

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

**Resolution No. 169-31 (LS)**

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**Relative to celebrating the opening of the new John F. Kennedy High School campus; and to commending the JFK High School Islanders Community, including the Faculty, Staff, Students, Parents, and JFK Alumni, on the celebration of this auspicious and historical occasion.**

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

3        **WHEREAS**, the John F. Kennedy High School (JFKHS), formerly the *Tumon*  
4        Junior-Senior High School, is a public secondary school located in upper *Tumon*; and

1       **WHEREAS**, the School opened in September of 1959, and had served the  
2 students living in the villages of *Tamuning, Tumon, Harmon, Hagatña* and *Dededo* ;  
3 and

4       **WHEREAS**, in 1965, the Guam Legislature voted to change the name of the  
5 School in honor of the late U.S. President John F. Kennedy; and

6       **WHEREAS**, JFK High School accommodates over two thousand five hundred  
7 (2,500) students, from grades nine (9) through twelve (12); and

8       **WHEREAS**, over the years, the campus has seen new construction since the  
9 original “quad” design: the section housing the Band and ROTC rooms was added in  
10 the early 1970s; the “Annex” was added in the late 1980s; the back section where the  
11 GCC classes are located was added in the early 1990s; and the JFK High School  
12 football field and track were named after the late Senator Eugene Ramsey, a former  
13 student of JFK High School; and

14       **WHEREAS**, in June 2008, some of the JFK High School buildings were  
15 declared unsafe, so for the School Year 2008-2009 the students shared space with  
16 George Washington High School in double sessions; and

17       **WHEREAS**, for the 2009-2010 School Year, JFK students were moved into an  
18 interim school campus in the *Tiyan* area of *Barrigada*; and

19       **WHEREAS**, the construction of the new JFK High School campus had been  
20 significantly delayed due to the government of Guam’s inability to finance the high  
21 cost of reconstructing JFK High School; and

22       **WHEREAS**, despite enormous challenges, including a legal battle, the JFK  
23 community remained steadfast and continued to endure the turmoil in completing the  
24 project to welcome the JFK Islanders back to their original school campus; and

25       **WHEREAS**, the Task Force created for the JFK High School Finance,  
26 Demolish, Design, Construct and Lease- Back Project worked diligently towards the

1 final completion of the construction of a new modern two (2) story campus with  
2 library, administrative offices and classrooms; now therefore, be it

3 **RESOLVED**, that *I Mina'Trentai Unu Na Liheslaturan Guåhan* does hereby,  
4 on behalf of the people of Guam, join in the celebration of the opening of the new  
5 John F. Kennedy High School campus; and does further recognize the joint efforts of  
6 all education stakeholders, including the John F. Kennedy High School Students,  
7 Parents, Faculty, and Staff, and the JFK Alumni; the Guam Department of Education;  
8 the Department of Public Works; the Guam Economic Development Authority; the  
9 Office of *I Maga'lahi* (the Governor); and the International Bridge Corporation; and  
10 be it further

11 **RESOLVED**, that the Speaker certify, and the Legislative Secretary attest to,  
12 the adoption hereof, and that copies of the same be thereafter transmitted to Mr.  
13 Kenneth B. Chargualaf, Principal of John F. Kennedy High School; to Ms. Taling  
14 Taitano, Interim Superintendent of the Guam Department of Education; and to the  
15 Honorable Edward J.B. Calvo, *I Maga'lahaen Guåhan*.

**DULY AND REGULARLY ADOPTED BY *I MINA'TRENTAI UNU NA LIHESLATURAN GUÅHAN* ON THE 3<sup>RD</sup> DAY OF AUGUST 2011.**



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



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Legislative Secretary