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Preliminary Report

Relative to extending a warm *Hafa Adai* to Mr. Efren Geronimo Peñaflorida, Jr.; and to commending him for being a role model to Filipinos and activists around the world.

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

3 WHEREAS, communities rely on the tireless dedication of volunteers
4 and civic leaders to make a real and lasting change in our island; and

5 WHEREAS, locally, good Samaritans often look to regional examples of
6 role models for inspiration; and

7 WHEREAS, Mr. Efren Geronimo Peñaflorida Jr. began his activism at
8 the age of 16 in the Republic of the Philippines, starting a youth group in his
9 high school aimed at diverting students' attention away from street gangs, and
10 toward community activism and personal development; he called the group
11 "Dynamic Teen Company;" and

12 WHEREAS, today, more than 20 years after it was founded, the
13 company is a shining example of community activism that makes a real

1 difference, including utilizing pushcarts to conduct classes on Saturdays in non-
2 traditional venues; and

3 **WHEREAS**, Mr. Peñaflorida’s accomplishments earned him the
4 designation as a CNN “Hero” in March 2009; on November 22, he also was
5 named CNN’s “Hero of the Year” for 2009; and

6 **WHEREAS**, he has generously accepted an offer from the Filipino
7 Community of Guam to be the keynote speaker of this year’s Philippine
8 Independence Ball; and

9 **WHEREAS**, the people of Guam can use this rare opportunity to learn
10 from Mr. Peñaflorida’s experiences and use his expertise to change our island
11 for the better; now therefore, be it

12 **RESOLVED**, that *I Mina’Trenta Na Liheslaturan Guåhan* does hereby, on
13 behalf of the people of Guam, extend a warm *Hafa Adai* to Mr. Efren Geronimo
14 Peñaflorida, Jr.; and be it further

15 **RESOLVED**, that the Legislature commends him for being a role model
16 to Filipinos and activists around the world; and be it further

17 **RESOLVED**, that the Speaker certify, and the Secretary of the
18 Legislature attest to, the adoption hereof and that copies of the same be
19 thereafter transmitted to Mr. Peñaflorida and to the Honorable Felix P.
20 Camacho, *I Maga’lahen Guåhan*.

DULY AND REGULARLY ADOPTED BY I MINA’TRENTA NA LIHESLATURAN GUÅHAN ON THE ____ DAY OF _____, 2010.

JUDITH T. WON PAT, ED. D.
Speaker

RORY RESPICIO
Chairman, Committee On Rules

TINA ROSE MUÑA BARNES
Legislative Secretary