

I MINA'TRENTAI UNU NA LIHESLATURAN GUÅHAN
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Resolution No. 411-31 (COR)

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Relative to commending and congratulating Mr. and Mrs. Leo and Connie Slotnick on being the recipients of the Guam Chamber of Commerce “2012 Guam Business Hall of Fame Business Laureates Award”.

1 **BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COMMITTEE ON RULES OF I**
2 ***MINA'TRENTAI UNU NA LIHESLATURAN GUÅHAN:***
3 **WHEREAS,** Leo and Connie Slotnick are the founders of Slotnick Enterprises,
4 Inc., and Construction Resources; and are the former owners of the *Hafa Adai*
5 Theaters, the Marine Drive Exchange, Inc., ConRos, Inc., and the Corals Dress Shop,
6 having invested in Guam for sixty-three (63) years beginning in 1949; and

1 **WHEREAS**, in the aftermath of World War II, the U.S. Navy launched an
2 effort that would rebuild and rehabilitate Guam’s infrastructure from the devastating
3 effects of the Japanese occupation, and it was during this period that Leo Slotnick
4 would arrive on Guam with a group of Naval builders to assist in these efforts; and

5 **WHEREAS**, in 1948, Leo met Connie Torre Tenorio, who was a nurse at the
6 U.S. Naval Hospital, and he immediately began courting her; and by 1951 they had
7 become Mr. and Mrs. Leo and Connie Slotnick; and

8 **WHEREAS**, in 1949, Connie saw a need to address the fashion needs of the
9 “discriminating woman”, and she opened a boutique called the **Corals Dress Shop**,
10 located on Marine Drive in *Tamuning*, where she personally ran the day-to-day
11 operations, including purchasing, merchandising, and sales; and

12 **WHEREAS**, Leo, meanwhile, was in charge of overseeing the island’s liquor
13 distribution for both the Navy and Guam’s civilian population; and he would continue
14 in this capacity for two (2) decades until 1970, when he managed the construction of
15 the Guam Hotel Okura, becoming one of the hotel’s initial investors; and

16 **WHEREAS**, Leo then managed the operations of Universal Pacific, a local
17 movie theater company, until 1983, when Leo and Connie, along with their business
18 partners, formed an alliance known as ConRos, Inc., and purchased the theater
19 operations, which became the entertainment of choice for many residents of Guam for
20 over twenty (20) years; and

21 **WHEREAS**, in 1984, the group formed Marine Drive Exchange, Inc., and
22 established a facility that would allow for small independent businesses and hundreds
23 of entrepreneurs to have an opportunity to build their own businesses with relatively
24 low overhead costs; and

25 **WHEREAS**, Leo and Connie Slotnick remained the owners and operators of
26 both entities until 1997, when they sold their shares to their remaining partners and

1 started Slotnick Enterprises, a sole proprietorship to manage their real estate
2 purchases, their small business, and private investments; and

3 **WHEREAS**, Leo and Connie Slotnick, both individually and together, have
4 built an enterprise based on pure entrepreneurial spirit and strict business practices;
5 and

6 **WHEREAS**, their determination, hard work, humble dispositions and keen
7 business sense was recognized by key government officials who appointed Leo
8 Slotnick to the Board of Directors of the Guam International Airport Authority, where
9 from 1987 to 1993 he oversaw the Airport Authority's expansion project live up to its
10 investment, turning it from an unpopular investment project to an operation "bursting
11 at the seams", as Guam is experiencing monumental visitor arrivals due to major
12 foreign investment in Guam's tourism industry; and

13 **WHEREAS**, from 1969 to 1975, Connie Slotnick served on the Board of
14 Trustees of the Guam Memorial Hospital Authority; and in her civic contributions, she
15 was actively involved in the establishment and development of the Republican
16 Women's Association of Guam; and

17 **WHEREAS**, following Leo's passing in 2005, Connie took the helm of
18 Slotnick Enterprises and introduced the next generation of family members to the
19 company, and eventually incorporated Slotnick Enterprises into SEI Guam; and

20 **WHEREAS**, in 2009, Connie Slotnick was awarded the "Guam
21 Businesswoman of the Year Lifetime Achievement Award" by the First Hawaiian
22 Bank; and

23 **WHEREAS**, at the age ninety-three (93), Connie is still managing the company
24 disbursements and maintains a daily presence at the office; and

25 **WHEREAS**, from their humble beginnings to local business entrepreneurs who
26 paved the way for others to fulfill their own entrepreneurial dreams, these Business


1 Laureates, Leo and Connie Slotnick, are exceptional role models who built and
2 established a livelihood for future generations; now therefore, be it

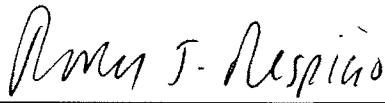
3 **RESOLVED**, that the Committee on Rules *I Mina Trentai Unu Na*
4 *Liheslaturan Guåhan* does hereby, on behalf of *I Liheslaturan Guåhan* and the people
5 of Guam, commend and congratulate Leo and Connie Slotnick on being the recipients
6 of the Guam Chamber of Commerce “2012 Guam Business Hall of Fame Business
7 Laureates Award”; and be it further

8 **RESOLVED**, that the Speaker and the Chairperson of the Committee on Rules
9 certify, and the Legislative Secretary attest to, the adoption hereof, and that copies of
10 the same be thereafter transmitted to Connie Slotnick; to the Guam Chamber of
11 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 11TH DAY
OF MAY 2012.**


BENJAMIN J.F. CRUZ
Acting Speaker


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Chairperson, Committee on Rules


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Acting Legislative Secretary