

I MINA'TRENTAI UNU NA LIHESLATURAN GUÅHAN
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**RELATIVE TO RECOGNIZING AND
CONGRATULATING MR. ANDREW TALBOT'S 5TH
GRADE CLASS OF J. Q. SAN MIGUEL
ELEMENTARY SCHOOL ON THEIR
ACHIEVEMENTS MADE IN THE DIRECT
INSTRUCTION PROGRAM.**

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

WHEREAS, eight years ago, when Direct Instruction started on island, only 10% of all fifth graders were able to read fourth-grade material. Today, as a testament to the Direct Instruction Program, fewer than 10% of J. Q. San Miguel's fifth-grade students are reading below a fourth-grade level.

WHEREAS, on March 11, 2011, 20 high-performing students of Mr. Andrew Talbot's fifth grade class at J. Q. San Miguel Elementary School became the first class in Guam to ever complete the top level of the Reasoning and Writing language program of Direct Instruction before the end of the fifth grade.

1 **WHEREAS**, in completing level F of Reasoning and Writing, the 20 fifth
2 graders learned skills from a sixth grade level class. The students gained
3 knowledge of inductive, deductive and analogical reasoning skills. They also
4 learned how to write reports, make arguments with supportive evidence, critique
5 arguments and determine the strength of supportive and non-supportive evidence
6 in arguments.

7 **WHEREAS**, the same fifth grade students are two years ahead in reading,
8 having completed the top level of Reading Mastery last year as fourth graders, and
9 are on grade level in math, with the exception of one student. The students will
10 now begin a middle-school level course, studying different styles of writing,
11 including, narrative, persuasive, expository and descriptive.

12 **WHEREAS**, these students will now set out to reach a new goal and begin
13 a middle-school level course, studying different topics, including, narrative,
14 persuasive, expository and descriptive styles of writing.

15 **WHEREAS**, the success of these students would not have been made
16 possible without the unwavering support of their parents. Their sustaining
17 encouragement allowed these students to perform to the best of their ability and
18 reach these achievements in the program of Direct Instruction.

19 **RESOLVED**, *I Liheslaturan Guåhan* and the people of Guam, congratulate
20 Mr. Andrew Talbot's 5th grade class of J. Q. San Miguel Elementary School, being
21 the first group on Guam on their accomplishments and completion of the top Level
22 of Reasoning and Writing language program of Direct Instruction before the
23 completion of the fifth grade; and be it further

24 **RESOLVED**, that the Executive Committee of *I Mina'Trentai Unu Na*
25 *Liheslaturan Guåhan* and the people of Guam, recognize and commend these
26 students of J. Q. San Miguel Elementary School on their hard work and dedication
27 to complete this great academic achievement; and be it further

1 **RESOLVED**, that the Speaker and the Chairman of the Executive
2 Committee certify, and the Secretary of the Legislature attest to , the adoption
3 hereof, and that copies of the same be thereafter transmitted to Mrs. Nerissa
4 Bretania Underwood, superintendent of the Department of Education, Ms. Tricia
5 Moylan, principal of J. Q. San Miguel Elementary School, Mr. Andrew Talbot, 5th
6 grade teacher at J. Q. San Miguel Elementary School, Adriannah Sanchez, Andreia
7 Miguel, Mara Masga, Issac Ignacio, Terrence Ogo and Hannah-Jo Duenas, Roman
8 Perez, Elizabeth Flores, Jaimie Quintanilla, Abrianni Chargualaf, Javier Lujan,
9 Orlando Parkinson, Manuel Quenga, Jane Rabago, Taylor Guerrero, Kaitlyn
10 Keremius, Nathan Quintanilla, Donovan Camacho and Miaky Maras, high-
11 achieving students of Mr. Andrew Talbot's 5th grade class of J. Q. San Miguel
12 Elementary School, and to the Honorable Edward J.B. Calvo, *I Maga'lahaen*
13 *Guåhan*.

**DULY AND REGULARLY ADOPTED BY THE COMMITTEE ON RULES
OF *I MINA'TRENTAI UNU NA LIHESLATURAN GUÅHAN* ON THE _____
DAY OF MARCH, 2011.**

JUDITH T. WON PAT, Ed.D
Speaker

RORY RESPICIO
Chairman, Committee on Rules

TINA ROSE MUÑA BARNES
Legislative Secretary