

I MINA'TRENTA NA LIHESLATURAN GUÅHAN
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Resolution No. 216-30 (COR)

Introduced by:

T. C. Adams 

Relative to recognizing The Fisher House Foundation and The Tripler Medical Center Fisher Houses for the humanitarian support it provides to members of the Armed Forces, Reservists, Retirees, and their family by providing temporary residences while undergoing short or long-term medical treatment.

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

3 **Whereas**, the Fisher House Foundation provides temporary housing at no charge
4 to active, reservist, and retired service members and their families, who are undergoing
5 medical treatment; and

6 **Whereas**, the Fisher House Foundation currently has 38 fully furnished houses
7 which accommodate between 16 to 42 family members, located near nine Veteran
8 Affairs hospitals and 18 military installations across the United States; and

9 **Whereas**, the Tripler Army Medical Center Fisher Houses I & II are located in
10 Hawaii and whose majority of residents are referred by the Naval Hospital Guam; and,

11 **Whereas**, the Tripler Army Medical Center Fisher Houses have hosted 152
12 Guam families and 7 families from the CNMI and other Micronesian Islands in the past
13 2 years for an average stay between 30 – 180 days; and

1 **Whereas**, the Fisher House Foundation builds and donates the homes to the
2 United States Government who is responsible for the operation and maintenance of the
3 homes; and

4 **Whereas**, the Fisher House Foundation assists in the coordination of private
5 financial and in-kind support and encourages public support of all Fisher Houses; and

6 **Whereas**, numerous Guam residents and their families have enjoyed comfortable
7 housing through the assistance of Ms. Theresa Johnson, Tripler House Manager, and
8 her staff of volunteers; and

9 **Whereas**, Ms. Theresa Johnson and volunteers of the Tripler Fisher Houses have
10 facilitated donations for personal amenities, prepaid phone cards, and gift cards from
11 Kmart, Wal-Mart, and restaurants, making the transition more comfortable and
12 affordable for Fisher House guests; now, therefore, be it

13 **Resolved**, that the Committee on Rules of *I Mina'Trenta Na Liheslaturan Guåhan*
14 does hereby, on behalf of the people of Guam, recognize and thank the Fisher House
15 Foundation, Tripler Army Medical Center Fisher Houses, its manager Ms. Theresa
16 Johnson, and the many volunteers and sponsors for the selfless and invaluable service
17 they provide to residents of Guam that travel to Tripler Army Medical Center for long
18 term medical treatment; and, be it further

19 **Resolved**, that the Speaker and the Chairperson of the Committee on Rules
20 certify, and the Legislative Secretary attest to, the adoption hereof, and that copies of
21 the same be thereafter transmitted to Mr. David A. Coker, President of Fisher House
22 Foundation; Ms. Theresa Johnson, Manager of Tripler Fisher Houses; James E. Hastings,
23 MD, Director, VA Pacific Islands Health Care System, Mr. Fred Gofigan, Director,
24 Guam Veteran's Affairs Office; Congresswoman Madeline Bordallo, Guam Delegate to
25 U.S. Congress; and to the Honorable Felix P. Camacho, *I Maga'lahaen Guåhan*.

DULY AND REGULARLY ADOPTED BY THE COMMITTEE ON RULES OF I
MINA'TRENTA NA LIHESLATURAN GUÁHAN ON THIS 20TH DAY OF
NOVEMBER 2009.

JUDITH T. WON PAT, Ed.D
Speaker

RORY J. RESPICIO
Chairperson, Committee on Rules

TINA ROSE MUÑA-BARNES
Legislative Secretary