

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

**Resolution No. 291-30 (LS)**

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**Relative to congratulating and commending Consul General Olivia Valera-Palala for her accomplishments and contributions to the island of Guam, and to bidding her *Buen Viaje* as she assumes her new position at the Philippines Department of Foreign Affairs.**

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

3           **WHEREAS,** Consul General Olivia Valera-Palala arrived on Guam on  
4 December 28, 2008; and

5           **WHEREAS,** Consul General Olivia Valera-Palala graduated from the  
6 University of the Philippines with a Bachelor's Degree in Foreign Service, and a  
7 Master's of Science Degree in Public Administration; and

8           **WHEREAS,** Consul General Olivia Valera-Palala pursued higher  
9 education attending the Indian Academy of International Law and Diplomacy  
10 in New Delhi, India, and Oxford University for Diplomatic Studies; and

11           **WHEREAS,** Consul General Olivia Valera-Palala assumed more  
12 responsibilities and accepted challenging positions through her assignments in  
13 India, Kuwait, Switzerland, Canada and Indonesia, prior to Guam; and

14           **WHEREAS,** Consul General Olivia Valera-Palala has worked tirelessly to  
15 better serve the people of Guam through her writings in a weekly column of the  
16 Pacific Daily News, the *Bayanihan* Supplement. Her articles ranged from  
17 highlighting the services provided by the Philippine Consulate to news from the  
18 Philippines, as well as the various programs of the Philippine Government for  
19 overseas Filipinos; and

20           **WHEREAS,** Consul General Olivia Valera-Palala had a regular monthly  
21 appearance at a Filipino radio show, "*Damdaming Pinoy*", where she discussed

1 different issues of interest, not only to Filipinos on Guam, but also to those  
2 residing in the Northern Marianas; and

3         **WHEREAS**, Consul General Olivia Valera-Palala recognized the need to  
4 foster a better understanding of the Filipino culture within our island  
5 community, and she initiated the staging of the 2009 Christmas lantern, or  
6 “*Parol*” contest, as another venue to showcase the Philippine culture; and

7         **WHEREAS**, Consul General Olivia Valera-Palala planted the seed for  
8 future Philippine Heritage classes, where the Filipino language, values and  
9 culture will be taught to interested families; and

10         **WHEREAS**, Consul General Olivia Valera-Palala has provided  
11 leadership and guidance to the Filipino community of Guam, and through her  
12 dedication and commitment to the Filipino community and the people of  
13 Guam, she has positively impacted and contributed towards a better  
14 understanding of the Filipino culture within our multi-ethnic island  
15 community; now, therefore, be it

16         **RESOLVED**, that *I Mina’Trenta Na Liheslaturan Guåhan* does hereby, on  
17 behalf of the people of Guam, recognize and commend Consul General Olivia  
18 Valera-Palala for her leadership, accomplishments and contributions to the  
19 people of Guam; and does further extend *Un Dangkulo Na Si Yu’os Ma’ase* and  
20 best wishes to her as she pursues her career in the Philippine Diplomatic Corps  
21 of the Department of Foreign Affairs; and be it further

1           **RESOLVED**, that the Speaker certify, and the Legislative Secretary  
2 attest to, the adoption hereof, and that copies of the same be thereafter  
3 transmitted to Consul General Olivia Valera-Palala; and to the Honorable Felix  
4 P. Camacho, *I Maga'lahaen Guåhan*.

**DULY AND REGULARLY ADOPTED BY I MINA'TRENTA NA LIHESLATURAN GUÅHAN ON THIS 26<sup>TH</sup> DAY OF FEBRUARY 2010.**

  
BENJAMIN J.F. CRUZ  
Acting Speaker

  
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Legislative Secretary