


I MINA 'TRENTA NA LIHESLATURAN GUÅHAN
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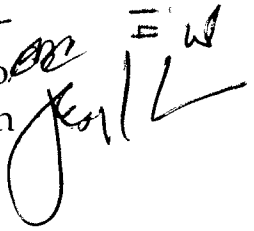
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Resolution No. 121 (LS)

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Relative to recognizing the 111th Anniversary of the Proclamation of Independence of the Republic of the Philippines and congratulating the Filipino Community of Guam on its observance of this historic occasion.

1 **BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COMMITTEE ON RULES OF I MINA'**

2 **TRENTA NA LIHESLATURAN GUÅHAN:**

3 **WHEREAS**, the Proclamation of Independence of the Republic of the
4 Philippines is observed every year on the twelfth of June; and

5 **WHEREAS**, the Republic of the Philippines gained its independence
6 through the sacrifice of many Filipino Heroes such as Dr. Jose Rizal, the
7 National Hero of the Philippines, who wrote 'Noli Me Tangere' (The Lost
8 Eden), which popularized independence sentiment and whose execution by
9 the Spanish fostered public outrage and rebellion; Andres Bonifacio, who led
10 the Cry of Balintawak; General Emelio Aguinaldo, who commanded the Battle

1 of Binakayan; and Apolinario Mabini, known as the “Sublime Paralytic” and
2 the Brain of the Revolution; and

3 **WHEREAS**, the fight for freedom was also supported by noted Filipinas
4 such as Melchora Aquino, known as ‘Tandang Sora’, who was exiled to the
5 Marianas by the Spanish Government; Teresa Magbanua, a twenty-eight (28)
6 year old teacher who was one of the first women to lead men into battle; and
7 other Filipina heroines from all walks of life who joined the Revolutionary
8 Forces; and

9 **WHEREAS**, the culmination of the struggle for independence came on
10 June 12, 1898, when General Emilio Aguinaldo declared the Philippines’
11 independence at his hometown of Kawit, Cavite, where thousands of people
12 from the provinces gathered to witness this historic event, including the
13 dramatic unfurling of the Philippine Flag while the Philippine National
14 Anthem was played in public for the first time, after which the ‘Act of the
15 Declaration of Independence’ was solemnly read by its author Ambrosio
16 Rianzares Bautista, who patterned it after the American Declaration of
17 Independence; and

18 **WHEREAS**, said Declaration was adopted by the Assembly of
19 Municipal Presidents and was ratified by the Congress of the Republic of the
20 Philippines in Malolos, Bulacan on September 1898 as an expression of the
21 sovereign will of the Filipino people; and

22 **WHEREAS**, the Filipino Community of Guam celebrates Philippine
23 Independence annually with various activities such as: Wreath Laying at the
24 Mabini Shrine located in the War in the Pacific National Historical Park in

1 Asan that commemorates fifty-two (52) Filipino heroes, including Apolinario
2 Mabini, who were exiled to Guam; and the Filipino Community of Guam's
3 Philippine Independence Ball, an annual event that gathers many of Guam's
4 affluent to celebrate the numerous contributions that Filipinos have made to
5 the island; now, therefore, be it

6 **RESOLVED**, that the Committee on Rules of *I Mina' Trenta Na*
7 *Liheslaturan Guåhan* does hereby, on behalf of *I Liheslaturan Guåhan* and the
8 people of Guam, recognize the 111th Anniversary of the Proclamation of
9 Independence of the Republic of the Philippines and further congratulates the
10 Filipino Community of Guam on its festivities in observance thereof on June
11 26, 2009 at this year's Philippine Independence Ball at the Sheraton Laguna
12 Resort; and be it further

13 **RESOLVED**, that the Speaker and the Chairperson of the Committee on
14 Rules certify, and the Secretary of the Legislature attest to, the adoption
15 hereof, and that copies of the same be thereafter transmitted to Mr. Alejandro
16 B. Gagaring, President, Filipino Community of Guam; to the Honorable Olivia
17 V. Palala, Consul General of the Philippines to Guam; and to the Honorable
18 Felix P. Camacho, *I Maga'lahaen Guåhan*.

**DULY AND REGULARLY ADOPTED BY THE COMMITTEE ON RULES
OF I MINA' TRENTA NA LIHESLATURAN GUÅHAN ON THE ____ DAY
OF _____ 2009.**

Judith Won-Pat, Ed,D.
Speaker

Tina Rose Muña-Barnes
Senator and
Secretary of the Legislature

Rory J. Respicio
Chairman, Committee On Rules

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Senator and Sponsor