

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

**Resolution No. 216-30 (COR)**

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**Relative to recognizing The Fisher House Foundation and The Tripler Medical Center Fisher Houses for the humanitarian support it provides to members of the Armed Forces, Reservists, Retirees, and their family by providing temporary residences while undergoing short or long-term medical treatment.**

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

3           **WHEREAS,** the Fisher House Foundation provides temporary housing  
4 at no charge to active, reservist, and retired service members and their  
5 families who are undergoing medical treatment; and

6           **WHEREAS,** the Fisher House Foundation currently has thirty-eight (38)  
7 fully furnished houses which accommodate between sixteen (16) to forty-two  
8 (42) family members, located near nine (9) Veteran Affairs hospitals and  
9 eighteen (18) military installations across the United States; and

10           **WHEREAS,** the Tripler Army Medical Center Fisher Houses I & II are  
11 located in Hawaii and the majority of the residents are referred by the Naval  
12 Hospital Guam; and

13           **WHEREAS,** the Tripler Army Medical Center Fisher Houses have  
14 hosted one hundred fifty-two (152) Guam families and seven (7) families from  
15 the CNMI and other Micronesian Islands in the past two (2) years for an  
16 average stay between thirty (30) to one hundred eighty (180) days; and

17           **WHEREAS,** the Fisher House Foundation builds and donates the homes  
18 to the United States Government, who is responsible for the operation and  
19 maintenance of the homes; and

20           **WHEREAS,** the Fisher House Foundation assists in the coordination of  
21 private financial and in-kind support and encourages public support of all  
22 Fisher Houses; and

1           **WHEREAS**, numerous Guam residents and their families have enjoyed  
2 comfortable housing through the assistance of Ms. Theresa Johnson, Tripler  
3 House Manager, and her staff of volunteers; and

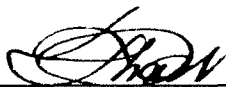
4           **WHEREAS**, Ms. Theresa Johnson and volunteers of the Tripler Fisher  
5 Houses have facilitated donations for personal amenities, prepaid phone  
6 cards, and gift cards from Kmart, Wal-Mart, and restaurants, making the  
7 transition more comfortable and affordable for Fisher House guests; now,  
8 therefore, be it

9           **RESOLVED**, that the Committee on Rules of *I Mina'Trenta Na*  
10 *Liheslaturan Guåhan* does hereby, on behalf of *I Liheslaturan Guåhan* and the  
11 people of Guam, recognize and thank the Fisher House Foundation, Tripler  
12 Army Medical Center Fisher Houses, its manager Ms. Theresa Johnson, and  
13 the many volunteers and sponsors for the selfless and invaluable service they  
14 provide to residents of Guam that travel to Tripler Army Medical Center for  
15 long term medical treatment; and, be it further

16           **RESOLVED**, that the Speaker and the Chairperson of the Committee on  
17 Rules certify, and the Legislative Secretary attest to, the adoption hereof, and  
18 that copies of the same be thereafter transmitted to Mr. David A. Coker,  
19 President of Fisher House Foundation; to Ms. Theresa Johnson, Manager of  
20 Tripler Fisher Houses; to James E. Hastings, MD, Director, VA Pacific Islands  
21 Health Care System, to Mr. Fred Gofigan, Director, Guam Veteran's Affairs

- 1 Office; to Honorable Congresswoman Madeline Bordallo, Guam Delegate to
- 2 U.S. Congress; and to the Honorable Felix P. Camacho, *I Maga'lahaen Guåhan*.

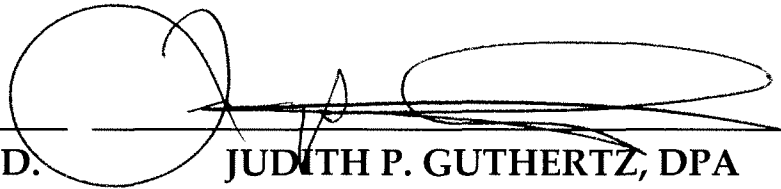
**DULY AND REGULARLY ADOPTED BY THE COMMITTEE ON RULES OF *I MINA'TRENTA NA LIHESLATURAN GUÅHAN* ON THE 16<sup>TH</sup> DAY OF OCTOBER 2009.**



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**JUDITH T. WON PAT, Ed.D.**

**Speaker**



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**Acting Chairperson, Committee on Rules**



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