

***I MINA'TRENTAI UNU NA LIHESLATURAN GUÅHAN***  
**2011 (FIRST) Regular Session**

**Resolution No. 63-31 (COR)**

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**Relative to recognizing and congratulating Mr. Andrew Talbot's fifth (5<sup>th</sup>) grade class of J. Q. San Miguel Elementary School on their achievements made in the Direct Instruction Program.**

**BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COMMITTEE ON RULES OF *I MINA'TRENTAI UNU NA LIHESLATURAN GUÅHAN*:**

**WHEREAS**, eight (8) years ago, when the Direct Instruction Program was started on Guam, only ten percent (10%) of all fifth graders were able to read fourth-grade material. Today, as a testament to the Direct Instruction Program, fewer than ten percent (10%) of J. Q. San Miguel's fifth-grade students are reading below a fourth-grade level; and

1       **WHEREAS**, on March 11, 2011, twenty (20) high-performing students of Mr.  
2 Andrew Talbot's fifth grade class at J. Q. San Miguel Elementary School became the  
3 first class on Guam to ever complete the top level of the Reasoning and Writing  
4 language program of Direct Instruction before the end of the fifth grade; and

5       **WHEREAS**, in completing Level F of Reasoning and Writing, the twenty (20)  
6 fifth graders learned the skills of a sixth grade level class. The students gained  
7 knowledge of inductive, deductive and analogical reasoning skills. They also learned  
8 how to write reports; how to make arguments with supportive evidence; how to  
9 critique arguments; and how to determine the strength of supportive and non-  
10 supportive evidence in arguments; and

11       **WHEREAS**, the same fifth grade students are two (2) years ahead in reading, having  
12 completed the top level of Reading Mastery last year as fourth graders, and are on  
13 grade level in math, with the exception of one (1) student. These students will now set  
14 out to reach a new goal and begin a middle-school level course, studying different  
15 topics, and the different styles of writing, including narrative, persuasive, expository  
16 and descriptive styles of writing; and

17       **WHEREAS**, the success of these students would not have been made possible  
18 without the unwavering support of their teachers and parents. Their sustaining  
19 encouragement has allowed these students to perform to the best of their ability, and  
20 to reach these remarkable achievements in the program of Direct Instruction; now,  
21 therefore, be it

22       **RESOLVED**, that the Committee on Rules of *I Mina'Trentai Unu Na*  
23 *Liheslaturan Guåhan* does hereby, on behalf of *I Liheslaturan Guåhan* and the people  
24 of Guam, congratulate Mr. Andrew Talbot's 5<sup>th</sup> grade class of J. Q. San Miguel  
25 Elementary School on their accomplishments, and on being the first group on Guam  
26 to complete the top Level of the Reasoning and Writing language program of Direct

1 Instruction before the completion of the fifth grade; and does further recognize and  
2 commend these students of J. Q. San Miguel Elementary School on their hard work  
3 and dedication in completing this great academic achievement; and be it further

4 **RESOLVED**, that the Speaker and the Chairperson of the Committee on Rules  
5 certify, and the Legislative Secretary attest to, the adoption hereof, and that copies of  
6 the same be thereafter transmitted to Nerissa Bretania-Underwood, Superintendent of  
7 the Department of Education; to Ms. Tricia Moylan, Principal of J. Q. San Miguel  
8 Elementary School; to Mr. Andrew Talbot, 5<sup>th</sup> grade Teacher at J. Q. San Miguel  
9 Elementary School; to the high-achieving students of Mr. Andrew Talbot's 5<sup>th</sup> grade  
10 class at J. Q. San Miguel Elementary School: Adriannah Sanchez, Andreia Miguel,  
11 Mara Masga, Issac Ignacio, Terrence Ogo, Hannah-Jo Duenas, Roman Perez,  
12 Elizabeth Flores, Jaimie Quintanilla, Abrianni Chargualaf, Javier Lujan, Orlando  
13 Parkinson, Manuel Quenga, Jane Rabago, Taylor Guerrero, Kaitlyn Keremius, Nathan  
14 Quintanilla, Donovan Camacho and Miaky Maras; and to the Honorable Edward J.B.  
15 Calvo, *I Maga'lahen Guåhan*.

**DULY AND REGULARLY ADOPTED BY THE COMMITTEE ON RULES OF  
I MINA'TRENTAI UNU NA LIHESLATURAN GUÅHAN ON THE 19<sup>TH</sup> DAY  
OF APRIL 2011.**

  
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