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<td>369-32 (COR)</td>
<td>Dennis G. Rodriguez, Jr.</td>
<td>Relative to recognizing and commending the Students, Administration, Faculty and Staff of Simon A. Sanchez High School’s Leave Your Mark Project for your hard work, determination, commitment and passion to bring positive change to your school community and to further extending an Un Dangkolo na Si Yu’os Ma’ase’ for being advocates of learning and for your contributions to the legacy of Simon A. Sanchez High School.</td>
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Relative to recognizing and commending the students, administration, faculty and staff of Simon A. Sanchez High School (SSHS) for their hard work, determination, commitment and passion to bringing positive change to their school community through the "Leave Your Mark Project"; and further extending En Dagitakko Na Si Yi'on Ma'Ki" to the SSHS Shack family for being advocates of learning and for their contributions to the legacy of Simon A. Sanchez High School.

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COMMITTEE ON RULES OF MUNICIPAL GOVERNMENT OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA, IN THE NAME OF THE PEOPLE OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA:

WHEREAS, the Simon A. Sanchez High School (SSHS) students of the "Leave Your Mark Project" have demonstrated the importance of community involvement in creating a better world through volunteerism and service; and

WHEREAS, the students and staff of the SSHS have worked tirelessly to improve their school and community through the "Leave Your Mark Project"; and

WHEREAS, the "Leave Your Mark Project" is an initiative that involves the entire school community, including teachers, staff, and students; and

WHEREAS, in recognition of the hard work and dedication of the SSHS students and staff, the Committee on Rules of Municipal Government of the United States of America, in the name of the people of the District of Columbia, hereby commends and recognizes the SSHS students and staff for their efforts in improving their school and community.

RESOLVED, that the SSHS students and staff of the "Leave Your Mark Project" are commended for their efforts in improving their school and community; and

FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Committee on Rules of Municipal Government of the United States of America, in the name of the people of the District of Columbia, hereby commends and recognizes the SSHS students and staff for their hard work, determination, commitment and passion to bringing positive change to their school community through the "Leave Your Mark Project".

Duly and regularly adopted by the Committee on Rules of Municipal Government of the United States of America on the 3rd Day of May 2014.

JUDITH T. WONG, D.C.
Speaker

ROBYN J. RUPP
Chairperson, Committee on Rules

TINA F. BARNES
Legislative Secretary

Resolutions Department

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Relative to recognizing and commending the students, administration, faculty and staff of Simon A. Sanchez High School (SSHS) for their hard work, determination, commitment and passion to bringing positive change to their school community through the “Leave Your Mark Project”; and to further extending *Un Dångkolo Na Si Yu’os Ma’åse’* to the SSHS Sharks family for being advocates of learning and for their contributions to the legacy of Simon A. Sanchez High School.

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

WHEREAS, the Simon Sanchez High School (SSHS) students of Gretchen Andres’ English 12 class took on the challenge to apply the skills they learned in
writing, reading, research and communication to develop ideas that they can use to
solve issues and problems that affect their school or village community; and in that
same year, the “Leave Your Mark Project” was born; and

WHEREAS, the inaugural project entailed the repair of the school’s tennis
courts, that had not been used for over ten years, by soliciting the assistance of
businesses and private partners for funding and materials. The tennis courts were
repaired and are still being used by the SSHS Shark family today; and

WHEREAS, in 2009, the English 12 class was concerned with the lack of
programs that would assist them in identifying careers after graduation, thus, the first
Career Festival was organized and executed by the SSHS students; and

WHEREAS, the Career Festival allowed invited guests from different
businesses and community organizations to provide insight of the various careers and
programs available for the students; and

WHEREAS, the Career Festival proved successful in the participation of the
students throughout Simon Sanchez High School as they engaged with questions and
wonder of the different professions available; and

WHEREAS, in the first quarter of School Year 2013-2014, the SSHS Shark
Family was faced with challenges in the various vandalism and burglary incidents at
their school; and

WHEREAS, these unlawful activities affected the student body, requiring
students to congregate in the school’s gymnasium for hours to allow the Guam Police
Department to conduct their investigations; and

WHEREAS, this prompted the “Leave Your Mark Project” members to take on
the task of making their campus safer and more secure. Thus, in a joint mission of the
“Leave Your Mark Project,” in conjunction with the school’s Sister Hotel, the Hotel
Nikko Guam; and through the assistance of Mr. Joe Blas, the hotel’s Assistant General
Manager, they were able to provide the school with a volunteer security guard every evening to patrol and monitor the campus as an interim precaution to prevent further break-ins; and

WHEREAS, the “Leave Your Mark Project” took the security issue of their school further in the collaboration and sponsorship by various businesses and private donations to purchase a closed circuit television system, which is still providing a sense of safety and security for the SSHS Sharks; and

WHEREAS, in 2013, the “Leave Your Mark Project” students felt that there was a dire need for expanded communications between the school and the community in order to build pride and improve communication; and the next “Leave Your Mark Project” was to install a school marquee along Marine Corps Drive in Yigo. In their research, the students found that the marquee would cost Ten Thousand Dollars, and they further used their skills to present their plan to numerous companies and government agencies to build support and raise monies in order to ensure the completion of the project by the end of the school year; and

WHEREAS, this “Leave Your Mark Project” was successfully completed with the support of various businesses, private donors and alumni, and the school’s marquee was installed displaying information and messages about the school to the community; and

WHEREAS, with the different problems and issues faced by the Simon Sanchez High School Sharks family, including the lack of sports facilities, inadequate ProStart classrooms, the lack of properly air-conditioned classrooms where temperatures sometimes reached eighty-five degrees Fahrenheit, non-working restroom facilities and leaking roofs, the determination of the Sharks family to engage in community discussions to improve the physical state of their campus has shown in their ability to win championships in various sports, and championships in island-wide
ProStart competitions, which has led a Simon Sanchez High School team to win in the National Prostart Competition; and

WHEREAS, the result of these issues led to the “Walk in the Shoes of a Shark Challenge,” where elected leaders were invited to participate and experience, first-hand, the state of the school’s learning conditions; and

WHEREAS, since then, they have had numerous meetings with Governor Eddie Calvo; Department of Education Superintendent, Mr. Jon Fernandez; Attorney General Leonard Rapadas; members of the Guam Legislature; our village mayors; and parents, teachers, and students of the school community, pleading with them the need for a new campus. In addition, they have used the media to further introduce and bring community attention to the issues affecting the school; and

WHEREAS, as a result of the SSHS students’ important plea for an improved school, it was decided that the school would be shut down for one week to make important renovations and improvements, where the school community has seen positive changes such as cooler classrooms and cleaner restrooms; and

WHEREAS, with the experience of the hardships in the fight for a new and improved school, the students are learning the true meaning and value of ownership; and the students displayed bravery and courage in providing oral testimony for Bill 218-32 and Bill 225-32 in support of the renovation and reconstruction of the school during the public hearing, where almost one hundred students participated; and

WHEREAS, since December 2013, the members of the “Leave Your Mark Project” have taken ownership of their restrooms and hallways, making it their own by beautifying restrooms in their campus by adding flower arrangements and mirrors provided and maintained by the students; and further maintaining ownership by cleaning their restrooms by wiping the counters, picking up trash, and sweeping the floors daily; and
WHEREAS, as a way to maintain a continuum of pride, the SSHS students continue to voice their plea and mission to teach and inspire other students to take pride in their school, and initiated the next step of the “Leave Your Mark Project” this year called, "Project Inspire"; and

WHEREAS, “Project Inspire” was a presentation designed by SSHS students in the English 12 class to speak about their experiences and the importance of ownership in all English 9 and 10 classes. The goal, with these efforts, is to inspire students to respect their school by keeping it clean. Presentations were conducted from January 30 to February 3, 2014. Furthermore, the SSHS students are continuing in their mission to teach others to respect and take pride in their school by scheduling to meet with the 8th graders of the SSHS feeder school, the F.B. Leon Guerrero Middle School. As a result of the presentations, students have come forward to volunteer to keep restrooms and hallways clean; 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 students, administration, faculty and staff of Simon A. Sanchez High School for their hard work, determination, commitment and passion to bringing positive change to the school community through the “Leave Your Mark Project”; and does further extend Un Dångkolo Na Si Yu’os Ma’åse’ to the SSHS Sharks family for being advocates of learning, and for their contributions to the legacy of Simon A. Sanchez High School; 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 Mrs. Gretchen Andres, English 12 Teacher, Simon A. Sanchez High School; to the members of the “Leave Your Mark Project” of Simon A. Sanchez High School; to Mrs. Carla Masnayon, Principal, Simon A.
Sanchez High School; 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 GUÁHAN ON THE 2ND DAY OF MAY 2014.

JUDITH T. WON PAT, Ed.D.
Speaker

RORY J. RESPICIO
Chairperson, Committee on Rules

TINA ROSE MUÑA BARNES
Legislative Secretary
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