

I MINA' TRENTA NA LIHESLATURAN GUÅHAN  
2010 (SECOND) REGULAR SESSION

Resolution No. 315-30 (LS)

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Relative to recognizing and commending the achievements of Craig Santos Perez as an accomplished poet who has been a phenomenal ambassador for our island, eloquently conveying through his words, the beauty and love that is the Chamorro culture.

- 1 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COMMITTEE ON RULES OF I MINA' TRENTA NA  
2 LIHESLATURAN GUÅHAN:  
3 WHEREAS, Craig Santos Perez, originally from Mongmong, Guam, a graduate of Father Duenas  
4 Memorial High School, and a resident of California since 1995, is an accomplished poet; and  
5 WHEREAS, Craig Santos Perez has a Bachelor of Arts from the University of Redlands, a Masters of  
6 Fine Arts in Writing from the University of San Francisco, and has participated in studies abroad in Florence,  
7 Italy and Moscow, Russia; and  
8 WHEREAS, Craig Santos Perez is a Ph.D. candidate in Comparative Ethnic Studies as well as a  
9 research fellow at the University of California at Berkeley; and  
10 WHEREAS, Craig Santos Perez is the author of two poetry books about Guam, *from Unincorporated*  
11 *Territory [hacha]*, (Tinfish Press, 2008), and *from Unincorporated Territory [saina]*, (Omnidawn Publishing,  
12 2010) in addition to authoring of several chapbooks, including *constellations gathered around the ecliptic*

13 (Shadowbox Press, 2007), *all with ocean views* (Overhere Press, 2007), and *preterrain* (Corollary Press,  
14 2008); and

15 **WHEREAS**, Craig Santos Perez is a co-founder of Achiote Press, and has had his poetry, essays and  
16 reviews published in various media including the Colorado Review, the Denver Quarterly, the Iowa Review,  
17 New American Writing, Pleiades, and ZYZZYVA, among others; and

18 **WHEREAS**, Craig Santos Perez, whose poetic use of personal and familial narratives to continue the  
19 themes of culture, language, memory, family and history, is being sponsored and honored by the Guam  
20 Humanities Council, as part of their project, “8,000 How Will It Change Our Lives?” *Community Conversations*  
21 *on the Military Buildup in Guam*, in an effort to encourage island residents to examine the impact of the  
22 relocation of military personnel and their families to Guam in 2014, through humanities-based  
23 conversations on related themes of service, leadership, community, identity and power; and

24 **WHEREAS**, Craig Santos Perez will be honoring our island residents with a weeklong series of  
25 readings and discussions with high school and college students, presentations with the larger public  
26 including *An Evening with the Author* poetry reading and fundraiser on Thursday, March 25 at Meskla  
27 Restaurant and a larger community conversation event will take place on Wednesday, March 24 at the  
28 Outrigger Guam Resort, sponsored and coordinated by the Guam Humanities Council; and

29 **WHEREAS**, Craig Santos Perez’s poetry, from his collection in *from unincorporated territory [hacha]*  
30 (2008), was selected for recognition from among 712 competing entries; and

31 **WHEREAS**, Craig Santos Perez is the recipient of this year’s California Writers Exchange Award,  
32 funded by the James Irvine Foundation, for which he was awarded an all-expense paid trip to New York City  
33 to give a public reading and to meet with top literary professionals, including editors, agents, publishers, and  
34 prominent writers; and

35 **WHEREAS**, I Mina’ Trenta Na Lihelsaturan Guahån would like to acknowledge the strategic use of  
36 typography, diagrams, maps, illustrations, and other aspects of visual design to expound on the politics and

37 poetics of the writings of Craig Santos Perez, which will initiate an increased awareness of Guam and raise  
38 the consciousness, with regard to our island culture; now, therefore be it

39 **RESOLVED**, that the Committee of Rules of *I Mina' Trenta Na Lihelaturan Guåhan*, does hereby  
40 honor and commend Craig Santos Perez for his meritorious ability to eloquently convey his thoughts,  
41 feelings and spirit through his writings, thereby bringing national recognition to both his work and his  
42 island home; and be it further

43 **RESOLVED**, that the Speaker and the Chairperson of the Committee on Rules certify, and the  
44 Legislative Secretary attest to, the adoption hereof, and that copies of the same be thereafter transmitted  
45 to Craig Santos Perez; Thomas Hughes and Helen Santos Perez, parents of Craig Perez; Dr. Kimberlee  
46 Kihleng, Director, Guam Humanities Council; Patrick Bamba, Director, Guam Council on the Arts and  
47 Humanities Agency; the Honorable Arnold B. Schwarzenegger, Governor of California; Mark G. Yudof LLB,  
48 President, University of California at Berkeley; and to the Honorable Felix P. Camacho, *I Maga'lahaen*  
49 *Guåhan*.

**DULY AND REGULARLY ADOPTED BY I MINA'TRENTA NA LIHESLATURAN GUÅHAN ON THIS 19<sup>st</sup> DAY OF  
MARCH, 2010.**

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JUDITH T. WON PAT, Ed.D.  
Speaker

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TINA ROSE MUNA BARNES  
Legislative Secretary