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Relative to recognizing, commending and thanking Mr. Cesar (C'zer) Morales Medina of DanzJazz for his efforts in providing a creative outlet through dance, and for inspiring his students and the people of Guam.

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

3 **WHEREAS, Cesar (C'zer) Morales Medina was born in the Philippines; he is**
4 **the son of Mr. Ceferino La Madrid Medina, Sr., and Mrs. Corazon Padua Morales**
5 **Medina, and moved to Guam at the age of twelve (12); and**

1 **WHEREAS**, C'zer and his siblings, Ceferino Noel Jr., Coralyn, Carlo Andre,
2 Christopher, Christine and Corina, were enveloped in the performing arts as the
3 Medina family had formed a choir for the Santa Barbara Catholic Church in *Dededo*,
4 in which their mother served as the choir director; their father was the pianist; the
5 brothers were the guitarists; and C'zer and his mother and sisters were the vocalists;
6 and

7 **WHEREAS**, C'zer loved to entertain and perform in front of an audience so
8 much that he added dance to his talent repertoire; and while he still loved singing, he
9 wanted to additionally express his passion for music through movement – through
10 dance – that would allow him to further show his ideas and feelings using dance
11 performances and choreography; and

12 **WHEREAS**, while attending Simon A. Sanchez High School in *Yigo*, C'zer
13 was so motivated that he formed and was elected president of a school dance club
14 which performed in talent competitions in and out of school; and he was also asked to
15 join “The Rhythm,” an all-male dance crew, and during his senior year, his high
16 school principal noted his dance talent and recommended him for auditions at the
17 Pacific Island's Club Resort in *Tumon*, where he was accepted, and he worked there
18 during his senior year; and

19 **WHEREAS**, C'zer graduated from Simon A. Sanchez High School in 1988,
20 and he went on to attend the Long Beach State University, California (LBSU) to
21 initially study Architecture (his other passion), but he would immediately change his
22 major to Dance upon realizing that the University offered this course of study; C'zer
23 then successfully auditioned for the renown Tremaine Performing Arts Center in
24 Hollywood, California, and he received a one (1) year scholarship to train
25 professionally; and after the scholarship, C'zer returned to LBSU, where he completed
26 his Dance Degree in 1998; and

1 **WHEREAS**, after living for a short time in Los Angeles, California, where he
2 worked as a professional dancer, C'zer returned to Guam in 1999 to be with his
3 family. He successfully auditioned for the SandCastle in *Tumon*, and he then
4 established the DanzJazz Dance Studio and Entertainment Company, and was its Sole
5 Proprietor, Owner, Artistic Director, Choreographer, and Dance Instructor; and

6 **WHEREAS**, within that year, C'zer (also known as "Mr. C.") would open
7 DanzJazz with just ten (10) students, and today the enrollment has grown to one
8 hundred twenty (120) students, ranging from toddlers to adults; and while many of his
9 students are extremely talented, with some having received national recognition at
10 dance competitions and winning competitive dance scholarships, one of his most
11 notable students to date is Kim "Marko" Germar, who won Third (3rd) Place on the
12 FOX Broadcasting Company's "So You Think You Can Dance" televised national
13 dance competition in 2011; and

14 **WHEREAS**, DanzJazz Touring and Entertainment Company has several
15 outreach programs at several public schools and island organizations, including the
16 Guam Department of Youth Affairs, St. Dominic's Senior Care Home, and Guam's
17 Sanctuary, Inc.,; and throughout the years they have won several awards at national
18 dance competitions, including Marko Germar and his dance partner being awarded the
19 "Silver" for their Hip Hop Duo during their first (1st) International Competition in
20 Long Beach, California, in 2002; winning several "Gold" and "Silver" awards for
21 group dances in Las Vegas, Nevada, during their second (2nd) competition; and also
22 winning dance scholarships for two (2) dancers who auditioned against hundreds of
23 others in 2004; winning "Gold" and "Silver" for group dances in New York, where
24 Marko won "Platinum" for his solo performance, and received a scholarship, and
25 other awards during the team's third (3rd) competition in 2007; and winning
26 "Gold" and "Silver" for group dances, "Overall Winner" for a Hip Hop Dance

1 Routine, and a scholarship for one (1) of their dancers during their fourth (4th)
2 competition in Florida and Los Angeles in 2009; and

3 **WHEREAS**, C'zer established DanzJazz to share what he gained in Los
4 Angeles – the opportunity to receive professional dance training – because of the
5 limited opportunities for formal training that he experienced growing up on Guam;
6 and this desire to offer these types of venues also led him to become an educator in the
7 Guam Department of Education school system to expand the opportunities for
8 students whose families could not otherwise afford classes at private dance studios;
9 and

10 **WHEREAS**, C'zer remains on Guam to continue to offer additional positive
11 and creative outlets to develop local raw talents, and to provide a place to train and
12 become professional dancers; and for the past several years C'zer has taught
13 Performing Arts in Dance in public schools, including at F.B. Leon Guerrero Middle
14 School from 2000 to 2002; and since 2004, he has taught at Simon A. Sanchez High
15 School, where he leads the Dance Department and established the first High School
16 Dance Team; and he is focusing his efforts on ultimately making Dance part of the
17 island-wide curricula, inviting other high schools to establish Dance Teams to grow
18 momentum for an island-wide Dance Team Meet or Convention at the end of each
19 school year; and

20 **WHEREAS**, C'zer encourages his students to “*live life to the fullest, do what*
21 *you love to do and make a difference in society*”; now therefore, be it

22 **RESOLVED**, that *I Mina'Trentai Unu Na Liheslaturan Guåhan* does hereby,
23 on behalf of the people of Guam, recognize, commend and thank Mr. Cesar (C'zer)
24 Morales Medina of DanzJazz for his efforts in providing a creative outlet through
25 dance, and for inspiring his students and the people of Guam; and be it further

1 **RESOLVED**, that the Speaker certify, and the Legislative Secretary attest to,
2 the adoption hereof, and that copies of the same be thereafter transmitted to Mr. Cesar
3 (C'zer) Morales Medina; and to the Honorable Edward J.B. Calvo, *I Maga'lahren*
4 *Guåhan*.

**DULY AND REGULARLY ADOPTED BY *I MINA'TRENTAI UNU NA*
LIHESLATURAN GUÅHAN ON THE 16TH DAY OF AUGUST 2011.**



THOMAS C. ADA
Acting Speaker



ADOLPHO B. PALACIOS, SR.
Acting Legislative Secretary