

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

**Resolution No. 277-31 (COR)**

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**Relative to extending best wishes on the occasion of the Seventy-Eighth (78<sup>th</sup>) Birthday Celebration of His Majesty the Emperor of Japan; and to further commending the Japanese community of Guam for continuing to promote strong relations between Japan and the island of Guam.**

- 1        **BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COMMITTEE ON RULES OF *I***  
2        ***MINA'TRENTAI UNU NA LIHESLATURAN GUÅHAN:***  
3        **WHEREAS,** according to the 1947 Constitution of Japan, the Emperor of  
4        Japan is “the symbol of the state and of the unity of the people”. He is the ceremonial  
5        figurehead under a form of constitutional monarchy, and is the head of the Japanese

1 Imperial Family with functions as the head of state. He is also the highest authority of  
2 the Shinto religion; and

3       **WHEREAS**, the Imperial House of Japan is the oldest continuing hereditary  
4 monarchy in the world; and

5       **WHEREAS**, the current emperor is His Imperial Majesty the Emperor Akihito,  
6 who ascended to the Throne on January 7, 1989, as the one hundred twenty-fifth  
7 (125<sup>th</sup>) Emperor of Japan; and

8       **WHEREAS**, Tsugunomiya Akihito was born on December 23, 1933, in Tokyo  
9 to Emperor Hirohito and Empress Nagako Kuniat, their fifth (5<sup>th</sup>) child and their first  
10 (1<sup>st</sup>) son; and

11       **WHEREAS**, Emperor Akihito is a direct descendant of Japan's first (1<sup>st</sup>)  
12 Emperor, Jimmu, circa 660 BC. Akihito means "shining pinnacle of virtue", and  
13 Tsugunomiya means "prince of the august succession and enlightened benevolence";  
14 and

15       **WHEREAS**, Emperor Akihito was inaugurated as Crown Prince on November  
16 10, 1952; and

17       **WHEREAS**, on April 10, 1959, Emperor Akihito married Michiko Shoda. The  
18 marriage produced three (3) children: His Imperial Highness Crown Prince Naruhito,  
19 born on February 23, 1960; His Imperial Highness Prince Akishino, born on  
20 November 30, 1965; and Her Imperial Highness Princess Sayako, born on April 18,  
21 1969; and

22       **WHEREAS**, the Emperor's birthday, which is observed on December 23<sup>rd</sup>  
23 every year, is a Japan national holiday; and

24       **WHEREAS**, in celebration of the seventy-eighth (78<sup>th</sup>) birthday of His Majesty  
25 the Emperor of Japan, Consul-General of Japan, Yoshiyuki Kimura is hosting a

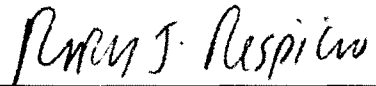
reception on Thursday, December 1, 2011, at the *Tasi* Ballroom of Hotel Nikko, Guam; now therefore, be it

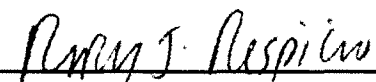
**RESOLVED**, that the Committee on Rules of *I Mina'Trentai Unu Na Liheslaturan Guåhan* does hereby, on behalf of *I Liheslaturan Guåhan* and the people of Guam, extend best wishes on the occasion of the Seventy-Eighth (78<sup>th</sup>) Birthday Celebration of His Majesty the Emperor of Japan; and does further commend the Japanese community of Guam for continuing to promote strong relations between the people of Japan and Guam; and be it further

**RESOLVED**, that the Speaker and the Chairperson of the Committee on Rules certify, and the Legislative Secretary attest to, the adoption hereof, and that copies of the same be thereafter transmitted to His Majesty the Emperor of Japan; to Japan Consul-General Yoshiyuki Kimura; to Mr. Toyohito Yoneyama, President, Japan Club of Guam; and to the Honorable Edward J.B. Calvo, *I Maga'lahaen Guåhan*.

**DULY AND REGULARLY ADOPTED BY THE COMMITTEE ON RULES OF  
I MINA'TRENTAI UNU NA LIHESLATURAN GUÅHAN ON THE 30<sup>TH</sup> DAY  
OF NOVEMBER 2011.**

  
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Acting Speaker

  
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Chairperson, Committee on Rules

  
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Acting Legislative Secretary