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

Resolution No. 344-31 (COR)

Introduced by:

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Relative to welcoming to Guam with a *Hafa Adai Spirit* His Excellency Jose L. Cuisia, Jr., Philippine Ambassador to the United States; and to further extending *Un Dångkolo Na Si Yu'os Ma'åse'* to him for promoting and expanding business relationships between Guam and the Philippines.

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

WHEREAS, His Excellency Jose L. Cuisia, Jr., serves as the Ambassador of the Philippines to the United States, and he has strived to continuously strengthen the ties between the Philippines and the United States, as well as its territories; and

WHEREAS, His Excellency Jose L. Cuisia Jr. was born on July 16, 1944, in
Manila, Philippines, and is married to Maria Victoria Jose Cuisia, with whom he has
five (5) children ; and

WHEREAS, in 1967, Ambassador Cuisia received his Bachelor of Arts Degree in Social Science, and a Bachelor of Science Degree in Commerce from De La Salle University, where he graduated *Magna Cum Laude*. Furthermore, he continued to acquire higher education by attending the Wharton School of Business at the University of Pennsylvania, where he completed his Master's Degree in Business Administration - Finance in 1970; and

WHEREAS, throughout his career, Ambassador Jose L. Cuisia, Jr., was awarded numerous monumental awards and recognitions in the Philippines and internationally that gave pride to the Philippines and to Filipinos worldwide; and

WHEREAS, his impressive achievements throughout his career include being named the Ten Outstanding Young Men (TOYM) Awardee for Domestic Banking in 1982; the Chief Executive Award for Business Excellence in the Philippines; the Asian Insurance Personality of the Year; and the Manuel L. Quezon Award for Exemplary Governance. In addition, in 2011, Ambassador Jose L. Cuisia, Jr., was awarded the Joseph Wharton Award for Lifetime Achievement for an outstanding career in the banking and insurance industry; and

WHEREAS, Ambassador Cuisia has held various executive positions in some of the most prestigious companies in the Philippines with his expertise in the banking and insurance industries. Other positions he has held include, Central Bank Governor, Chairman of the Monetary Board, and Chairman of the Philippine Deposit Insurance Corporation (PDIC) Board. In addition, he was also President and CEO of the Social Security System (SSS), and Director of the Philippine National Bank (PNB); and

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1 WHEREAS, Ambassador Cuisia also possesses exemplary skills in the 2 managerial field, and has served in upper-level positions in prestigious corporations 3 across the Philippines. He served as the Director of Far East Bank and Trust 4 Company, and as the Vice Chairman of SM Prime Holdings. He also served as a 5 member of the company's Nominating Committee, and as Chairman of the Audit and 6 Risk Management Committee. In addition, he held the position of Director for Holcim 7 Philippines Inc., and Bacnotan Consolidated Industries; and

8 WHEREAS, one of his most recent achievements was acquiring the 9 nomination from Philippine President Benigno Aquino III in 2010 to serve as the 10 Philippine Ambassador to the United States. He assumed the position on February 11 2011 upon the approval of the Commission on Appointments; and

WHEREAS, his mission is to provide Philippines representation to strengthen ties with the United States and its territories. As an Ambassador, he works towards promoting the Filipino culture, and doing business with the Philippines. Moreover, he serves as a tool to provide support to Filipino Americans overseas; and

WHEREAS, through the visit of Ambassador Cuisia to the island of Guam, Filipino businessmen/women and professionals are given inspiration in providing service to Guam and the Philippines, and enhancing the business relationships with Guam. Furthermore, the Filipino communities were provided the opportunity to address their concerns regarding U.S.-Philippine relations; now therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that the Committee on Rules *I Mina' Trentai Unu Na Liheslaturan Guåhan* does hereby, on behalf of *I Liheslaturan Guåhan* and the people of Guam, welcome to Guam with the *Hafa Adai Spirit* Ambassador Jose L. Cuisia, Jr.; and does further demonstrate our gratitude to him for his interest in promoting Guam-Philippines relations, and for visiting the Filipino community and the people of Guam; and be it further

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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 His Excellency Jose L. Cuisia, Jr., Philippine 4 Ambassador to the United States; and to the Honorable Edward J.B. Calvo, *I* 5 *Maga'lahen Guåhan*.

DULY AND REGULARLY ADOPTED BY THE COMMITTEE ON RULES OF *I MINA'TRENTAI UNU NA LIHESLATURAN GUÅHAN* ON THE DAY 8TH OF MARCH 2012.

JUDITH T. WON PAT, Ed.D. Speaker

Almer) Respices

RORY J. RESPICIO Chairperson, Committee on Rules

TINA ROSE MUÑA BARNES Legislative Secretary