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

## Resolution No. 126-31 (COR)

Introduced by:

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Relative to recognizing and congratulating Dr. Thomas Shieh on the occasion of the Tenth  $(10^{th})$  Anniversary of the Shieh Su Ying Scholar Athlete of the Year Program; and to further extending a sincere Un Dångkolo Na Si Yu'os Ma'åse to him as its founder, for his commitment to the people of Guam, and for promoting a "study hard, play hard" philosophy that encourages young adults to stay away from tobacco, alcohol, and drugs by excelling in academic and athletic achievements.

## 1 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COMMITTEE ON RULES OF *I* 2 *MINA'TRENTAI UNU NA LIHESLATURAN GUÅHAN:*

3 WHEREAS, Dr. Thomas Shieh is the founder of the Shieh Su Ying Scholar

4 Athlete of the Year Program; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Thomas Shieh named the Scholarship Fund in honor of his 1 2 late grandmother, Shieh Su Ying, a Taiwanese philanthropist known for her many 3 good deeds and contributions to her community; and

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WHEREAS, the Scholarship Program was established with the hope that the 5 recipient would return to Guam to pass on Shieh Su Ying's spirit of kindness to others 6 in the community; and

7 WHEREAS, the Shieh Su Ying Scholarship is awarded to students from 8 various schools, and to various organizations, including, Guam High School, John F. 9 Kennedy High School, St. John's School, St. Paul School, the Academy of Our Lady of Guam, the University of Guam Scholarship for Nursing students, the Big Brothers 10 11 Big Sisters, a Mammography Scholarship, the Guam Women's Club, and many 12 others; and

WHEREAS, the Shieh Su Ying Scholar Athlete of the Year Program celebrates 13 its Tenth (10<sup>th</sup>) Anniversary of promoting academic excellence and healthy living by 14 15 allowing recipients to pursue higher education; and

WHEREAS, a very important aspect of this Scholarship Program is to 16 17 encourage the youth of Guam to stay alcohol, drug and tobacco-free in the spirit of academics and athleticism by promoting the theme, "Study Hard, Play Hard"; and 18

19 WHEREAS, Dr. Shieh is the husband of Mrs. Raven Shieh, and the father of Beverly and Tiffany, and along with being the founder of the Shieh Su Ying Scholar 20 Athlete Program, Dr. Shieh is also a very active civic leader and advocate in the 21 22 community; and

23 WHEREAS, Dr. Shieh continuously showcases his commitment to the community of Guam through his volunteerism, his generous donations to community 24 25 organizations, and academic and athletic recognition; and

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1 WHEREAS, Dr. Thomas Shieh is also the sponsor of his very own annual 2 volleyball tournament, known as the Shieh Invitational Volleyball Tournament, which 3 he started to establish a spirit of friendship among the island's volleyball players by 4 getting them all to play under one (1) roof; and which has become the largest 5 volleyball tournament on the island of Guam; and

6 WHEREAS, Dr. Shieh also sponsors other community sports tournaments and
7 clinics that remain free of charge to the people of Guam; and

8 WHEREAS, in 2002, Dr. Shieh was part of a committee that saved 9 interscholastic sports from the brink of closure, and allowed students to continue 10 playing, by starting games that integrated both public and private schools; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Thomas Shieh, as a leading member of the medical community, has spearheaded many health outreach, prevention and education fairs and seminars to aid in keeping the people of Guam healthy; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Shieh was also essential in the coordination for the "Drive for
Justice", which was a bone marrow drive to help a little girl named Justice. The
"Drive for Justice" put Guam on the National Bone Marrow Registry; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Shieh is a women's health advocate who has led many
conferences throughout Micronesia, and he introduced the vaccine, Gardasil, to the
women of Guam to help prevent certain types of cervical cancer; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Shieh played a vital role in raising the drinking age for Guam from eighteen (18) to twenty-one (21) years of age, by echoing the recommendations of the United States Health and Human Services of a national drinking age of twentyone (21); and

WHEREAS, Dr. Shieh also supports many national health organizations, such
as Mothers Against Drunk Driving and the American Cancer Society, among many
others; and

1 WHEREAS, Dr. Thomas Shieh serves as Guam's delegate to the American 2 Medical Association, where he has lobbied for attention on Pandemic Flu Planning and additional medical funding for the island of Guam; and 3

4 WHEREAS, Dr. Shieh plays an active role in Guam's only civilian hospital as 5 the President of the Guam Memorial Medical Staff and the Past President of the Guam Medical Society. He also helped with many donations to the Hospital and the Guam 6 7 Memorial Hospital Volunteers Association, among others, all in the spirit of improving our Hospital for patients; now therefore, be it 8

RESOLVED, that the Committee on Rules of I Mina' Trentai Unu Na 9 Liheslaturan Guåhan does hereby, on behalf of I Liheslaturan Guåhan and the people 10 of Guam, recognize and congratulate Dr. Thomas Shieh on the occasion of the Tenth 11 (10<sup>th</sup>) Anniversary of the Shieh Su Ying Scholar Athlete of the Year Program; and 12 does further extend a sincere Un Dångkolo Na Si Yu'os Ma'åse to him for his 13 14 dedication and service to the entire community of Guam; and be it further

15 **RESOLVED**, that the Speaker and the Chairperson of the Committee on Rules 16 certify, and the Legislative Secretary attest to, the adoption hereof, and that copies of 17 the same be thereafter transmitted to Dr. Thomas Shieh, and to the Honorable Edward 18 J.B. Calvo, I Maga'lahen Guåhan.

**DULY AND REGULARLY ADOPTED BY THE COMMITTEE ON RULES OF** I MINA'TRENTAI UNU NA LIHESLATURAN GUÅHAN ON THE 2<sup>ND</sup> DAY OF **JUNE 2011.** 

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JUDITH T. WON PAT, Ed.D. Speaker

Chairperson, Committee on Rules

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