

I MINA' TRENTA NA LIHESLATURAN GUÁHAN
2009 (FIRST) Regular Session

Resolution No. 12(COR)

Introduced by:

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Relative to recognizing the month of February 2009 as “Mentor Awareness and Appreciation Month” with programs and activities coordinated by Big Brothers Big Sisters of Guam and commending its efforts in raising awareness and support to the people of Guam.

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

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

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

1 **WHEREAS**, the mentoring programs of Big Brothers Big Sisters –
2 which have been endorsed by Presidents and First Ladies including: Theodore
3 Roosevelt, Calvin Coolidge, Bill Clinton and Laura Bush whom have shown,
4 through national research, that positive relationships between youth and their
5 Big Brothers and Big Sisters mentors have a direct and measurable impact on
6 children’s lives. By participating in our youth mentoring programs, Little
7 Brothers and Sisters are forty-six percent (46%) less likely to begin using
8 illegal drugs, twenty-seven percent (27%) less likely to begin using alcohol and
9 fifty-two percent (52%) less likely to skip school; and

10 **WHEREAS**, Big Brothers Big Sisters of Guam seeks to provide the
11 same quality volunteer and professional mentoring services for children and
12 youth and assists them in achieving their highest potential as they grow to
13 become responsible men and women; and

14 **WHEREAS**, the corporate mentoring partners with Big Brothers Big
15 Sisters of Guam such as: the Bank of Guam, the Bank of Hawaii and the
16 Citibank, N.A. have unconditionally devoted their time and efforts to positively
17 influence students around the island; and

18 **WHEREAS**, students attending Price Elementary School, Maria Ulloa
19 Elementary School, Carbullido Elementary School, Tamuning Elementary
20 School, Marcial Sablan Elementary School, Upi Elementary School, Agueda I.
21 Johnston Middle School, Vicente S.A. Benavente Middle School, F.B. Leon
22 Guerrero Middle School, Untalan Middle School, and Mt. Carmel School were
23 able to receive support through intervention and prevention programs, as well
24 as educational and community involvement, allowing each child to achieve
25 their potential and function in society with a greater degree of independence;
26 and

1 **WHEREAS**, the community mentor partners with Big Brothers Big
2 Sisters of Guam such as: Island Girl Power!, the Mangilao Mayor’s Office, the
3 Department of Mental Health and Substance Abuse and the Department of
4 Youth Affairs, continue to promote the accessibility of mentoring programs
5 through various activities available at their agencies by their persistent support,
6 hard work and dedication; and

7 **WHEREAS**, individual volunteers and members of private and
8 voluntary organizations have come forward to offer Big Brothers Big Sisters of
9 Guam their services to work toward improving the lives of our children on the
10 island of Guam; now, therefore, be it

11 **RESOLVED**, that *I Mina 'Trenta Na Liheslaturan Guåhan* does hereby,
12 on behalf of the people of Guam, recognize the month of February 2009 as
13 “Mentor Awareness and Appreciation Month”, and urges the island community
14 to actively participate in promoting greater understanding of mentoring a child;
15 and be it further of Big Brothers Big Sisters of Guam, corporate partners,
16 community partners, and volunteers who have made great strides, who
17 continue to help raise the awareness, and who without fail offer their support in
18 mentoring a child; and be it further

19 **RESOLVED**, that the Speaker certify, and the Vice Speaker of the
20 Legislature attest to, the adoption hereof, and that copies of the same be
21 thereafter transmitted to Big Brothers Big Sisters of Guam; and to the
22 Honorable Felix P. Camacho, *I Maga 'lahen Guåhan*.

**DULY AND REGULARLY ADOPTED BY I MINA'TRENTA NA LIHESLATURAN
GUÁHAN ON THE 13TH DAY OF FEBRUARY 2009.**

JUDITH T. WON PAT
Speaker

BENJAMIN J.F. CRUZ
Vice Speaker