

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

**Resolution No. 601-31 (COR)**

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**Relative to recognizing and commending the *Natibu* Cultural Heritage Dance Company on its Seventeenth (17<sup>th</sup>) Year Anniversary and Graduation Showcase; and to further extending a sincere *Un Dångkolo Na Si Yu'os Ma'åse'* to Dr. Bengie Santiago for his dedication and service in promoting the arts and culture of the island community.**

- 1           **BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COMMITTEE ON RULES OF *I***  
2 ***MINA'TRENTAI UNU NA LIHESLATURAN GUÅHAN:***  
3           **WHEREAS, the *Natibu* Cultural Heritage Dance Company was founded in**  
4 **1995 by Dr. Bengie Santiago; and**

1       **WHEREAS**, in its humble beginnings, the company was comprised of twenty-  
2 three (23) members. Today, the company is comprised of sixty (60) *Haumana*  
3 (students) members in *Natibu* on Guam; thirty (30) members in the *Kulu Natibu*  
4 Dance Squad at the Agueda Johnston Middle School; twenty-six (26) members in the  
5 Pacific Fantasies Dance Company; fifty (50) members in Yokohama, Japan; and  
6 eighty (80) members in Osaka, Japan, ranging in ages from four (4) to fifty (50) years  
7 old; and

8       **WHEREAS**, Dr. Bengie Santiago was an original member of the *Taotao Tano*  
9 Cultural Dancers, under the tutelage of Uncle Frank Rabon, and Dr. Bengie continues  
10 to pass on the knowledge he has absorbed to his students; and

11       **WHEREAS**, "Uncle Bengie", as he is affectionately and respectfully known,  
12 has taught his students the ways of respect and discipline, which are vital components  
13 to the success of the *Natibu* Dance Company and its legacy; and participating in  
14 community activities which contribute to a positive growing environment for the  
15 children is a hallmark of the *Natibu* Dance Academy; and

16       **WHEREAS**, among its many achievements, the *Natibu* Dance Academy was  
17 honored with the *Maga'Lahi* Performing Arts Award; and on May 20, 2005, Uncle  
18 Bengie Santiago was nominated and selected to receive the *Hafa Adai* Spirit Award,  
19 which is given to an individual who has contributed and dedicated his life to teaching,  
20 promoting and preserving the island's culture and heritage, and the family values of  
21 the *Chamorro* people; and

22       **WHEREAS**, through the *Natibu* Dance Company, Dr. Santiago takes pride in  
23 the promotion and preservation of not only the cultures of the Pacific, but also and  
24 most importantly, the culture of the *Chamorro* people; and

25       **WHEREAS**, Hawaii's Golden Treasure, the late Uncle George  
26 Lanakilakeikiahiali'i Na'ope, world renowned *Kahuna Nui*, *Kumu Hula* Master, and

1 co-founder of the Merrie Monarch Hula Festival, certified and recognized Dr. Bengie  
2 Santiago as a *Kumu Hula*, christening him with the *inoa* (name) *Kaleolanikia-*  
3 *Iokahula Hawai'i*, which translates to " the heavenly voice, the keeper of the Dances  
4 of Hawaii"; now therefore, be it

5 **RESOLVED**, that the Committee on Rules of *I Mina'Trentai Unu Na*  
6 *Liheslaturan Guåhan* does hereby, on behalf of *I Liheslaturan Guåhan* and the people  
7 of Guam, recognize and commend the *Natibu* Cultural Heritage Dance Company on  
8 its Seventeenth (17<sup>th</sup>) Year Anniversary and Graduation Showcase; and does further  
9 extend a sincere *Un Dångkolo Na Si Yu'os Ma'åse* to Dr. Bengie Santiago for his  
10 dedication and service in promoting the arts and culture of the island community; and  
11 be it further

12 **RESOLVED**, that the Speaker and the Chairperson of the Committee on Rules  
13 certify, and the Legislative Secretary attest to, the adoption hereof, and that copies of  
14 the same be thereafter transmitted to Dr. Bengie Santiago, *Kumu Hula* of the *Natibu*  
15 Cultural Heritage Dance Company; and to the Honorable Edward J.B. Calvo, *I*  
16 *Maga'lahen Guåhan*.

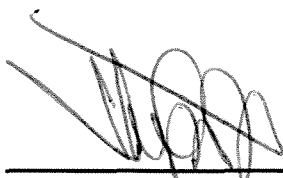
**DULY AND REGULARLY ADOPTED BY THE COMMITTEE ON RULES OF  
I MINA'TRENTAI UNU NA LIHESLATURAN GUÅHAN ON THE 16<sup>TH</sup> DAY  
OF NOVEMBER 2012.**



JUDITH T. WON PAT, Ed. D.  
Speaker



JUDITH P. GUTHERTZ, DPA  
Acting Chairperson, Committee on Rules



TINA ROSE MUÑA BARNES  
Legislative Secretary