

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

**Resolution No. 111-31 (COR)**

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**Relative to recognizing Maria R. Gilnifrad for the exemplary parenting she exhibited in leading forty-seven (47) students to school at *Machananao* Elementary School; and to further commending the staff and teachers of *Machananao* Elementary School for instilling the love of school in their students.**

- 1      **BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COMMITTEE ON RULES OF *I***  
2      ***MINA'TRENTAI UNU NA LIHESLATURAN GUÅHAN*:**  
3      **WHEREAS**, on May 6, 2011, Maria R. Gilnifrad, the mother of *Machananao*  
4      Elementary School student Luke Pong, led forty-seven (47) students to school when

1 she realized that the assigned bus for her child's district did not arrive as scheduled;  
2 and

3       **WHEREAS**, with her child's education as a top priority in her mind, Mrs.  
4 Gilnifrad was instrumental in ensuring that her child and the rest of the students made  
5 it to school on time for testing procedures; and

6       **WHEREAS**, Maria R. Gilnifrad and her family live a mile from the school and  
7 she had the wherewithal to safely lead the forty-seven (47) students to school while  
8 walking along a busy roadway; and

9       **WHEREAS**, Maria R. Gilnifrad realized the importance of year end testing,  
10 and without a moment of hesitation, took charge of the situation and made a decision  
11 to get the children safely to school so they could be able to finish their testing, and not  
12 allowing a flat tire problem, which delayed the scheduled school bus, to affect the  
13 academic standings of the children in her neighborhood; and

14       **WHEREAS**, the forty-seven (47) students that were led by Maria R. Gilnifrad,  
15 on their own free will, chose to walk the one (1) mile trek to school rather than turning  
16 around and heading home; and

17       **WHEREAS**, undoubtedly this love for school was instilled in them by the  
18 outstanding teachers and administrators of *Machananao* Elementary School; and

19       **WHEREAS**, the staff of *Machananao* Elementary School provided breakfast  
20 for all forty-seven (47) children, and gave the children the opportunity to rest and  
21 refresh themselves before administering the test; and

22       **WHEREAS**, the Principal of *Machananao* Elementary School showed  
23 tremendous gratitude for this parent, and contacted the media to show that good  
24 students come from good parents, and praised Maria R. Gilnifrad as an "Education  
25 Hero"; now, therefore, be it

1       **RESOLVED**, that the Committee on Rules of *I Mina'Trentai Unu Na*  
2 *Liheslaturan Guåhan* does hereby, on behalf of *I Liheslaturan Guåhan* and the people  
3 of Guam, recognize and commend Maria R. Gilnifrad as an "Education Hero" for her  
4 courageous act of leading forty-seven (47) students to school when they were not  
5 picked up by the assigned bus; and does further recognize and commend the  
6 administrators and teachers of *Machananao* Elementary School for instilling the love  
7 of school in their students; and be it further

8       **RESOLVED**, that the Speaker and the Chairperson of the Committee on Rules  
9 certify, and the Legislative Secretary attest to, the adoption hereof, and that copies of  
10 the same be thereafter transmitted to Maria R. Gilnifrad; to Principal Robert H. Malay,  
11 on behalf of the faculty and staff of *Machananao* Elementary School; to Dr. Nerissa  
12 Bretania Underwood, Superintendent, Guam Department of Education; and to the  
13 Honorable Edward J.B. Calvo, *I Maga'lahaen Guåhan*.

**DULY AND REGULARLY ADOPTED BY THE COMMITTEE ON RULES OF  
I MINA'TRENTAI UNU NA LIHESLATURAN GUÅHAN ON THE 23<sup>RD</sup> DAY  
OF MAY 2011.**

  
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**JUDITH T. WON PAT, Ed.D.**

Speaker

  
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