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

**Res. No. 291-30 (LS)**

Introduced by:

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**Relative to congratulating and commending Consul General Olivia Valera – Palala for her accomplishments and contributions to the island of Guam and bidding her *Buen Viaje* as she assumes her new position in the Philippine at the Department of Foreign Affairs.**

**BE IT RESOLVED BY *I MINA'TRENTA NA LIHESLATURAN GUÅHAN* ON BEHALF OF THE PEOPLE OF GUAM:**

**WHEREAS,** Consul General Olivia Valera – Palala arrived on Guam on December 28, 2008; and

**WHEREAS,** Consul General Olivia Valera – Palala graduated from the University of the Philippines with a Bachelor's degree in Foreign Service and a Master's of Science degree in Public Administration; and

**WHEREAS,** Consul General Olivia Valera – Palala pursued higher learning by attending the Indian Academy of International Law and Diplomacy in New Delhi, India and Oxford University for Diplomatic Studies; and

**WHEREAS,** Consul General Olivia Valera – Palala has assumed more responsibilities and accepted challenging positions through her assignments in India, Kuwait, Switzerland, Canada and Indonesia prior to Guam; and

**WHEREAS,** Consul General Olivia Valera – Palala has worked tirelessly to better serve the people of Guam through a weekly column at the Pacific Daily News – *Bayanihan* supplement. Her articles ranged from

*Si Yu'os Ma'ase* to Consul General Olivia Valera – Palala and our best wishes as she pursues her career in the Philippine diplomatic corps of the Department of Foreign Affairs; and be it further

**RESOLVED**, that the Speaker certify to and the Secretary of the Legislature attest the adoption hereof and that copies of the same be transmitted to Consul General Olivia Valera – Palala; and the Honorable Felix P. Camacho, *I Maga'lahaen Guåhan*.

highlighting the services provided by the Philippine Consulate to news from the Philippines as well as the various programs of the Philippine Government for the overseas Filipinos; and

**WHEREAS**, Consul General Olivia Valera – Palala has kept a regular monthly appearance at a Filipino radio show, “*Damdaming Pinoy*”, where she discussed different issues of interest not only to Filipinos on Guam but also to those residing in the Northern Marianas; and

**WHEREAS**, Consul General Olivia Valera – Palala recognized the need to foster better understanding of the Filipino culture within our island community and initiated the staging of 2009 Christmas lantern or “*parol*” contest as another venue to showcase the Philippine culture; and

**WHEREAS**, Consul General Olivia Valera – Palala planted the seed for a future Philippine Heritage classes where the Filipino language, values and culture will be taught to interested families; and

**WHEREAS**, Consul General Olivia Valera – Palala has provided leadership and guidance to the Filipino community of Guam; and

**WHEREAS**, through dedication and commitment to the Filipino community and the people of Guam, Consul General Olivia Valera – Palala has positively impacted and contributed towards a better understanding of the Filipino culture within our multi-ethnic island community; now therefore be it

**RESOLVED**, that *I Mina’Trenta Na Liheslaturan Guahan* does hereby, on behalf of the people of Guam recognize and commend Consul General Olivia Valera – Palala for her leadership, accomplishments and contributions to the people of Guam; and be it further

**RESOLVED**, that *I Mina’Trenta Na Liheslaturan Guahan* does hereby, on behalf of the people of Guam further extend a *Un Dangkulo Na*