

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

**Resolution No. 353-30 (LS)**

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**Relative to congratulating Donovan Afaisen, a member of the *Natibu* Dance Troupe, for proudly representing Guam at the Eighteenth (18<sup>th</sup>) Annual World Hula Invitational in Waikiki, Hawaii, where he won two (2) titles in the soloist category, and to commending him as he continues in his efforts to perpetuate and preserve the *Chamorro* culture and language.**

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

3           **WHEREAS**, Donovan Afaisen, the son of Gail Flores Afaisen and the  
4 late David Lizama Taimanglo, started dancing at the age of five (5) years with  
5 the dance troupe, *Famaguon Guåhan*, under instructor Kaleo Arallanes; and

6           **WHEREAS**, during his young life, Donovan has, through dance,  
7 continually expressed pride in and a strong desire and sense of personal  
8 responsibility in the preservation of the *Chamorro* language and culture; and

9           **WHEREAS**, dancing and singing have been instrumental to Donovan  
10 as a means of sharing his knowledge of ancient *Chamorro* practices and way of  
11 life in an effort to promote and preserve the *Chamorro* culture; and

12           **WHEREAS**, Donovan, along with his good friend David Gofigan, has  
13 on numerous occasions sung at rosaries and funerals, and has danced for local  
14 and international audiences as part of various cultural dance groups, both on  
15 and off island, in addition to his current job as a cultural dancer at the Leo  
16 Palace Resort; and

17           **WHEREAS**, for the past five (5) years, Donovan has been a member of  
18 the *Natibu* Dance Troupe, that most recently participated in the Eighteenth  
19 (18<sup>th</sup>) Annual World Invitational Hula Festival, from November 12<sup>th</sup> through  
20 November 14<sup>th</sup>, 2009, at the Waikiki Shell in Honolulu, Hawaii; and

21           **WHEREAS**, at the World Invitational Hula Festival, Donovan was  
22 selected by a group of his peers to represent Guam in the *Kuluwaimaka* and the

1 *Henry Möyikeha Okahiki Pã* categories, as a Visiting *Kãne* Soloist, and he won  
2 both titles, beating out competitors from Japan, Mexico, India, France, the  
3 Netherlands, New York, California and Hawaii; and

4       **WHEREAS**, his future aspirations are based on ensuring the *Chamorro*  
5 language and culture are passed on from generation to generation as he starts  
6 classes at the University of Guam in the fall of 2010, in the pursuit of his goal  
7 to be a History or *Chamorro* Teacher; now, therefore, be it

8       **RESOLVED**, that *I Mina'Trenta Na Liheslaturan Guåhan* does hereby, on  
9 behalf of the people of Guam, congratulate Donovan Afaisen for proudly  
10 representing Guam at the Eighteenth (18<sup>th</sup>) Annual World Hula Invitational,  
11 and does extend its sincerest *Un Dångkulo Na Si Yu'os Ma'åse* to him for his  
12 continual efforts in preserving the *Chamorro* culture and language through  
13 dance and song; and be it further

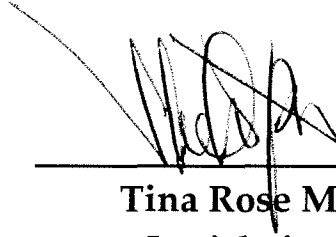
14       **RESOLVED**, that the Speaker certify, and the Legislative Secretary  
15 attest to, the adoption hereof, and the copies of the same be thereafter  
16 transmitted to Donovan Afaisen; and to the Honorable Felix P. Camacho, *I*  
17 *Maga'lahaen Guåhan*.

DULY AND REGULARLY ADOPTED BY *I MINA'TRENTA NA LIHESLATURAN* GUÁHAN ON THE 28<sup>TH</sup> DAY OF APRIL 2010.



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Judith T. Won Pat, Ed.D.  
Speaker



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