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Relative to recognizing and commending Doreen T. Crisostomo, Ph.D., University of Guam (UOG) Professor, and UOG students, Ruren Clemente, Edward Brobesong, Amber Castro and Garry Yeoh for their accomplishments in the Association of Government Accountants (AGA) Fifth (5th) Annual Government Finance Case Challenge; and to further wishing them the best of luck during this year's AGA National Leadership Conference in Washington, D.C.

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

1 **WHEREAS**, the Association of Government Accountants (AGA) is a national
2 association with the mission and vision to serve as the premier association in
3 advancing government accountability by supporting the careers and professional
4 development of government finance professionals working in federal, state and local
5 governments, as well as in the private sector, and academia. Founded in 1950, AGA
6 has a long history of being the thought leader for the government accountability
7 profession. Through education, research, publications, certification and conferences,
8 AGA reaches thousands of professionals and provides more than one hundred
9 thousand (100,000) continuing professional education (CPE) hours annually; and

10 **WHEREAS**, the AGA Guam Chapter was established in 1970 and has since
11 been an active organization in our community. Dr. Doreen Crisostomo, a University
12 of Guam (UOG) Accounting Professor, has served as part of the AGA for several
13 years. She has held various positions, including as the Certified Government
14 Financial Management (CGFM) Director for the Guam Chapter, as the CGFM
15 Coordinator for the Pacific Rim, and, currently, she is the Webmaster for the Guam
16 Chapter, and the Regional Vice President for the Pacific Rim; and

17 **WHEREAS**, Dr. Crisostomo received National Recognition for the Guam
18 Chapter CGFM Awards for program years 2009 and 2010; and the National Regional
19 Coordinator for Certification Award in program year 2011; and

20 **WHEREAS**, a few years ago, the AGA launched its Citizen-Centric
21 Government Reporting Initiative, which is intended to foster innovative means of
22 communication between governments and their citizenry. AGA citizen-centric based
23 reports detail government finances in a visually appealing, clear and understandable
24 four (4)-page document. The AGA believes that these reports will make governments
25 more accountable to their citizens, and will help Americans become better educated
26 and better able to participate in government activities; and

1 **WHEREAS**, Dr. Crisostomo first introduced her students to the Citizen-Centric
2 Government Reporting Initiative in her Spring 2009 BA401 “Government
3 Accounting” class. Dr. Crisostomo incorporated the initiative into her syllabus to
4 complement classroom learning and give her students exposure to real-world
5 experiences through interacting with our local government agencies to compile
6 various citizen-centric reports (CCR) for each agency involved; and

7 **WHEREAS**, Dr. Crisostomo shared the students’ work with her colleagues in
8 the AGA Guam Chapter at a Chapter membership meeting; and with the support of
9 the Association, the students’ projects were shared with various members of *I*
10 *Mina’Trenta Na Liheslaturan Guåhan* (the 30th Guam Legislature). The Legislature
11 incorporated the CCR initiative as a matter of public policy through Bill No. 263-30
12 (COR) – “An Act Relative to Adopting the Association of Government Accountants’
13 “Citizen-Centric Government Reporting Initiative” – which was then signed into law
14 as Public Law No. 30-127 on April 2, 2010; and

15 **WHEREAS**, in 2011, AGA National kicked-off their Fifth (5th) Annual
16 Government Case Challenge, inviting the best undergraduate accounting/financial
17 management/business students in the country to compete. Student teams were to
18 collaboratively analyze and offer a written response to a case centered on how a U.S.
19 city government creates a citizen-centric report. All members of the three (3) highest-
20 scoring teams received a scholarship to attend AGA's National Leadership
21 Conference; and

22 **WHEREAS**, Dr. Crisostomo formed a four (4)-member student team from her
23 Fall 2011 BA401 “Government Accounting” class. Under the guidance of their
24 Faculty Advisor, Dr. Crisostomo, the team of Ms. Ruren Clemente, Mr. Edward
25 Brobesong, Ms. Amber Castro and Mr. Garry Yeoh entered into the AGA National’s
26 competition to prepare a citizen-centric report for the city of Alexandria, Virginia, to

1 include a paper that summarizes the criteria and the justification the team used to
2 decide what information to include and exclude in the performance report; and

3 **WHEREAS**, the UOG team of Clemente, Brobesong, Castro and Yeoh
4 successfully placed as one (1) of the top three (3) finalist teams, along with Old
5 Dominion University and University of North Carolina Pembroke; and

6 **WHEREAS**, the members of the UOG team of Clemente, Brobesong, Castro
7 and Yeoh have accepted their scholarship awards to attend the AGA National
8 Leadership Conference in Washington, D.C. on February 16-18, 2012, where they will
9 present their finalized solutions before a panel of federal/state/local government
10 leaders, corporate partners and chief financial officers. The AGA assures that this
11 experience promises to challenge the students' moral reasoning, raise their awareness
12 of the importance of government accountability, and open doors to a future career in
13 government; now therefore, be it

14 **RESOLVED**, that *I Liheslaturan Guåhan* does hereby, on behalf of the people
15 of Guam, recognize and commend Doreen T. Crisostomo, Ph.D., University of Guam
16 Professor, and UOG students, Ruren Clemente, Edward Brobesong, Amber Castro
17 and Garry Yeoh for their accomplishments in the Association of Government
18 Accountants Fifth (5th) Annual Government Finance Case Challenge; and does further
19 wish them the best of luck during this year's AGA National Leadership Conference in
20 Washington, D.C.; and be it further

21 **RESOLVED**, that the Speaker certify, and the Legislative Secretary attest to,
22 the adoption hereof, and that copies of the same be thereafter transmitted to Dr. Anita
23 Borja Enriquez, Dean of the School of Business and Public Administration, University
24 of Guam; to Doreen T. Crisostomo, Ph.D., Faculty Advisor, AGA Government Case
25 Challenge UOG Finalist Team; to Ms. Ruren Clemente, Student Member, AGA
26 Government Case Challenge UOG Finalist Team; to Mr. Edward Brobesong, Student

- 1 Member, AGA Government Case Challenge UOG Finalist Team; to Ms. Amber
- 2 Castro, Student Member, AGA Government Case Challenge UOG Finalist Team; to
- 3 Mr. Garry Yeoh, Student Member, AGA Government Case Challenge UOG Finalist
- 4 Team; and to the Honorable Edward J.B. Calvo, *I Maga'lahren Guåhan*.

DULY AND REGULARLY ADOPTED BY *I MINA'TRENTAI UNU NA LIHESLATURAN GUÅHAN* ON THE 20TH DAY OF JANUARY 2012.



JUDITH T. WON PAT, Ed.D.
Speaker



TINA ROSE MUÑA BARNES
Legislative Secretary