

I MINA'TRENTAI UNU NA LIHESLATURAN GUÅHAN
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Resolution No. 629-31 (COR)

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Relative to commending and congratulating Mr. Paul M. Fisher on the occasion of his retirement from the federal government after thirty-seven (37) years of honorable service; and to further extending a warm *Un Dångkolo Na Si Yu'os Ma'åse'* to him for his dedicated service to our island community.

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COMMITTEE ON RULES OF

I MINA'TRENTAI UNU NA LIHESLATURAN GUÅHAN:

WHEREAS, Mr. Paul M. Fisher was born on April 25, 1947, in Atlantic City, New Jersey. He has been married to Aurea (Auring) Bolanos Fisher for forty-three (43) years, and they have four (4) children: Lehua, Erika, Katryn and Christopher; and are also blessed with two (2) grandchildren: Kyle and Liam; and

1 **WHEREAS**, Mr. Fisher graduated Phi Beta Kappa, *magna cum laude* from
2 the University of Washington, in 1973, with a B.A. in Japanese Regional Studies;
3 and he received his Juris Doctorate from the Georgetown University Law Center in
4 1978, and he is a member of the District of Columbia Bar; and

5 **WHEREAS**, Paul has served as the Counsel for the Commander, Naval
6 Forces Marianas/Joint Region Marianas Guam since July 2001; and

7 **WHEREAS**, Mr. Fisher has provided exemplary legal advice relating to the
8 issues that bridge the partnership between the military community and the people
9 of Guam, to include providing legal research relative to the Guam Excess Lands
10 Act, the Ancestral Lands Program, the Guam “Priority for Excess Property” Act,
11 and the *Chamorro* Land Trust Program. His knowledge and background provided
12 a better understanding of how these land issues affect the growth of the anticipated
13 military buildup, and the relations between the government of Guam and the
14 Department of Defense; and

15 **WHEREAS**, Paul has become well-versed in the provisions of the Guam
16 Organic Act relating to taxation and custom issues that affect the men and women
17 in the Armed Forces stationed on Guam, in order to assist them and their families
18 as they transition to Guam; and

19 **WHEREAS**, Mr. Fisher has actively participated as the Navy’s local
20 spokesperson regarding the Legal Support Working Group, pursuant to the recent
21 enactment of the Guam Beverage Container Deposit Recycling Act (Guam P.L.
22 30-221), that includes the military’s commitment to participate in this joint effort
23 in improving Guam’s environment; and

24 **WHEREAS**, in 2010, Mr. Fisher was one of the founding members and an
25 officer of the “Island Success through Learning Association (ISLA), Inc.”
26 organization, that distributes backpacks filled with school supplies to needy

1 children in the public schools of Guam. This effort has distributed more than five
2 thousand (5,000) backpacks to the students of Guam's public school system; and

3 **WHEREAS**, from 2009 to 2012, Mr. Fisher has served as a Judge of the
4 Guam High School Mock Trials in collaboration with the Guam Bar Association
5 during the Law Week events; and

6 **WHEREAS**, from 2008 up to the present, Mr. Fisher has served as a
7 Catechist at his parish of the Our Lady of Lourdes Church and the Santa Bernadita
8 Chapel in *Yigo*, preparing adults desiring to enter into the Catholic faith through
9 the "Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults", also known as the RCIA program; and
10 he also serves as a Lector and Eucharistic minister at the Saint Michael's parish at
11 Andersen Air Force Base; now therefore, be it

12 **RESOLVED**, that the Committee on Rules of *I Mina'Trentai Unu Na*
13 *Liheslaturan Guåhan* does hereby, on behalf of *I Liheslaturan Guåhan* and the
14 people of Guam, commend and congratulate Mr. Paul M. Fisher on the occasion of
15 his retirement from the federal government after thirty-seven (37) years of
16 honorable service; and does further extend a warm *Un Dangkolo Na Si Yu'os*
17 *Ma'åse'* to him for his dedicated service in serving the needs of our island
18 community; and be it further

19 **RESOLVED**, that the Speaker and the Chairperson of the Committee on
20 Rules certify, and the Legislative Secretary attest to, the adoption hereof, and that

- 1 copies of the same be thereafter transmitted to Mr. Paul M. Fisher; and to the
- 2 Honorable Edward J.B. Calvo, *I Maga'lahaen Guåhan*.

**DULY AND REGULARLY ADOPTED BY THE COMMITTEE ON RULES
OF *I MINA'TRENTAI UNU NA LIHESLATURAN GUÅHAN* ON THE 5TH
DAY OF DECEMBER, 2012**



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