I MINA'TRENTA NA LIHESLATURAN GUÅHAN 2009 (FIRST) Regular Session

Resolution No. 30-154 (COR)

Introduced by:

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Relative to commending and congratulating Mr. Anthony "Tony" Babauta on his appointment by President Barack Obama to serve as Assistant Secretary for Insular Areas, United States Department of the Interior. 1 BE IT RESOLVED BY I MINA'TRENTA NA LIHESLATURAN 2 GUÅHAN:

3 WHEREAS, Mr. Anthony "Tony" Babauta, the son of Antonio B. and 4 Maria M. Babauta, was born and raised in the village of *Agat* and has served 5 in various positions within the executive and legislative branches of the 6 government of Guam; and

WHEREAS, Tony moved to Washington, D.C. to work as an adviser to
former Guam Congressman Robert A. Underwood, which was Tony's first job
in the U.S. Congress; and

WHEREAS, Tony worked on the House Natural Resources Committee
as its Staff Director for the Subcommittee on Insular Affairs, Oceans and
Wildlife, and advised the full committee on U.S. policy toward the U.S.
Territories and other U.S.-affiliated island nations; and

WHEREAS, Tony has kept Guam's interests at heart in his efforts with
the renegotiated Compact with the Republic of the Marshall Islands and the
Federated States of Micronesia, and with the Guam War Claims Act; and

WHEREAS, Tony successfully directed the Subcommittee's jurisdiction
over important issues pertaining to the U.S. Department of the Interior, and
was instrumental in the advancement of Puerto Rico; and

20 WHEREAS, Tony is currently a Senior Adviser to U.S. Interior Secretary 21 Ken Salazar and continues to look after the interests of Guam and the other 22 insular areas; now, therefore, be it

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1 **RESOLVED**, that *I Mina'Trenta Na Liheslaturan Guåhan* does hereby, on 2 behalf of the people of Guam, commend and congratulate Mr. Anthony 3 "Tony" Babauta on his appointment by President Barack Obama to the 4 position of Assistant Secretary for Insular Areas, U.S. Department of the 5 Interior; and be it further

6 **RESOLVED**, that *I Mina'Trenta Na Liheslaturan Guåhan* does hereby, on 7 behalf of the people of Guam, respectfully urge the United States Senate to 8 confirm Mr. Anthony "Tony" Babauta, Guam's native son, to the position of 9 Assistant Secretary for Insular Areas, U.S. Department of the Interior; and be 10 it further

11 **RESOLVED**, that the Speaker certify, and the Legislative Secretary 12 attest to, the adoption hereof, and that copies of the same be thereafter transmitted to Mr. Anthony "Tony" Babauta; to Mr. Ken Salazar, U.S. Interior 13 14 Secretary; to the Honorable Robert A. Underwood, former Congressman; to 15 the Honorable U.S. Senator Jeff Bingaman, Chairman, Committee on Energy 16 and Natural Resources; to the Honorable Madeleine Z. Bordallo, Guam's 17 Delegate to Congress, U. S. House of Representative; and to the Honorable Felix P. Camacho, I Maga'lahen Guåhan. 18

DULY AND REGULARLY ADOPTED BY *I MINA'TRENTA NA* LIHESLATURAN GUÅHAN ON THIS 14TH DAY OF JULY 2009.

BENJAMIN J.F. CRUZ Acting Speaker

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TINA ROSE MUÑA BARNES Legislative Secretary