

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

**Resolution No. 256-30 (COR)**

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**Relative to recognizing and congratulating the Binabalian Families Association of Guam on their 22<sup>nd</sup> Annual Fiesta on December 12, 2009, in honor of Patron Saint, the Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary, and to expressing *Un Dångkolo na Si Yu'os Ma'åse* to the members for their many valuable contributions to the people of Guam.**

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

3           **WHEREAS**, Binabalian is a barangay of the municipality of Candelaria  
4 in the province of Zambales, Philippines. Nestled at the foot of Zambales  
5 Range in the east and along the coastline of the South China Sea in the west,  
6 Candelaria has a population of 24,243 people, and is known for having the  
7 cleanest lake in Central Luzon, the Uacon Lake; and

8           **WHEREAS**, during the Spanish era, there was a story that the Spanish  
9 first saw many candles in this place and called it “Candle-Area” and  
10 eventually was called Candelaria; and

11           **WHEREAS**, on December 8, 1987, a group of Binabalian families living  
12 in Guam started celebrating an annual fiesta in honor of their Patron Saint, the  
13 Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary; and

14           **WHEREAS**, a homily by Father Paul Mankowski, SJ, was presented at  
15 the Women for Faith & Family’s Immaculate Conception Mass and Festival  
16 held at St. Roch’s Church in St. Louis on December 8, 1989; and

17           **WHEREAS**, some people observe this special day by making a special  
18 candle, attaching a picture or figure of the Infant Jesus to the base of a large  
19 pillar-type candle. This practice is being observed in Candelaria, Zambales,  
20 and by the Binabalian Families Association of Guam; and

1           **WHEREAS**, with the guidance of the Solemnity of Mary, the Binabalian  
2 Families Association of Guam has increased in membership from five (5)  
3 families to thirty-eight (38) families celebrating the annual fiesta; and

4           **WHEREAS**, the Association elected as its President Henry A. Edquid,  
5 who is now serving his sixth (6<sup>th</sup>) year, and who has led the group in its civic  
6 works, such as relief operations to help victims of calamities, giving donations  
7 after the death of relatives, and a giving monetary help during the  
8 hospitalization of members; and

9           **WHEREAS**, Mr. Edquid is hosting this year's fiesta on December 12,  
10 2009, at his residence at 123 Candelaria Drive, Gill Subdivision, *Machananao*,  
11 *Yigo*, from 6:00 p.m. to 10:00 p.m.; now, therefore, be it

12           **RESOLVED**, that the Committee on Rules of *I Mina'Trenta Na*  
13 *Lihe slaturan Guãhan* does hereby, on behalf of *I Lihe slaturan Guãhan* and the  
14 people of Guam, recognize and congratulate the Binabalian Families  
15 Association of Guam on the 22<sup>nd</sup> Annual Fiesta in honor of its Patron Saint,  
16 the Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary, on December 12,  
17 2009, and to expressing *Un Dângkolo na Si Yu'os Ma'ãse* to the members for  
18 their many valuable contributions to the people of Guam; and be it further

19           **RESOLVED**, that the Speaker and the Chairperson of the Committee on  
20 Rules certify, and the Legislative Secretary attest to, the adoption hereof, and  
21 that copies of the same be thereafter transmitted to Henry A. Edquid,  
22 President of the Binabalian Families Association of Guam; to Philippine

- 1 Consul General Olivia Palala; and to the Honorable Felix P. Camacho, I
- 2 *Maga'lahaen Guåhan.*

**DULY AND REGULARLY ADOPTED BY THE COMMITTEE ON RULES  
OF I MINA'TRENTA NA LIHESLATURAN GUÅHAN ON THE 10<sup>TH</sup> DAY  
OF DECEMBER 2009.**



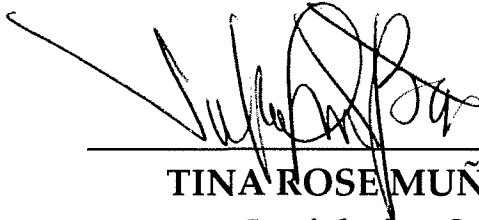
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**JUDITH T. WON PAT, Ed.D.**  
Speaker



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Chairperson, Committee on Rules



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Legislative Secretary