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

Resolution No. 316-30 (LS)

Introduced by:

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Relative to Recognizing and commending Ms Rose "Kitty" Simonds for her extensive and continued Service to the Western Pacific Regional Fishery Management Council.

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

3 **Whereas**, the Western Pacific Regional Fishery Management Council (Council)
4 was established as one of eight regional councils by the Magnuson Fishery
5 Conservation and Management Act in 1976 to develop fishery management plans for
6 fisheries operating in the US exclusive economic zone (EEZ) around American Samoa,
7 the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands, Guam, Hawaii, and the other US
8 Pacific Islands including Howland Island, Baker Island, Jarvis Island, Johnston Atoll,
9 Midway Island, Kingman Reef Palmyra Atoll and Wake Island; and

10 **Whereas**, with approximately 1.5 million square miles under its jurisdiction, the
11 Council develops and recommends fishery management policies for approximately fifty
12 percent of the oceans under US control for the review by the National Oceanic and
13 Atmospheric Administration National Marine Fisheries Service and transmitted to the
14 Secretary of Commerce for approval; and

15 **Whereas**, the Council is comprised of 16 Council Members, two each from
16 American Samoa, Commonwealth of the Northern Marianas Islands, Guam and Hawaii

1 as well as four at-large members, all nominated by the Governor's of each jurisdiction
2 and appointed by the Secretary of the Department of Commerce, plus one
3 representative each from the Pacific Island Regional Office of the National Marine
4 Fisheries Service, US Coast Guard 14th District, US Fish & Wildlife and the US
5 Department of State; and

6 **Whereas**, Kitty Simonds, after a stint serving as an aide to Senator Hiram Fong,
7 Hawaii's first member of Congress, has served the Western Pacific Regional Fishery
8 Management Council since its creation in 1976 as Executive Director, giving her the
9 distinction of being the longest serving employee of any Council; and

10 **Whereas**, Kitty Simonds has encouraged the stakeholders of the various island
11 communities to participate in the Council's advisory panels and fishery meetings to
12 ensure that their valuable input on pertinent issues is heard; and

13 **Whereas**, Kitty Simonds has managed her staff of educated and talented
14 individuals to assist in providing the Council Members the most up-to-date information
15 and to ensure that Council decisions are based on the best available scientific
16 information provided largely by the Pacific Islands Fisheries Science Center and the
17 Pelagic Fisheries Research Program; and

18 **Whereas**, Kitty Simonds has provided the staff with the leadership and due
19 diligence that has paved the way for the Council's accomplishments which include the
20 first Regional Fishery Management Council in the nation to prohibit drift gill-net fishing
21 and bottom-trawling and to develop an ecosystem-based fishery management plan to
22 being the pioneer of the vessel monitoring system (VMS) for fishing vessels, which is
23 now being implemented in fisheries worldwide; and

24 **Whereas**, Management measures created by the Council and approved by the
25 Secretary are implemented by the National Marine Fisheries Service (NMFS) Pacific

1 Islands Regional Office and enforced by the NOAA Office of Law Enforcement, the U.S.
2 Coast Guard 14th District and local enforcement agencies; and

3 **Whereas**, Kitty Simonds has been able to balance her responsibilities as the
4 Executive Director of the Council, with her responsibilities at home, being married to
5 John Simonds and having raised two children Malia and Max; and

6 **Whereas**, Kitty Simond’s work with the Council over the last 34 years has
7 improved the management of fisheries within the US exclusive economic zone within
8 the Pacific Region; now, therefore, be it

9 **Resolved**, that the people of Guam extend its most heartfelt gratitude to Rose
10 “Kitty” Simonds for her outstanding dedication and continuous service to the people of
11 Guam, the US Pacific Islands, Council and to the Nation; and, be it further

12 **Resolved**, that the 30th Guam Legislature wishes Kitty Simonds continued
13 success as the Executive Director of the Western Pacific Regional Fishery Management
14 Council, now, therefore, be it

15 **Resolved**, that the Speaker and the Chairperson of the Committee on Rules of *I*
16 *Mina’ Trenta na Liheslaturan Guåhan* certify and the Secretary of the Legislature attest the
17 adoption hereof and that copies of the same be transmitted to Ms. Rose “Kitty”
18 Simonds, Congresswoman Madeleine Bordallo, and to the Honorable Felix P. Camacho,
19 *I Maga’lahen Guåhan*.