I MINA'TRENTAI UNU NA LIHESLATURAN GUÅHAN 2012 (SECOND) Regular Session

Resolution No. 323-31 (COR)

Introduced by:

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Relative to recognizing and commending the Guam Department of Education, the Guam Community College, and the University of Guam for their continued support, contributions, and commitment to Career and Technical Education on Guam.

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BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COMMITTEE ON RULES OF I

2 MINA'TRENTAI UNU NA LIHESLATURAN GUÅHAN:

WHEREAS, aligned with Governor Calvo's "classrooms to careers" initiative, stating in his State of the Island Address on January 31, 2012, "it is the building of a long-term economic development strategy that has, at its heart, an education system that produces the career workforce and entrepreneurs to build the economy," the educational institutions on Guam are to provide its students with the tools necessary for effectively entering the workforce. It is the education of the people of Guam that
 will ensure their success in the workforce, enhanced job improvement and
 satisfaction, and the strengthening of the economy; and

WHEREAS, the goal of the Association of Career and Technical Education (ACTE) is to prepare youth and adults for a wide range of careers and further educational opportunities. These careers may require varying levels of education, including industry recognized credentials, postsecondary certificates, and two (2) or four (4) year degrees. ACTE is dedicated to the cultivation of careers, and provides leadership for a more "educated, prepared, adaptable and competitive workforce"; and

10 WHEREAS, Career and Technical Education (CTE) curricula brings to fruition the goals and objectives of the ACTE, as stated above. CTE is at the forefront of 11 12 preparing students to be college and career ready, and CTE equips students with core 13 academic skills and the ability to apply those skills to concrete situations, in order to 14 be effective in the workplace. CTE fosters employability skills (not found in 15 traditional academic courses), such as critical thinking and responsibility. These are 16 essential and basic skills needed in any career path. CTE arms students with job 17 specific, technical skills related to broad career pathways; and

WHEREAS, Public Law 31-156, the "College and Career Readiness (CCaRe) Act," enables the Guam Board of Education, in collaboration with the Superintendent of Education, the Guam Workforce Investment Board, the Guam Community College, and the University of Guam, to establish a strategic plan for developing and adopting integrated CTE curriculum into the Guam Department of Education's new District Action Plan; and

WHEREAS, the partnership between *I Maga'lahen Guåhan, I Mina'Trentai Unu Na Liheslaturan Guåhan,* the Guam Department of Education, the Guam
Community College, and the University of Guam, in collaboration with the Guam

Workforce Investment Board, the Agency for Human Resources Development, the
 Guam Department of Labor, the Guam Chamber of Commerce, the Guam Contractors
 Association, and the local business community will mark the beginning of a
 commitment to strengthen workforce readiness, and to encourage the continued
 support for Career and Technical Education to enhance the public education on Guam;
 and

WHEREAS, in celebration of National Career and Technical Education Month
in February, the First Annual Guam Career and Technical Education Summit 2012:
"Imagine: Careers through Education," will be held on February 16 to 18, 2012, and
will help bridge the gap between Guam's educational institutions, local businesses,
parents and students; now therefore, be it

12 **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 13 14 of Guam, highly recognize and commend Taling Taitano, Interim Superintendent of 15 the Guam Department of Education; Dr. Mary Okada, President of the Guam 16 Community College; Dr. Robert Underwood, President of the University of Guam; David Leddy, President of the Guam Chamber of Commerce; James Martinez, 17 18 Chairman of the Guam Workforce Investment Board, and President of the Guam 19 Contractors Association; the Agency for Human Resources Development; the Guam 20 Department of Labor; and the Members of the CTE Task Force, for their efforts in the 21 support of preparing youth and young adults to be college and career ready, and for 22 recognizing the importance of enhancing the local workforce by supporting Career 23 and Technical Education; and be it further

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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 Taling Taitano, Interim Superintendent of the Guam Department of Education;to Dr. Mary Okada, President of the Guam Community College; to Dr. Robert Underwood, President of the University of Guam; to the Director of the Agency for Human Resources Development; to the Director of the Guam Department of Labor; to James Martinez, Chairman, Guam Contractors Association; to David Leddy, President of the Guam Chamber of Commerce; and to the Honorable Edward J.B. Calvo, *I Maga'lahen Guåhan*.

DULY AND REGULARLY ADOPTED BY THE COMMITTEE ON RULES OF *I MINA'TRENTAI UNU NA LIHESLATURAN GUÅHAN* ON THE DAY 14TH OF FEBRUARY 2012.

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RORY J. RESPICIO Chairperson, Committee on Rules

JUDITH T. WON PAT, Ed.D. Speaker

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