

***I MINA'TRENTA NA LIHESLATURAN GUÅHAN***  
**2009 (FIRST) Regular Session**

**Resolution No. 208-30 (COR)**

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**Relative to congratulating the George Washington High School Class of 1959 on their Golden Class Reunion, and to commending them for their lifelong friendships that they have established and shared among themselves and their families.**

1        **BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COMMITTEE ON RULES OF I**  
2        ***MINA'TRENTA NA LIHESLATURAN GUÅHAN:***

3        **WHEREAS, on October 31, 1936, a building was constructed and**  
4        **dedicated to the hardworking, intelligent, young men and women of Guam's**

1 Education Department, and in honor of the first President of the United States  
2 and its Territories, as George Washington High School (GWHS) was  
3 established by Governor Benjamin McCandlish; and

4       **WHEREAS**, when the educational institution opened its doors in July of  
5 1936, Mrs. Agueda Iglesias Johnston, a prominent *Chamorro* woman educator,  
6 became the first presiding Principal of George Washington High School. On  
7 March 31, 1937, sixty-four (64) young men and women proudly graduated  
8 from the ninth (9<sup>th</sup>) grade and in June of 1940, the first senior class graduated;  
9 and

10       **WHEREAS**, between the years of 1945 to 1950, the GWHS campus  
11 would relocate from *Sinajaña* to the former 5<sup>th</sup> Marine Depot in *Mongmong*,  
12 due to the large number of students who enrolled after the ravages of World  
13 War II; and

14       **WHEREAS**, between the years of 1953 to 1959, the student population at  
15 GWHS increased to over two thousand two hundred (2,200) students,  
16 whereby the faculty and staff would have to cope with housing and  
17 accommodating each student, transforming quonset huts into classrooms.  
18 Soon, accreditation would begin and in 1957, GWHS became a member of the  
19 North Central Association of Colleges and Secondary Schools (NCA); and

20       **WHEREAS**, the commencement of the George Washington High School  
21 (GWHS) graduating Class of 1959 was conducted on June 3, 1959 with two

1 hundred seventy (270) graduating high school seniors becoming the 19<sup>th</sup> class  
2 to graduate from GWHS; and

3       **WHEREAS**, upon graduation, the GWHS Class of 1959 ventured into  
4 the world to become outstanding achievers in various sectors of society at the  
5 local, national and international levels; and

6       **WHEREAS**, the graduates of the GWHS Class of 1959 exemplified great  
7 effort to reflect the mission and vision of their alma mater: “to provide  
8 students the skills and knowledge they need to make wise decisions and be  
9 good, productive citizens in the community”; and

10       **WHEREAS**, the GWHS Class of 1959 exemplified the mission of the  
11 school by working long hours in their chosen profession; living in modest  
12 neighborhoods and raising their families with the values cherished by the  
13 island community; struggling after WWII to create a better future for  
14 themselves and their children by going to trade school, joining the U.S. Armed  
15 Forces, entering into the Government of Guam workforce, becoming  
16 educational leaders by entering the Territorial College of Guam, now the  
17 University of Guam, under the Department of Education; and serving in other  
18 private business enterprises, ultimately becoming valued members of the  
19 world community by assisting when called upon, and contributing to various  
20 civic and religious organizations; and

21       **WHEREAS**, several members of the GWHS Class of 1959 have  
22 volunteered their time to form a planning committee for the GWHS Golden

1 Class Reunion, with the goal of creating a festive and successful event,  
2 fostering a sense of loyalty and fraternity among the 1959 graduates of  
3 GWHS, and promoting the general welfare of classmates and support of the  
4 high school located now in *Mangilao*, Guam; and

5       **WHEREAS**, the GWHS Class of 1959 is replete with successful leaders  
6 within the community who have all contributed significantly to the overall  
7 political, religious, economic, social and cultural advancements of the island  
8 of Guam; and

9       **WHEREAS**, the GWHS Class of 1959 will be celebrating their “Golden  
10 Class Reunion” at the Top o’ the Mar, Nimitz Hill, on October 3, 2009, a gala  
11 event that celebrates fifty (50) years of promoting camaraderie, friendship and  
12 support to each other; and

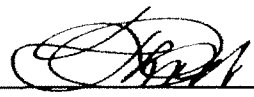
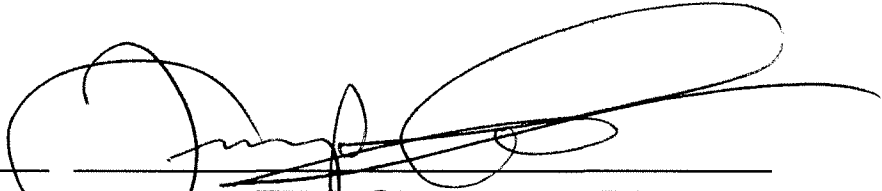
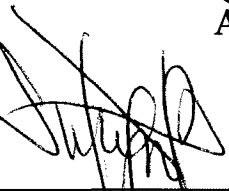
13       **WHEREAS**, the members of the GWHS Class of 1959 have fully  
14 dedicated themselves to honoring their alma mater, their families and  
15 themselves, and pays tribute to all those who have passed away and offers  
16 their deepest condolences to the families on behalf of those who are present  
17 for the Golden Class Reunion; now, therefore, be it

18       **RESOLVED**, that the Committee on Rules of *I Mina’Trenta Na*  
19 *Liheslaturan Guåhan* does hereby, on behalf of *I Liheslaturan Guåhan* and the  
20 people of Guam, congratulate the George Washington High School Class of  
21 1959 on their Golden Class Reunion, and does commend them for their

1 lifelong friendships that they have established and shared among themselves  
2 and their families; and be it further

3 **RESOLVED**, that the Speaker and the Chairperson of the Committee on  
4 Rules certify, and the Legislative Secretary attest to, the adoption hereof, and  
5 that copies of the same be thereafter transmitted to Dr. Nerissa Underwood,  
6 Superintendent of the Department of Education; to Mrs. Begonia Flores,  
7 Principal of George Washington High School; to Mrs. Evelyn L.G. Bonner,  
8 President of the Planning Committee for the Golden Reunion of the Class of  
9 1959; and to the Honorable Felix P. Camacho, *I Maga'lahaen Guåhan*.

**DULY AND REGULARLY ADOPTED BY THE COMMITTEE ON RULES  
OF I MINA'TRENTA NA LIHESLATURAN GUÅHAN ON THE 1<sup>ST</sup> DAY OF  
OCTOBER 2009.**

	
_____ <b>JUDITH T. WON PAT, Ed.D.</b> Speaker	_____ <b>JUDITH R. GUTHERTZ, DPA</b> Acting Chairperson, Committee on Rules
	
_____ <b>TINA ROSE MUÑA BARNES</b> Legislative Secretary	