

I MINA'TRENTAI UNU NA LIHESLATURAN GUÅHAN
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Relative to commending and congratulating the 2012 Saint Thomas Aquinas Catholic High School Mock Trial team for placing Eighth (8th) Place out of Forty-Six participating teams at the 2012 National High School Mock Trial Championship Competition held in Albuquerque, New Mexico.

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

1 **WHEREAS**, the 2012 National High School Mock Trial Championship is
2 the premiere national law-related academic tournament for high school
3 students; and

4 **WHEREAS**, mock trials are designed to give students an inside
5 perspective on the legal system, providing them with an understanding of the
6 mechanism through which society chooses to resolve many of its disputes;
7 and

8 **WHEREAS**, participation in a performance-based, hands-on program
9 provides students with practical knowledge about how our legal system
10 functions and who the major players are in that system; and

11 **WHEREAS**, here in Guam, successfully competed amongst a competitive
12 field of other high school teams on Guam, winning first (1st) place in the
13 Island-wide High School Mock Trial Competition, thereby representing Guam
14 at the 2012 National High School Mock Trial Championship held in
15 Albuquerque, New Mexico; and

16 **WHEREAS**, the Saint Thomas Aquinas Catholic High School Mock Trial
17 team assiduously prepared for the fictitious court case in which they were
18 assigned to perform in the capacity of attorneys, witnesses, and bailiff; more
19 importantly, the students benefited greatly from their advisor Dr. Timothy
20 Guile, and attorney coaches, Joyce C.H. Tang (Civille and Tang PLLC), Leslie
21 Travis and Ms. Melissa Mendoza, who graciously volunteered numerous hours
22 to ensure the team's success; and

23 **WHEREAS**, the students' participation in the mock trial team further
24 provided them with the opportunity to bolster confidence, along with public
25 speaking and critical thinking skills--essential traits to those interested in
26 potential careers as lawyers, public speakers, politicians, and the like; and

1 **WHEREAS**, the Mock Trial Program provides a rewarding, educational
2 experience, while giving participants a little taste of what the legal profession
3 is all about; the program enables the students to practice their skills while at
4 the same time allowing them to control their actions as they experience a real
5 courtroom setting; now, therefore, be it

6 **RESOLVED**, that the *I Mina'Trentai Unu Na Liheslaturan Guahan* does
7 hereby, on behalf of the People of Guam, commend and congratulate the 2012
8 Saint Thomas Aquinas Catholic High School Mock Trial Team for placing
9 Eighth (8TH) out of forty-six at the 2012 National High School Mock Trial
10 Championship held at Albuquerque, New Mexico; and be it further

11 **RESOLVED**, that the *I Mina'Trentai Unu Na Liheslaturan Guahan* does
12 hereby, on behalf of the People of Guam, congratulate the members of the
13 2012 Saint Thomas Aquinas Catholic High School Mock Trial Team members:
14 Kyra Rocco, Whitney Quinley, Crystal Mendoza, Ashantie Mitchell, Mike Yoon,
15 Audell Sabeti, Janielle Cuala, Daniel Liu, and Francene Reyes; their Advisor Dr.
16 Timothy Guile; and Attorney Coaches Leslie Travis, Melissa Mendoza and
17 Joyce Tang of Civile and Tang, PLLC; and be it further

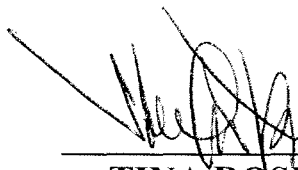
18 **RESOLVED**, that the *I Mina'Trentai Unu Na Liheslaturan Guahan* does
19 hereby, on behalf of the People of Guam, hereby commend Whitney Quinley,
20 for being selected for one of the 2012 Attorney Awards; and be it further

21 **RESOLVED**, that the Speaker certify, and the Legislative Secretary attest
22 to the adoption hereof, and that copies be transmitted to Saint Thomas
23 Aquinas Catholic High School; to the individual members of the 2012 Saint
24 Thomas Aquinas Catholic High School Mock Trial Team, their Advisors and
25 Coaches; to the Chief Justice of the Supreme Court of Guam; and to the
26 Honorable Edward J.B. Calvo, *I Maga'lahren Guåhan*.

DULY AND REGULARLY ADOPTED BY *I MINA' TRENTAI UNU NA LIHESLATURAN GUÅHAN* ON THIS 29TH DAY OF MAY 2012.



JUDITH T. WON PAT, Ed.D.
Speaker



TINA ROSE MUÑA BARNES
Legislative Secretary