

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

**Resolution No. 230-31 (COR)**

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**Relative to recognizing and commending Soroptimist International Founder Region, Soroptimist International of Guam (SIG), and Soroptimist International of the Marianas (SIM) for the outstanding contributions they have provided to the people of Guam; and to further extending a sincere *Un Dangkolo Na Si Yu'os Ma'åse'* to them for their many accomplishments and their invaluable public service.**

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

**WHEREAS, in the Spring of 1921, Stuart Morrow, who was an organizer of men's service clubs, visited Oakland, California, in search of potential members for an Optimist Club. Presuming that the Parker-Goddard Secretarial School was run by**

1 men, Morrow instead found that Miss Adelaide Goddard and Miss Mabel Parker  
2 owned the School. Explaining his mistake, Morrow excused himself. As Morrow left,  
3 Miss Goddard remarked that she would be interested in joining such a club for women  
4 if one was ever formed. Goddard's remark set the wheels in motion that would  
5 eventually create what is now the largest women's organization in the world,  
6 Soroptimist International. The word "Soroptimist" is derived from two (2) Latin  
7 words: "Soros" which means "women" and "Optima" which means "the best";

8       **WHEREAS**, on October 3, 1921, which is officially celebrated as Founders  
9 Day, the Soroptimist Association of Alameda County was formed; and is the first  
10 Soroptimist Club in the world; and

11       **WHEREAS**, in 1928, Soroptimist International of the Americas (SIA) was  
12 formed at a conference in Washington D.C., which now consists of forty thousand  
13 (40,000) members in nineteen (19) countries, including Argentina, Bolivia, Brazil,  
14 Canada, Chile, Colombia, Ecuador, Guam, Japan, Korea, Mexico, Panama, Paraguay,  
15 Peru, Philippines, Puerto Rico, Taiwan, the United States, and Venezuela, and twenty-  
16 eight (28) regions. SIG and SIM fall under the Founders Region; and

17       **WHEREAS**, in 1948, the Founders Region Fellowship Program was formed  
18 and has become the Region's signature project, providing fellowships and grants to  
19 women enrolled in graduate schools throughout the region boundaries; and

20       **WHEREAS**, on March 8, 1978, SIG received its charter from SIA. Charter  
21 members included Guam Congresswoman Madeleine Z. Bordallo, Guam Public  
22 Auditor Doris Flores Brooks, Former Guam Senator Pilar Lujan, Ms. Ann Roth, Ms.  
23 Grace Low, the late Ms. Prudence DeNight, the late Ms. Edwina Jose, and the late Ms.  
24 Ana San Nicolas, to name a few; and it has grown to almost forty (40) full time dues  
25 paying members; and

1           **WHEREAS**, on February 9, 1986, SIM received its charter from SIA, and has  
2 grown to almost fifty (50) full time dues paying members; and

3           **WHEREAS**, SIG sponsors a regularly scheduled radio interview show on  
4 KPRG, called “Making a Difference for Women”, which is a platform that speaks  
5 about emerging and/or existing issues related to women; and

6           **WHEREAS**, SIG and SIM provide a monetary award to the local winner of the  
7 SIA’s “Women Opportunity Award”, for women who are the heads of their  
8 household, and returning to school to improve the economic status of their household;  
9 and

10           **WHEREAS**, SIG and SIM provide a monetary award to the local winner of the  
11 SIA’s “Violet Richardson Award”, for young women ages fourteen (14) to seventeen  
12 (17) years old who, through their own accord, perform voluntary works that are  
13 beneficial to other young women; and

14           **WHEREAS**, SIG and SIM recognize and honor the winner of the SIA’s “Ruby  
15 Award” for Women Helping Women, that recognizes a Non-Soroptimist who has  
16 worked to improve the lives of other women; and

17           **WHEREAS**, SIG supports charitable organizations that assist women, children  
18 and families, including Erica’s House of Hope, and the Salvation Army; and

19           **WHEREAS**, SIG sponsors an S Club at the Academy of Our Lady of Guam  
20 (AOLG) that provides Soroptimists the opportunity to mentor high school girls to  
21 instill within them a desire for volunteerism, and that imparts invaluable  
22 encouragement and support; and

23           **WHEREAS**, SIM provides grants for young women to complete their high  
24 school education; and

1       **WHEREAS**, SIM provides scholarships to women that are the heads of their  
2 households studying for a degree at the Guam Community College (GCC), the  
3 University of Guam (UOG), and the Pacific Islands University; and

4       **WHEREAS**, SIM also supports charitable organizations that assist women and  
5 children, including Erica's House of Hope and the ALEE Shelter; and

6       **WHEREAS**, in 1997, SIG and SIM founded Erica's House of Hope after the  
7 passing of Therese Crisostomo and Erica Misericordia Aquino; and

8       **WHEREAS**, in 2000, Erica's House of Hope opened its doors and has served  
9 thousands of families since its inception, and it currently serves over four hundred  
10 (400) children per month, providing a safe, comfortable and neutral environment for  
11 custodial parents; and

12       **WHEREAS**, much like the Founders Region Fellowship Program being  
13 identified as the Region's signature project, Erica's House of Hope has become SIM's  
14 and SIG's signature project; now therefore, be it

15       **RESOLVED**, that the Committee on Rules of *I Mina'Trentai Unu Na*  
16 *Liheslaturan Guåhan* does hereby, on behalf of *I Liheslaturan Guåhan* and the people  
17 of Guam, recognize and commend Soroptimist International Founder Region,  
18 Soroptimist International of Guam, and Soroptimist International of the Marianas for  
19 the outstanding contributions they have provided to the people of Guam; and does  
20 further extend a sincere *Un Dangkulo' Na Si Yu'os Ma'ase'* to them for their many  
21 accomplishments and invaluable public service; and be it further

22       **RESOLVED**, that the Speaker and the Chairperson of the Committee on Rules  
23 certify, and the Legislative Secretary attest to, the adoption hereof, and that copies of  
24 the same be thereafter transmitted to Soroptimist International of the Americas; to  
25 Soroptimist International Founder Region, Governor Linda Sue Hansen; to  
26 Soroptimist International of Guam, President Bernadette Lou Sablan; to Soroptimist

- 1 International of the Marianas, President Lillian Llaneta-Reyes; and to the Honorable
- 2 Edward J.B. Calvo, *I Maga'lahren Guåhan*.

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




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



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**RORY J. RESPICIO**  
Chairperson, Committee on Rules



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**TINA ROSE MUÑA BARNES**  
Legislative Secretary