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

Resolution No. 240-31 (COR)

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Relative to recognizing and commending Elysssa Gonzalez for winning the Third (3rd) Place Award in the Kindergarten to Second (2nd) Grade Category of the BASTA Bullying Prevention Poster competition, which was part of the promotional and educational outreach component of Bullying Prevention on Guam, most especially during "National Bullying Prevention Month".

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COMMITTEE ON RULES OF I

2 MINA'TRENTAI UNU NA LIHESLATURAN GUÅHAN:

- 3 WHEREAS, Guam has joined with communities across the United States in
- 4 the observance of "National Bullying Prevention Month" during the month of

1 October, in order to promote bullying prevention within our schools and community.

2 and to support the needs of children; and

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WHEREAS, it has been shown that community involvement is critical in effectively reducing the occurrences of bullying, and in encouraging more acceptable behaviors from our children, through the education and promotion of positive behavioral alternatives to bullying; and

WHEREAS, it has been recognized that each person in our community plays one (1) of three (3) roles with regards to bullying: being either the bully, the bullied, or the bystander who observes the act; and further recognizing that the bystander who does not become involved in discouraging bullying behavior enables the behavior to continue, and they should be educated about the importance of their role in the prevention of bullying; and

WHEREAS, Guam seeks to educate and raise awareness of bullying prevention efforts by engaging our island's youth to become more active participants in bullying prevention measures, such as the First (1st) BASTA (Bullying Affects Students, Teachers, and ALL) Bullying Prevention Poster competition; and

WHEREAS, members of the Judiciary of Guam and the Department of Education, along with community partners and concerned citizens, have joined together to engage our youth in positive activities and provide educational outreach programs aimed at reducing bullying in our communities; now therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that the Committee on Rules of I Mina'Trentai Unu Na Liheslaturan Guåhan does hereby, on behalf of I Liheslaturan Guåhan and the people of Guam, recognize and commend Elyssa Gonzalez for her achievements and her commitment to being a part of the solution to prevent bullying on Guam by her participation in the BASTA Bullying Prevention Poster competition, and subsequently winning the Third (3rd) Place Award in her category; and be it further

- 1 **RESOLVED,** that the Speaker and the Chairperson of the Committee on Rules
- 2 certify, and the Legislative Secretary attest to, the adoption hereof, and that copies of
- 3 the same be thereafter transmitted to Elyssa Gonzalez; to the Honorable F. Philip
- 4 Carbullido, Chief Justice, Judiciary of Guam; and to the Honorable Edward J.B.
- 5 Calvo, I Maga'lahen Guåhan.

DULY AND REGULARLY ADOPTED BY THE COMMITTEE ON RULES OF I MINA'TRENTAI UNU NA LIHESLATURAN GUÂHAN ON THE 25TH DAY OF OCTOBER 2011.

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Legislative Secretary