

I MINA'TRENTA NA LIHESLATURAN GUÅHAN
2010 (SECOND) Regular Session

Resolution No. 278-30 (COR)

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Relative to commending Big Brothers Big Sisters Of Guam for their efforts in bringing together community partners for Successful Mentorship Programs, and to recognizing the month of February 2010 as "Mentor Awareness and Appreciation Month."

1 **BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COMMITTEE ON RULES OF I**

2 *MINA'TRENTA NA LIHESLATURAN GUÅHAN:*

1 **WHEREAS**, in 1904, Ernest Coulter, a young New York City court clerk,
2 set out in search of caring adults to assist the many boys and girls coming
3 through his courtroom, marking the beginning of the movement and mission
4 of what would eventually become the modern-day Big Brothers Big Sisters
5 Organization; and

6 **WHEREAS**, the mission of Big Brothers Big Sisters has been to help
7 children reach their prospective goals, as it continues to be the leader in one-
8 to-one youth service for more than a century, developing positive
9 relationships that have a direct and long-lasting impact on the lives of young
10 people, mentoring children ages six (6) through eighteen (18); and

11 **WHEREAS**, the mentoring programs of Big Brothers Big Sisters – which
12 have been endorsed by Presidents and First Ladies, including Theodore
13 Roosevelt, Calvin Coolidge, Bill Clinton, Laura Bush, and Barack and Michelle
14 Obama, have shown through national research that positive relationships
15 between youth and their Big Brothers Big Sisters mentors have a direct and
16 measurable impact on children’s lives. By participating in youth mentoring
17 programs, Little Brothers and Sisters are forty-six percent (46%) less likely to
18 begin using illegal drugs, twenty-seven percent (27%) less likely to begin
19 using alcohol, and fifty-two percent (52%) less likely to skip school; and

20 **WHEREAS**, Big Brothers Big Sisters of Guam seeks to provide the same
21 quality volunteer and professional mentoring services for children and youth,
22 and to assist the children in achieving their highest potential as they grow to
23 become responsible men and women; and

1 **WHEREAS**, the corporate mentoring partners with Big Brothers Big
2 Sisters of Guam have devoted their time and efforts to positively influence
3 students around the island; and

4 **WHEREAS**, students attending Price Elementary School, Carbullido
5 Elementary School, *Upi* Elementary School, *Tamuning* Elementary School, F.B.
6 Leon Guerrero Middle School, Agueda Johnston Middle School, Untalan
7 Middle School, Mount Carmel School, and Vicente S.A. Benavente Middle
8 School were able to receive support through intervention and prevention
9 programs, as well as educational and community involvement, allowing
10 children to achieve their potential, and function in society with a greater
11 degree of confidence; and

12 **WHEREAS**, the community partners with Big Brothers Big Sisters of
13 Guam, including the Department of Education, the Department of Youth
14 Affairs, the Department of Mental Health and Substance Abuse, Community
15 Services and Resources, and the Red Ribbon Committee, continue to promote
16 the accessibility of mentoring programs through various activities available at
17 their agencies by their persistent support, hard work and dedication; and

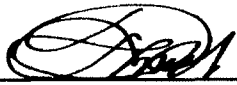
18 **WHEREAS**, individual volunteers and members of voluntary
19 organizations have come forward to offer Big Brothers Big Sisters of Guam
20 their services to work toward improving the lives of our children on the island
21 of Guam; now, therefore, be it

22 **RESOLVED**, that the Committee on Rules of *I Mina'Trenta Na*
23 *Liheslaturan Guåhan* does hereby, on behalf of *I Liheslaturan Guåhan* and the

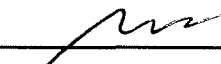
1 people of Guam, recognize the month of February 2010 as “Mentor Awareness
2 and Appreciation Month”, and does urge the island community to actively
3 participate in promoting greater understanding of mentoring a child; and
4 does further commend the Big Brothers Big Sisters of Guam corporate and
5 community partners and volunteers who have made great strides, who
6 continue to help raise the awareness, and who without fail offer their support
7 in mentoring a child; and be it further

8 **RESOLVED**, that the Speaker and the Chairperson of the Committee on
9 Rules certify, and the Legislative Secretary attest to, the adoption hereof, and
10 that copies of the same be thereafter transmitted to Big Brothers Big Sisters of
11 Guam; and to the Honorable Felix P. Camacho, *I Maga’lahen Guåhan*.

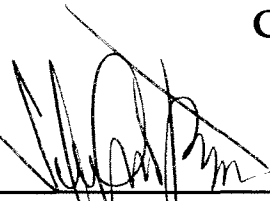
**DULY AND REGULARLY ADOPTED BY THE COMMITTEE ON RULES
OF I MINA’TRENTA NA LIHESLATURAN GUÅHAN ON THE 3RD DAY OF
FEBRUARY 2010.**



JUDITH T. WON PAT, Ed.D.
Speaker



RORY J. RESPICIO
Chairperson, Committee on Rules



TINA ROSE MUÑA BARNES
Legislative Secretary