

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

**Resolution No. 409-30 (COR)**

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**Relative to recognizing and commending Reverend E. Neil Culbertson for his many achievements; to expressing a most sincere *Un Dangkulo na Si Yu'os Ma'ase'* to him for his invaluable contributions to our island community; and to extending best wishes and Godspeed to him on his relocation, on behalf of the people of Guam.**

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

3           **WHEREAS**, Reverend E. Neil Culbertson was born on May 11, 1954, in  
4 Klamath Falls, Oregon, where he spent his childhood years; and

5           **WHEREAS**, Reverend Culbertson enlisted in the United States Army,  
6 serving as a Chaplain's Assistant, and earned his High School Equivalency  
7 Degree through the U.S. Armed Forces in 1972; and

8           **WHEREAS**, upon the completion of his military service, Reverend  
9 Culbertson earned a Bachelor of Arts Degree in Classical Studies: Ancient &  
10 Medieval History, Philosophy, and Languages from Dordt College in Sioux  
11 Center, Iowa in 1979. In 1983, he earned a Masters of Divinity from Calvin  
12 Theological Seminary in Grand Rapids, Michigan, and then was ordained as a  
13 Minister of the Word and Sacrament; and

14           **WHEREAS**, during his college years, Reverend Culbertson maintained  
15 high academic standings, becoming a published writer and leading two (2)  
16 conference workshops examining Dating & Relationships from a Christian  
17 perspective; and

18           **WHEREAS**, from 1983 to 1990, Reverend Culbertson served as a  
19 Missionary-Pastor for the Christian Reformed World Missions, and he was  
20 assigned to the Faith Presbyterian Reformed Church of Guam, which at that  
21 time had been a missionary dependent organization for more than thirty (30)  
22 years; and

1           **WHEREAS**, beginning in 1990, the Congregation fully supported its  
2 Pastor and all Ministry operations, and Reverend Culbertson became its first  
3 “called” Pastor, with the Church holding its first official service on May 12,  
4 2004 at its new ministry facilities, which cost over \$1.4 Million Dollars to  
5 build; and

6           **WHEREAS**, in 2006, the Little Lambs Pre-school & Daycare was  
7 established as an extension of the congregational ministries of the Church; and

8           **WHEREAS**, the Faith Presbyterian Reformed Church of Guam was  
9 received into full membership of the Christian Reformed Church of America  
10 (CRCNA) through Classis Greater Los Angeles, a regional grouping of  
11 Christian Reformed Churches of the greater Los Angeles area, Hawaii and  
12 Guam; and

13           **WHEREAS**, during his tenure at the Church, Pastor Culbertson also  
14 gave of his time to other organizations, including serving from the early  
15 1980’s to 2008 as a Board Member, and in other capacities, for the Pacific  
16 Islands Bible College, with the goals of establishing higher theological and  
17 biblical training of island pastors and future Christian workers; achieving full  
18 DOE accreditation; and founding a Guam campus with an enrollment of more  
19 than seventy-five (75) students, alongside a similar number of students  
20 attending the *Chuuk* campus; and

21           **WHEREAS**, during the mid-1980’s, he served as a Board Member and,  
22 briefly, as the President of the Bible Society of Micronesia, under the umbrella  
23 of the United Bibles Societies, to promote biblical literacy among Guam’s  
24 children in all elementary and private schools; and

1           **WHEREAS**, Reverend Culbertson also was a volunteer with the Prison  
2 Fellowship Guam Chapter, speaking at services organized by prison chaplains  
3 associated with the Prison Ministry; and

4           **WHEREAS**, Reverend Culbertson has been a member of the Guam  
5 Ministerial Association (GMA) since 1983, serving in various positions,  
6 including as President, as Vice President, and as Secretary/Treasurer until  
7 2008, and he has also served as the Administrator for the Guam Ministerial  
8 Health Plan, providing group medical and dental insurance for various  
9 pastors, interdenominational missions and other church workers who do not  
10 have access to well-established denominational plans; and

11           **WHEREAS**, at the invitation of then-Governor Carl Gutierrez, Reverend  
12 Culbertson served with other community leaders on the Guam Vision 2000  
13 Committee, to create the overall agenda for the Governor's vision of a  
14 comprehensive plan for improving services and the quality of life in Guam;  
15 and

16           **WHEREAS**, under the auspices of the Guam Ministerial Association,  
17 Reverend Culbertson employed a volunteer panel of local mental health  
18 professionals, counselors, and clergy for the Island-Leaders Conference on the  
19 Blight of Pornography, making a presentation to the Guam Legislature and  
20 then-Governor Joseph Ada and First Lady Roseanne Ada; and he received a  
21 Legislative Resolution commending the GMA for its contributions to the  
22 social and spiritual health of Guam; and

23           **WHEREAS**, Reverend Culbertson assisted with the Guam celebrations  
24 of The National Day of Prayer, which were frequently held at Government

1 House in *Agana Heights*, in coordination with the National Day of Prayer  
2 Association; and in 1989, he gave the keynote address to an assembly of  
3 clergy, government officials and friends; and

4       **WHEREAS**, from 2002 to 2004, the good Reverend served as President  
5 of the Guam Running Club (GRC), his interest in running turning into an  
6 invitation to lead the Club's two hundred fifty (250) members, and during his  
7 tenure he developed the Club's website, which won a best website award  
8 from Run The Planet in November 2002, and which received over fifty  
9 thousand (50,000) worldwide visits in its first five (5) years of operation; and

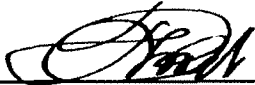
10       **WHEREAS**, as the GRC president, he served as the Director of the  
11 Guam Marathon from 2002 through 2004, and helped to design the new Guam  
12 Marathon course when the original course had become too dangerous; and

13       **WHEREAS**, Reverend Culbertson has also been a member of the  
14 Andersen Air Force Base 3rd Division Civilian Advisory Committee; he was  
15 an emcee for the Community Forum Series on Decision Making at Life's End  
16 in 2006; he served as a member on then-Lieutenant Governor Madeleine  
17 Bordallo's Committee on Protocol, resulting in formalizing the inclusion of  
18 Protestant clergy with Catholic clergy in all judicial, legislative and executive  
19 branch official state functions; and he was a 2006 Member of the Governor's  
20 Military/Civilian Task Force on Education Realignment, helping to shape the  
21 future direction of cooperation between military, public and private schools;  
22 now, therefore, be it

1           **RESOLVED**, that the Committee on Rules of *I Mina'Trenta Na*  
2 *Liheslaturan Guåhan* does hereby, on behalf of *I Liheslaturan Guåhan* and the  
3 people of Guam, recognize and commend Reverend E. Neil Culbertson for  
4 his many achievements; does express a most heartfelt *Un Dangkulo na Si Yu'os*  
5 *Ma'åse* to him for his numerous and invaluable contributions to our island  
6 community, and for his life's work in strengthening the faith of our people  
7 and bringing the teachings of the Bible to the people of Guam; and does  
8 further extend best wishes and Godspeed to him on his relocation; and be it  
9 further

10           **RESOLVED**, that the Speaker and the Chairperson of the Committee  
11 on Rules certify, and the Legislative Secretary attest to, the adoption hereof,  
12 and that copies of the same be thereafter transmitted to Reverend E. Neil  
13 Culbertson and his wife of thirty (30) years, Janie-Lou Kannegieter  
14 Culbertson; to the Faith Presbyterian Reformed Church of Guam; and to the  
15 Honorable Felix P. Camacho, *I Maga'lalen 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