Relative to congratulating the Sons and Daughters of Guam Club, Inc., of San Diego, California, on its 61st Liberation Day Ball in celebration of Guam’s 70th Anniversary of its Liberation; and to further commending its members for their many years of promoting and preserving Chamorro culture and heritage.

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

WHEREAS, spurred by the vision and initiative of Mr. Jose Flores and Mr. Guillermo Taitano, a group of Chamorros living in the San Diego, California, area gathered in early 1953, with the intent to establish a Guam club to provide support for the area’s Chamorro families to acclimate to and succeed in the United States, and to provide a setting for Chamorros to continue their traditional cultural practices; and
WHEREAS, on May 1, 1953, the first general meeting and election of officers of the Sons and Daughters of Guam Club, Inc., was held; and

WHEREAS, true to its purpose, on July 18, 1953, the Sons and Daughters of Guam Club, Inc., of San Diego, California, celebrated its first Guam Liberation Day with a banquet, and the crowning of its first Liberation Day Queen, Nora Herrero Peterson; and

WHEREAS, the initial success of the Sons and Daughters of Guam Club, Inc., of San Diego, California, gave impetus for the creation of similar organizations across the U.S., and has been built upon to the benefit of Chamorros everywhere; and

WHEREAS, the Sons and Daughters of Guam Club, Inc., of San Diego, California, since its creation in 1953, has provided opportunities for countless Chamorros living abroad to gather in the celebration of Guam’s fiestas; and to attend charitable fundraisers, senior luncheons, Chamorro language lessons, and cultural events; and

WHEREAS, for over sixty (60) years, the Sons and Daughters of Guam Club, Inc., of San Diego, California, has stayed true to the vision of its founding members; has dedicated itself to the preservation of Chamorro culture and heritage; and has provided a home away from home for Chamorros living in Southern California, and for visiting Chamorros; and

WHEREAS, on July 12, 2014, the Sons and Daughters of Guam Club, Inc., of San Diego, California, will hold its 61st Liberation Day Coronation Ball, and will crown its 2014 Liberation Day Queen, Ms. Ferlisa Matagolai Quitugua; now therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that I Mina'Trentai Dos Na Liheslaturan Guåhan does hereby, on behalf of the people of Guam, congratulate the members of the Sons and Daughters of Guam Club, Inc., of San Diego, California, on the occasion of its 61st Liberation
Day Coronation Ball; and does further commend its members for their many years of promoting and preserving Chamorro culture and heritage; 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 the Sons and Daughters of Guam Club, Inc., of San Diego, California; to Ms. Ferlisa Matagolai Quitugua; and to the Honorable Edward J.B. Calvo, I Maga’lahen Guåhan.

DULY AND REGULARLY ADOPTED BY I MINA’TRENTAI DOS NA LIHESLATURAN GUÁHAN ON THE 1ST DAY OF JULY 2014.

JUDITH T. WON PAT, Ed.D. 
Speaker

TINAROSE MUÑA BARNES
Legislative Secretary