate educational opportunities for children with disabilities is a goal of the GPPT, and the GPPT provides support for individual educational plans for children; and running parents in being advocates for their children; and

WHEREAS, the founding members diligently worked on a plan to secure grant funding, subsequently creating GPPT's first project in the Parent Information and Resource Center (Guam PIRC); and

WHEREAS, the PIRC was successful, and it provided the needed services of training, advocacy and support to parents; and

WHEREAS, unfortunately, the PIRC was closed in 2011 due to the discontinuation of funding from the U.S. Department of Education; and

WHEREAS, with a small grant funding, the services of the PIRC continued, focusing on training parents of children receiving special education services within the Guam Department of Education (GDOE), specifically for the Individualized Education Plan (IEP); and

WHEREAS, the GPPT uses Guam Public Law 31-158 (education and training facilities and opportunities for individuals with disabilities), the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act (IDEA), and the Guam Education Board policy on special education as a guide for reaching services to families; and

WHEREAS, those policies and laws include, but are not limited to, collaborating with the Guam DOE to provide for the needs of low-income parents and parents of limited English proficient children; existing parents in the development of skills to enter into the education and development of their children; and supporting parents with limited support systems or accessibility to services primarily due to cultural or linguistic barriers; and

WHEREAS, GPPT's focus for Fiscal Year 2015-2016 is to provide advocacy, training and support to underserved parent in the remote areas of Guam, where these parents often come from low socio-economic and below poverty income levels, and living in substandard homes; and

WHEREAS, the training will incorporate continued collaboration and network partnerships with the Guam DOE, and public and private not-for-profit organizations, in order to help meet the needs of parents of children with special education, early intervention services, treatment services, and other related needs and services, while bridging the gap in special education service related issues; and

WHEREAS, GPPT believes that children will benefit when their parents are involved not only in their education, but in all aspects of their lives, now therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that the Committee on Rules of I Minatrentai Dos na Liheslaturan Guam do hereby, on behalf of Il Liheslaturan Guahan and the people of Guam, recognize and congratulate Guam Positive Parents Together, Incorporated (GPPT) on being the "2014 Exemplary Service Provider" Award of the National Association of Social Workers, Guam Chapter and do further extend Un Dångkko Na Si Yu'ø Ma'å'se' to GPPT for its service to our island's families, children and families with special needs, and the people of Guam; and be it further

RESOLVED, that the Speaker and the Chairperson of the Committee on Rules certify, and the Legislative Secretary submit to the adoption hereof, and that copies of the same be transmitted to Mr. Max Marie Cruz, Mr. Mary Therese Edgardo, Mr. Helen Middlbrooks, and Mrs. Evelyn S.A. Chavez of Guam Positive Parents Together, Incorporated; and to the Honorable Edward J.B. Calvo, J.Magpale Calvo.

Duly and regularly adopted by the Committee on Rules of I MINA'TRENTAI DOS NA LIHESLATORAN GUAM ON THE 27TH DAY OF MARCH 2014.

JUDITH T. WONG, ED.D.
Speaker

ROY J. RESPICIO
Chairperson, Committee on Rules

ROY J. RESPICIO
Acting Legislative Secretary

3/11/14
Resolution No. 339-32 (COR)

Introduced by:

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T. R. Muña Barnes
Vicente (ben) C. Pangelinan
Michael F. Q. San Nicolas
Aline A. Yamashita, Ph.D.
Judith T. Won Pat, Ed.D.

Relative to recognizing and congratulating Guam Positive Parents Together, Incorporated, on being the “2014 Exemplary Service Provider” Awardee of the National Association of Social Workers, Guam Chapter; and to further extending Un Dângkolo Na Si Yu’os Ma’åse’ for its service to our island’s families and the people of Guam.

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

WHEREAS, in February of 2007, members of four parent-led disability support groups came together to form a coalition that would provide a stronger voice for all families affected by disabilities on Guam; and

WHEREAS, representatives from the Down Syndrome Association of Guam, the Autism Community Together, the Guam Early Hearing Detection and Intervention
(Guam EHDI) Parent-to-Parent support group, and the Guam Identifies Families’ Terrific Strengths established the Guam Positive Parents Together, Incorporated, (GPPT) in record time; and

WHEREAS, the founding members, Ann Marie Cruz, Mary Therese Edgerle, Helen Middlebrook, and Evelyn S.A. Claros, had the vision to create GPPT to provide support and guidance to families of children affected by developmental, physical and emotional disabilities; and

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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 Ms. Ann Marie Cruz, Ms. Mary Therese Edgerle, Ms. Helen Middlebrook, and Mrs. Evelyn S.A. Claros of Guam Positive Parents Together, Incorporated; 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 DOS NA LIHESLATURAN GUÅHAN ON THE 21ST DAY OF MARCH 2014.

JUDITH T. WON PAT, Ed.D.
Speaker

RORY J. RESPICIO
Chairperson, Committee on Rules

RORY J. RESPICIO
Acting Legislative Secretary
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PLEASE VOTE TODAY, Presentation TONIGHT for Res. No. 339-32 (COR)

Joseph Anthony Mesngon <jmesngon.senatordrodriguez@gmail.com>  
Fri, Mar 21, 2014 at 12:22 PM
To: Speaker Judi Won Pat <speaker@judiwonpat.com>, Senator Tina Rose Muna Barnes <senator@tinamunabarnes.com>, Senator Benjamin JF Cruz <senator@senatorbjcruz.com>, "Senator Rory J. Respicio" <roreyforguam@gmail.com>, Senator Vicente ben Pangelinan <senbenp@guam.net>, Senator Tom Ada <office@senatorada.org>, "Senator Aline Yamashita, PhD" <aline4families@gmail.com>, Senator V Anthony Ada <senatortonyada@guamlegislature.org>, "Frank Aguon, Jr." <aguon4guam@gmail.com>, Senator Michael San Nicolas <senatorsannicolas@gmail.com>

Hafa Adai, COR Members:

Attached, please find the final version of Resolution No. 339-32 (COR) – Dennis G. Rodriguez, Jr. – “Relative to recognizing and congratulating Guam Positive Parents Together, Incorporated, on being the “2014 Exemplary Service Provider” Awardee of the National Association of Social Workers, Guam Chapter; and to further extending Un Dåŋkolo Na Si Yu’os Ma’aše’ for its service to our island’s families and the people of Guam” which your action is respectfully requested.

Please indicate your preferred action, based on the following options:

- To Adopt;
- To Not Adopt;
- To Abstain; or
- To Place in Inactive File.

Please submit your response ASAP, Presentation is tonight! Your responses will be logged into the COR Vote Sheet for Resolution No. 339-32 (COR), which will be filed with the Committee on Rules, via the Office of the Clerk of the Legislature.

THANK YOU!

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Aline Yamashita <aline4families@gmail.com>  
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To Joseph Anthony Mesngon <jmesngon.senatordrodriguez@gmail.com>

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Frank Aguon, Jr. <aguon4guam@gmail.com>  
Fri, Mar 21, 2014 at 1:02 PM

To Joseph Anthony Mesngon <jmesngon.senatordrodriguez@gmail.com>

To adopt.

Thank you.

Respectfully,

SENATOR FRANK B. AGUON, JR.
Chairman, Committee on Guam-US Military Relocation, Homeland Security, Veterans Affairs, and Judiciary
Mina Trentai Dos Na Liheslaturan Guahan (Thirty-Second Guam Legislature)
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Hagatna, Guam 96910
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WHEREAS, representatives from the Down Syndrome Association of Guam, the Autism Community Together, the Guam Early Hearing Detection and Intervention (Guam EHDI) Parent-to-Parent support group, and the Guam Identifies Families’ Terrific Strengths established the Guam Positive Parents Together, Incorporated, (GPPT) in record time; and

WHEREAS, the founding members, Ann Marie Cruz, Mary Therese Edgerle, Helen Middlebrook, and Evelyn S.A. Claros, had the vision to create GPPT to provide support and guidance to families of children affected by developmental, physical and emotional disabilities; and

WHEREAS, GPPT’s mission is to educate and train parents so that they can be the very best advocates for their children in all areas of life; and
WHEREAS, GPPT is now focusing on disability specific projects. The first project, the Parent Training and Information Center (PTI), began in October 2010. Through the PTI, parents on Guam are learning how to advocate for their children in an educational setting. The PTI offers at least four trainings during the school year; and

WHEREAS, finding appropriate educational opportunities for children with disabilities is a goal of the GPPT; and the GPPT provides support for Individualized Educational Plans for children, training parents in being advocates for their children; and

WHEREAS, the founding members diligently worked on a plan to secure grant funding, subsequently creating GPPT’s first project in the Parent Information and Resource Center (Guam PIRC); and

WHEREAS, the PIRC was successful and it provided the needed services of training, advocacy and support to parents; and

WHEREAS, unfortunately, the PIRC was closed in 2011 due to the discontinued funding from the U.S. Department of Education; and

WHEREAS, with a small grant funding, the services of the GPPT continued, focusing on training parents of children receiving Special Education Services with the Guam Department of Education (Guam DOE), specifically for the Individualized Education Plan (IEP); and

WHEREAS, the GPPT uses Guam Public Law 31-158, the Individuals with Disabilities Act, and the General Education Board Policy on Special Education as a guide for rendering services to families; and

WHEREAS, these policies and laws include, but are not limited to, collaboration with the Guam DOE in providing for the needs of low-income parents and parents of limited English proficient children; assisting parents in the
WHEREAS, GPPT’s focus for Fiscal Year 2013-2014 is to provide advocacy, training and support to underserved parents in the remote areas of Guam, where these parents often come from low socio-economic and below poverty income levels, and living in substandard homes; and

WHEREAS, this training will incorporate continued collaboration and network partnerships with the Guam DOE, and public and private not-for-profit organizations, in order to help meet the needs of parents of children with special education, early intervention services, transition services, and other related needs and services, while bridging the gap in special education service related issues; and

WHEREAS, GPPT believes that children will benefit when their parents are involved not only in their education, but in all aspects of their lives; now therefore, be it

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 Guam Positive Parents Together, Incorporated, on being the “2014 Exemplary Service Provider” Awardee of the National Association of Social Workers, Guam Chapter; and does further extend Un Dångkolo Na Si Yu’os Ma’åse’ for its service to our island’s parents, children and families with special needs, and the people of Guam; 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 Ms. Ann Marie Cruz, Ms. Mary Therese Edgerle, Ms. Helen Middlebrook, and Mrs. Evelyn S.A. Claros of Guam Positive Parents
Together, Incorporated; and to the Honorable Edward J.B. Calvo, *I Maga’lahen* Guåhan.
Resolution No. 339-32 (COR)

Introduced by: Dennis G. Rodriguez, Jr.
R. J. Respicio
T. C. Ada
V. Anthony Ada
FRANK B. AGUON, JR.
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WHEREAS, these policies and laws include, but are not limited to, collaboration with the Guam DOE in providing for the needs of low-income parents and parents of limited English proficient children; assisting parents in the development of skills in order to participate effectively in the education and development of their children; and supporting parents with limited support systems or accessibility to services primarily due to cultural or linguistic barriers; and

WHEREAS, GPPT’s focus for Fiscal Year 2013-2014 is to provide advocacy, training and support to underserved parents in the remote areas of Guam, where these parents often come from low socio-economic and below poverty income levels, and living in substandard homes; and

WHEREAS, this training will incorporate continued collaboration and network partnerships with the Guam DOE, and public and private not-for-profit organizations, in order to help meet the needs of parents of children with special education, early intervention services, transition services, and other related needs and services, while bridging the gap in special education service related issues; 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 Guam Positive Parents Together, Incorporated, on being the “2014 Exemplary Service Provider” Awardee of the National Association of Social Workers, Guam Chapter; and does further extend Un Dångkolo Na Si Yu’os Ma’äse’ for its service to our island’s parents, children and families with special needs, and the people of Guam; 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 Ms. Ann Marie Cruz, Ms. Mary Therese Edgerle, Ms. Helen Middlebrook, and Mrs. Evelyn S.A. Claros of Guam Positive Parents Together, Incorporated; 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 DOS NA LIHESLATURAN GUÅHAN ON THE _ DAY OF MARCH 2014.

JUDITH T. WON PAT, Ed.D. BENJAMIN J.F. CRUZ
Speaker Acting Chairperson, Committee on Rules

TINA ROSE MUÑA BARNES
Legislative Secretary
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WHEREAS, GPPT’s focus for Fiscal Year 2013-2014 is to provide advocacy, training and support to underserved parents in the remote areas of Guam, where these parents often come from low socio-economic and below poverty income levels, and living in substandard homes; and

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WHEREAS, GPPT believes that children will benefit when their parents are involved not only in their education, but in all aspects of their lives; now therefore, be it

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 Guam Positive Parents Together, Incorporated, on being the “2014 Exemplary Service Provider” Awardee of the National Association of Social Workers, Guam Chapter; and does further extend Un Dångkolo Na Si Yu’os Ma’åse’ for its service to our island’s parents, children and families with special needs, and the people of Guam; 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 Ms. Ann Marie Cruz, Ms. Mary Therese Edgerle, Ms. Helen Middlebrook and Mrs. Evelyn S.A. Claros of Guam Positive Parents Together, Incorporated; 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 DOS NA LIHESLURAN GUÅHAN ON THE 14TH DAY OF FEBRUARY 2014.

JUDITH T. WON PAT, Ed.D.
Speaker

BENJAMIN J.F. CRUZ
Acting Chairperson, Committee on Rules

TINA ROSE MUÑA BARNES
Legislative Secretary
Resolution No. 339-32 (COR)

Introduced by: Dennis G. Rodriguez, Jr.

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BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COMMITTEE ON RULES OF

IMINA'TRENTAI DOS NA LIHESLATURAN GUÅHAN:

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WHEREAS, founding members Ann Marie Cruz, Mary Therese Edgerle Helen Middlebrook and Evelyn S.A. Claros had the vision to create GPPT,
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RESOLVED, that I Lihaeslutanun Gua'han and the people of Guam, recognize and congratulate Guam Positive Parents Together, Inc., as the 2014 Exemplary Service Provider Awardee of the National Association of Social Workers- Guam Chapter and further extend an Un Dångkolo na Si Yu’os Ma'âse’ for her service to our island’s parents, children and families with special needs and all the people of Guam.; and be it further

RESOLVED, that the Speaker and the Chairperson of the Committee on Rules certify, and the Secretary of the Legislature attest to, the adoption hereof, and that copies of the same be thereafter transmitted to Guam Positive Parents
Together, Incorporated's Ms. Ann Marie Cruz, Ms. Mary Therese Edgerle, Ms. Helen Middle Brook and Mrs. Evelyn S.A. Claros; 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 DOS NA LIHESLATUREN GUÅHAN ON THE _____ DAY OF _____________________, 2014.

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Judith T. Won Pat, Ed.D.                  Rory J. Respicio
Speaker                                      Chairman, Committee on Rules

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Tina Rose Muna Barnes
Legislative Secretary