

I MINA' TRENTA LIHESLATURAN GUÁHAN
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Introduced by:

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Relative to congratulating Donovan Afaisen as a member of the Natibu Dance Troupe for proudly representing Guam at the Eighteenth (18th) Annual World Hula Invitational in Waikiki, Hawaii where he won two titles in the soloist category and continues in his efforts to perpetuate and preserve the Chamorro culture and language.

**BE IT RESOLVED BY I MINA' TRENTA NA LIHESLATURAN
GUÁHAN:**

1 **WHEREAS**, Donovan Afaisen, the son of Gail Flores Afaisen and the late
2 David Lizama Taimanglo, started dancing at the age of five (5) with the dance
3 troupe Famaguon Guáhan under instructor Kaleo Arallanes; and

4 **WHEREAS**, during his young life, Donovan has, through dance,
5 continually expressed pride in and a strong desire and sense of personal
6 responsibility in the preservation of the Chamorro language and culture; and

7 **WHEREAS**, dancing and singing have been instrumental to Donovan as a
8 means of sharing his knowledge of ancient Chamorro practices and way of life in
9 an effort to promote and preserve the Chamorro culture; and

10 **WHEREAS**, Donovan with good friend David Gofigan has on numerous
11 occasions sung at rosaries and funerals and danced for local and international
12 audiences as part of various cultural dance groups both on and off island in
13 addition to his current job as a cultural dancer at the Leo Palace Resort; and

14 **WHEREAS**, for five years (5) years, Donovan has been a member of the
15 Natibu Dance Troupe, that most recently participated in the Eighteenth (18th)
16 Annual World Invitational Hula Festival from November 12th through November
17 14th, 2009 at the Waikiki Shell in Honolulu, Hawaii; and

18 **WHEREAS**, at the World Invitational Hula Festival, Donovan was selected
19 by a group of his peers to represent Guam in the Kuluwaimaka and the Henry
20 Möyikeha Okahiki Pā categories as a Visiting Kāne Soloist and won both titles
21 beating out competitors from Japan, Mexico, India, France, the Netherlands, New
22 York, California and Hawaii; and

23 **WHEREAS**, his future aspirations are based on ensuring the Chamorro
24 language and culture are passed on from generation to generation as he starts
25 classes at the University of Guam in the fall of 2010 in pursuit of his goal to be a
26 History or Chamorro Teacher; now, therefore be it

27 **RESOLVED**, that *I Mina' Trent Na Liheslaturan Guåhan* does hereby, on
28 behalf of *I Liheslaturan Guåhan* and the people of Guam, congratulate Donovan
29 Afaisen for proudly representing Guam at the Eighteenth Annual World Hula

30 Invitational, and does extend its sincerest *Un Dångkulo Na Si Yu'os Ma'åse* to him
31 for his continual efforts in preserving the Chamorro culture and language through
32 dance and song; and be it further

33 **RESOLVED**, that the Speaker certify and the Legislative Secretary attest to,
34 the adoption hereof, and the copies of the same be thereafter transmitted to
35 Donovan Afaisen and to the Honorable Felix P. Camacho, *I Maga'lahaen Guåhan*.

DULY AND REGULARLY ADOPTED BY I MINA' TRENTA NA

LIHESLATURAN GUÅHAN ON THIS _____ DAY OF APRIL, 2010.

JUDITH T. WON PAT, Ed.D.
Speaker

TINA ROSE MUNA BARNES
Legislative Secretary