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Relative to recognizing and commending Annalakshmi Wignarajah for her significant contributions to Guam, and its people, and for enriching Guam's demographic, cultural melting pot.

1 **BE IT RESOLVED BY *I MINA'TRENTAI UNU NA LIHESLATURAN***
2 ***GUÅHAN*:**

3 **WHEREAS**, Annalakshmi Wignarajah, affectionately known as “Anna”, was
4 born on March 4, 1939 in Sri Lanka; and

5 **WHEREAS**, in March of 1973, Annalakshmi Wignarajah moved to Guam with
6 her two (2) young sons, Muresh and Dushyant, and her loving husband,

1 Thyagarajah, also known as “Wigna”, who was sent to Guam to set up an Otis
2 Elevator Company office, a business he successfully ran for more than twenty-five
3 (25) years; and

4 **WHEREAS**, Anna always had a strong love of children, and she volunteered
5 her time with a group of special children at the Speech and Hearing Center at Public
6 Health, where she was able to utilize some Montessori learning materials. This
7 sparked great interest and passion as she had been trained by Dr. Maria Montessori
8 herself, having acquired training and an “Association Montessori Internationale
9 Diploma” in 1971, working with children three (3) to six (6) years old; and

10 **WHEREAS**, Anna had always dreamed of some day starting a Montessori
11 Program on Guam; and in 1976, this dream was materialized when the Montessori
12 School of Guam first opened its doors, which at that time started in the living room of
13 the Wignarajah home in *Tamuning*; and

14 **WHEREAS**, Anna has successfully operated the Montessori School of Guam
15 for over thirty-five (35) years. Their entire educational program is set up around
16 nurturing the development of the total child, and it encourages children to be problem
17 solvers and critical thinkers; and

18 **WHEREAS**, in addition to her committed service to children’s education,
19 Anna, upon her arrival to the island, also saw a golden opportunity to meet and
20 interact with people from other ethnic backgrounds, which made her interested in
21 joining the International Women’s Club of Guam (IWCG), an organization that she
22 has been a part of for many years; and

23 **WHEREAS**, since then, Anna has been an active charter member of the IWCG,
24 and she assumed the role of President in 1979, and then again in 1980; and

25 **WHEREAS**, Anna volunteered to serve as a member of the International
26 Reading Association, as she had always been closely involved with early childhood

1 education on the island; and in 1985 and 1986, she also served as the President of the
2 Guam Childcare and Development Organization; and

3 **WHEREAS**, in 1998, Anna attended her first Federation of Asian/Pacific
4 Women Association (FAWA) Conference, which was held on Guam; and in 2005, she
5 was part of a group of FAWA representatives from Guam that went to Singapore to
6 attend another FAWA Conference; and

7 **WHEREAS**, in 2007, Annalakshmi Wignarajah was voted as Madame
8 International, a prestigious title she is very proud of; now, therefore, be it

9 **RESOLVED**, that *I Mina'Trentai Unu Na Liheslaturan Guåhan* does hereby,
10 on behalf of the people of Guam, recognize and commend Annalakshmi Wignarajah
11 for her committed service to the betterment of the island of Guam; and be it further

12 **RESOLVED**, that the Speaker certify, and the Legislative Secretary attest to,
13 the adoption hereof, and that copies of the same be thereafter transmitted to
14 Annalakshmi Wignarajah and to the Honorable Edward J.B. Calvo, *I Maga'lahren*
15 *Guåhan*.

DULY AND REGULARLY ADOPTED BY *I MINA'TRENTAI UNU NA LIHESLATURAN GUÅHAN* ON THE 10TH DAY OF MAY 2011.



JUDITH T. WON PAT, Ed.D.
Speaker



TINA ROSE MUÑA BARNES
Legislative Secretary