

I MINA' TRENTAI UNU NA LIHESLATURAN GUÅHAN  
2011 (FIRST) REGULAR SESSION

Resolution No. 70-31(cor)

Introduced By:

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**Relative to recognizing and commending Keandra Marlaine McDonald for her nomination for the Military Child of the Year Award in the island of Guam.**

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

**WHEREAS**, Keandra Marlaine McDonald is an extraordinary twelve (12) year old seventh grader at Bishop Baumgartner Memorial School, and the daughter and only child of Christopher and Stacy McDonald Flores; and

**WHEREAS**, Keandra Marlaine McDonald is also the granddaughter of the revered Mayor Paul Matthew and Elaine Zanoni McDonald of Agana Heights and Joseph F. Borja and Elsie Quichocho Flores of Afame, Sinajana and Mangilao, respectively; and

**WHEREAS**, Keandra Marlaine McDonald, having previously lived in Seattle, Washington and Ft. Pierce, Florida before being stationed in Honolulu, Hawaii where her father was stationed with the U. S. Coast Guard as an XO of ANT Station Ft. Pierce, Florida in June 2009, has recently moved back home to Guam with her mother to await her father's return from his current deployment; and

**WHEREAS**, Keandra Marlaine McDonald, despite the constant relocation and disadvantage of occasionally having her father absent on tour and/or deployment, has displayed exceptional strength of character and admirable resilience in managing to uphold academic excellence and stellar performances in extracurricular activities throughout her life; and

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16           **WHEREAS**, Keandra Marlaine McDonald, while living on Guam, at the youthful age of  
17   four (4) years old, exhibited leadership and ambition requesting to be enrolled in soccer with the  
18   Orange Crushers, dance lessons with Skip and Fusion, as well as John Robert Powers-School of  
19   Modeling; and

20           **WHEREAS**, Keandra Marlaine McDonald, after moving to Seattle, Washington in 2004,  
21   displayed resilience to the relocation by not only pursuing dance lessons, but also taking up  
22   acting classes and joining the Science Club at the local YMCA; and

23           **WHEREAS**, Keandra Marlaine McDonald, having moved back to Guam in 2005,  
24   incessantly demonstrated the ability to prosper in spite of the continual transition from one  
25   location to another by pursuing guitar and ukulele lessons and attending John Robert Powers-  
26   School of Modeling; and

27           **WHEREAS**, Keandra Marlaine McDonald placed second (2<sup>nd</sup>) overall, out of hundreds  
28   of entries, in the annual Armed Services YMCA National Art Contest in 2007 exhibiting  
29   diversity in her personal interests and her desire for success; and

30           **WHEREAS**, Keandra Marlaine McDonald, while residing in Ft. Pierce, Florida in 2008  
31   until 2009, yet again, demonstrated unfaltering resilience to her ever-changing environment by  
32   continuing to pursue lessons in guitar; and

33           **WHEREAS**, Keandra Marlaine McDonald, during her residence in Ft. Pierce, expressed  
34   remarkable leadership by enrolling in a Taekwondo class, during the course of which, she  
35   placed first in her initial competition, and achieved the level of second degree yellow belt; and

36           **WHEREAS**, Keandra Marlaine McDonald, understanding the sacrifices military families  
37   endure, never opposed yet another relocation to Honolulu, Hawaii in 2009 until 2010; and

38           **WHEREAS**, Keandra Marlaine McDonald displayed undaunting leadership, while  
39   residing in Hawaii, by joining the Pearl Harbor MWR baseball team, on which she was the only  
40   female player, continuing ukulele lessons, partaking in swimming lessons, enrolling in piano  
41   lessons, and participating on the cheerleading squad for Moanaloa Middle School's elite Cheer  
42   Team; and

43           **WHEREAS**, Keandra Marlaine McDonald exhibited her knowledge of the concept of  
44   service, that is instilled in children in military families at a young age, by volunteering to be the  
45   assigned pianist for the Mt. Carmel Catholic Church in Waikane, Kaneohe, Hawaii; and

46           **WHEREAS**, Keandra Marlaine McDonald was nominated by her educators, for the past  
47   two (2) years in a row, to attend the Congressional Youth Leadership Council, which is  
48   representative of her outstanding academic achievements and exemplary role in community  
49   leadership; now, therefore, be it

50           **RESOLVED**, that the Committee on Rules of *I Mina'Trentai Unu Na Liheslaturan*  
51   *Guåhan* does hereby, on behalf of the people of Guam, highly commend Keandra Marlaine  
52   McDonald for her nomination for the Military Child of the Year Award; and be it further

53           **RESOLVED**, that the Speaker and the Chairperson of the Committee of Rules certify,  
54   and the Legislative Secretary attest to, the adoption hereof, and that copies of the same be  
55   thereafter transmitted to Keandra Marlaine McDonald and her family; and to the Honorable  
56   Edward B. Calvo, *I Maga'lahaen Guåhan*.

**DULY AND REGULARLY ADOPTED BY I MINA'TRENTAI UNU NA**  
**LIHESLATURAN GUÅHAN ON THIS XX<sup>TH</sup> DAY OF FEBRUARY 2011.**

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JUDITH T. WON PAT, Ed.D.  
Speaker

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TINA ROSE MUNA BARNES  
Legislative Secretary