

*I MINA'TRENTA NA LIHESLATURAN GUÅHAN*  
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**Resolution No. 407-30 (COR)**

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**Relative to commending and extolling Chrisy T. Mafnas, a daughter of Guam, for her laudable achievements; and to congratulating her as a recipient of a medical degree from the John A. Burns School of Medicine.**

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

3           **WHEREAS**, Chrisy T. Mafnas was born on June 17, 1979, and is the  
4 daughter of Vince A. Mafnas and Kathryn Torre; and during her formative  
5 years, Chrisy consistently maintained a focused and determined attitude  
6 toward her education, and she was an inspiration to many others; and

7           **WHEREAS**, Chrisy graduated from Notre Dame High School in 1997,  
8 and she has been a prodigious force ever since, as she went on to attend the  
9 University of Guam, where she majored in Biology, a field where, historically,  
10 women are of a significant minority; and she has done exceptionally well,  
11 being recognized as a University of Guam Regent Scholar (2001-2002), and  
12 being placed on the Dean's List (1997 and 2001); and she also was on the  
13 nationally recognized President's List (2001); and

14           **WHEREAS**, in 2001, Chrisy was awarded a grant-funded position as a  
15 Howard Hughes Summer Research Fellow at Johns Hopkins University,  
16 where she conducted biomedical research; and she presented her biomedical  
17 research findings that same year at the annual Biomedical Research  
18 Conference for Minority Students in Orlando, Florida; and

19           **WHEREAS**, Chrisy has exemplified the role of a noteworthy student, as  
20 she was repeatedly selected to be a Research Assistant at acclaimed  
21 institutions, such as the University of Guam Marine Lab (2000-2002); the

1 Scripps Institute of Oceanography, University of California at San Diego  
2 (2002-2005); the Department of Health Infectious Disease Branch (2006-2007);  
3 and the John A. Burns School of Medicine (2008-2010); and

4       **WHEREAS**, Chrisy further propelled her education by supplementing  
5 her independent pursuit of knowledge with several scholarship awards, such  
6 as the Stella Lau In Foundation Scholarship in 2006, which awards students  
7 involved in cancer research; the Departmental Merit Scholarship in 2006,  
8 which recognizes scholastic excellence; and the International Student  
9 Scholarship in 2008, which is intended for students of high academic standing  
10 with a commitment to practice in the Pacific/Asian regions; and

11       **WHEREAS**, in 2009, Chrisy's ascension in her academic field of study  
12 earned her the distinction of Honors in Internal Medicine Clinical Rotation;  
13 and

14       **WHEREAS**, Chrisy, in conducting meticulous and meaningful research,  
15 has twice had her work published in the peer reviewed scientific publication,  
16 *Environmental Microbiology*; and

17       **WHEREAS**, Chrisy has selflessly devoted her time to mentor other  
18 students, and to volunteer and assist in community activities, such as with the  
19 cheerleading squad of the Guam Eagles in the Guam Youth Football League  
20 (1989-1991), where she stood out with her performance of "Black and Gold  
21 Check it Out Check it Out"; as a member of the dance group, "*Four Babes and a  
22 Dude*" (1990-1993), which performed at parties and at charitable fund-raising

1 events; as a member of a family group, the “MoMos”, where she was given the  
2 title of *Tan Marian Slow F.*, and with whom she participated in car wash  
3 fundraisers for the Bill Muña Foundation and the Maria Hope SCID Kids  
4 Foundation; and she served as a volunteer at the *Honolulu* Marathon First Aid  
5 Stations (2005-2009), the Willed Body Ceremony (2006-2008), and the Annual  
6 JABSOM Health Fair (2006-2009); and

7       **WHEREAS**, Chrisy, in addition to being an amazing student and an  
8 inspiration to us all, is known in her family as one of the “Best From-Scratch-  
9 *Chalakilis-Makers*”; and

10       **WHEREAS**, Chrisy is always prepared to be a support to those in need,  
11 a cook to those who need nourishment, a friend to any *MoMo*, and she is a  
12 hero to her family and friends; now, therefore, be it

13       **RESOLVED**, that the Committee on Rules *I Mina’Trenta Na Liheslaturan*  
14 *Guåhan* does hereby, on behalf of *I Liheslaturan Guåhan* and the people of  
15 Guam, recognize and commend Chrisy T. Mafnas for her laudable  
16 achievements; does congratulate her on receiving a medical degree from the  
17 John A. Burns School of Medicine; and does further acknowledge her as an  
18 important asset to our island community; 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 Chrisy T. Mafnas, and her

- 1 parents, Vince A. Mafnas and Kathryn Torre; and to the Honorable Felix P.
- 2 Camacho, *I Maga'lahaen Guåhan*.

**DULY AND REGULARLY ADOPTED BY THE COMMITTEE ON RULES OF *I MINA'TRENTA NA LIHESLATURAN GUÅHAN* ON THIS 18<sup>TH</sup> DAY OF JUNE, 2010.**



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

Speaker



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**RORY J. RESPICIO**

Chairperson, Committee on Rules



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**TINA ROSE MUÑA BARNES**

Legislative Secretary