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Relative to commending and congratulating the Academy of Our Lady of Guam on the celebration of its Diamond Jubilee, fostering academic excellence and service for the last sixty (60) years.

1 **BE IT RESOLVED BY *I MINA'TRENTA NA LIHESLATURAN***
2 ***GUÅHAN*:**

3 **WHEREAS,** the Academy of Our Lady of Guam, a four (4) year
4 Archdiocesan College Preparatory School, was founded in 1949 for young

1 women, graduating its first class in 1953; and it has been accredited since
2 1970 by the Western Association of Schools and Colleges; and

3 **WHEREAS**, the Academy of Our Lady of Guam’s hallmark is
4 excellence; it maintains membership with the National Catholic Education
5 Association; and is proud of the more than six thousand (6,000) alumnae of
6 diverse cultural background who have been empowered spiritually,
7 intellectually, socially, emotionally, morally, and physically for the
8 challenges of adult life after passing through the portals of the Academy;
9 and

10 **WHEREAS**, the Academy of Our Lady of Guam, located in *Hagåtña*,
11 Guam, has over ninety-five percent (95%) of its graduating classes go on to
12 higher education and receive acceptance at top colleges and universities.
13 Alumnae may be found in leadership positions as doctors, judges, lawyers,
14 corporate executives, educators, Church leaders, foreign relation officers,
15 public officials, and numerous other career paths; and

16 **WHEREAS**, the Academy of Our Lady of Guam continues its
17 commitment to nurturing and mentoring young women, and empowering
18 them to make significant contributions to the Church, society, and the
19 world-at-large since its establishment; and

20 **WHEREAS**, the Guam Sisters of Mercy of the Americas comprise the
21 administration of the Academy of Our Lady of Guam, and serve alongside
22 the faculty of dedicated and seasoned lay men and women who provide a

1 high level of personal attention to complement the excellent education that
2 is the hallmark of its history and legacy for the future; and

3 **WHEREAS**, exhibiting high academic performance at the Academy,
4 graduates have been recipients of various scholarships offered by the
5 colleges of their choice. These include the Honors Scholarships, the Trustee
6 Regents Scholarships, and the President's/Dean's Scholarship. The
7 Academy students have been National Merit Scholarship Semi-Finalist and
8 Finalist awardees, Presidential Scholars, and recipients of the University of
9 Guam Merit Scholarship; and


10 **WHEREAS**, the Academy students are known for their scholastic
11 accomplishments, as evidenced by their acceptance at the best colleges and
12 universities, including Harvard, Yale, MIT, the University of Pennsylvania,
13 the University of Chicago, the University of Notre Dame, the University of
14 America, Georgetown University, and the Oxford University in England;
15 and

16 **WHEREAS**, to celebrate the Academy of Our Lady of Guam's
17 Sixtieth (60th) Anniversary, with the theme "*Celebrating Our Diamond*
18 *Memories*", the Academy has organized a series of events, which include:
19 the Gala Banquet on September 4, 2009, at the Sheraton Hotel; the
20 Homecoming Parade of Classes on September 9, 2009; and the Eucharistic
21 Celebration on September 12, 2009, at the Cathedral-Basilica, *Hagåtña*; now,
22 therefore, be it

1 **RESOLVED**, that *I Mina'Trenta Na Liheslaturan Guåhan* does hereby,
2 on behalf of the people of Guam, congratulate the faculty and staff,
3 students and alumnae of the Academy of Our Lady of Guam in promoting
4 the holistic development of a diverse population of young women, and in
5 fostering academic excellence, responsible leadership, global awareness,
6 social justice, and compassionate justice and service for all in the tradition
7 of the Catholic faith, as we celebrate the Diamond Jubilee, the Sixtieth (60th)
8 Anniversary of this premier all-women's school; and be it further

9 **RESOLVED**, that the Speaker certify, and the Legislative Secretary
10 attest to, the adoption hereof, and that copies of the same be thereafter
11 transmitted to Sister Francis Jerome Cruz, R.S.M., President of the
12 Academy of Our Lady of Guam; to Ms. Mary A.T. Meeks, Principal of
13 the Academy of Our Lady of Guam; and to the Honorable Felix P.
14 Camacho, *I Maga'lahaen Guåhan*.

DULY AND REGULARLY ADOPTED BY I MINA'TRENTA NA LIHESLATURAN GUÅHAN ON THIS 24TH DAY OF AUGUST 2009.



BENJAMIN J.F. CRUZ
Acting Speaker



TINA ROSE MUÑA BARNES
Legislative Secretary