

I MINA' TRENTAI UNU NA LIHESLATURAN GUÅHAN  
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Resolution No. 73-31 (COR)

Introduced By:

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**Relative to recognizing and commending Josephine Mesa for being the 2011 Volunteer of the Year for the Guam Memorial Hospital Volunteers Association, and for exemplifying the noble characteristics of a truly altruistic volunteer.**

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

1       **WHEREAS**, a dream was conceptualized by a very remarkable woman by  
2       the name of Cecilia Bamba, to formulate a volunteers group for the Guam  
3       Memorial Hospital; and

4       **WHEREAS**, this dream materialized forty six (46) years later into an  
5       organization known today as the Guam Memorial Hospital Volunteers Association  
6       (GMHVA), comprised of over one hundred (100) active members, who avail  
7       themselves to lending their time, talent, and personal interest in caring for the  
8       comfort and welfare of the patients at the Guam Memorial Hospital; and

9           **WHEREAS**, Josephine Mesa, affectionately known as ‘Jo’, is one such  
10 member, as well as the Association’s Vice President. She has recently been  
11 awarded the prestigious tile ‘Volunteer of the Year’ for her outstanding committed  
12 service to GMHVA; and

13           **WHEREAS**, Jo is extremely deserving of this award, as it was her vision,  
14 initiative, and tireless commitment that played a huge role in certain unprecedented  
15 GMHVA activities ; and

16           **WHEREAS**, it was Jo’s independent research that led to the Association’s  
17 adoption of the President’s Volunteer Service Awards Program. Consequently, as  
18 a result of these efforts, members who had accumulated at least one hundred (100)  
19 hours of annual service received recognition endorsed by the President of the  
20 United States; and

21           **WHEREAS**, through her own initiative, Jo also prepared the nomination of  
22 GMHVA’s 2010 Volunteer Week events and activities for submission to the  
23 National Volunteer’s Week competition; and

24           **WHEREAS**, as a result, GMHVA won 3<sup>rd</sup> place nationwide and received  
25 national recognition in the Positive Promotions February 2011 issue and a  
26 monetary prize of one hundred (100) dollars; and

27           **WHEREAS**, Jo also initiated a Volunteer’s Conference in conjunction with  
28 the recognition and awards day as a means of generating ideas from the

membership to assist in the strategic planning. Through the work of the Volunteers Rock committee, the conference was a huge success, resulting in positive feedback from the members and overwhelming support for the conference to become an annual event; and

**WHEREAS**, Jo's organization skills and commitment to follow through with tasks and projects are reflected in many things, including securing more office space, obtaining furniture and supplies for the GMHVA, the fulfillment of a promise from the First Lady to donate computers, the establishment of a filing system for each of the Associations projects for documentation purposes and as a guide to future chairpersons, and the coordination of the review of the federal Internal Revenue Service guidelines for non-profits; and

**WHEREAS**, Jo has undoubtedly increased GMHVA's community image and visibility as she coordinated with Connor Murphy on the write-up and submission of GMHVA's nomination to the American Hospital Association's "Hospital Awards for Volunteer Excellence" (HAVE), assumed the responsibility of preparing the Association's 'Big V' newsletter, participated in the Serve Guam program, and networked with the other agencies in enlisting support for the Association's fundraising efforts; and

**WHEREAS**, On top of her executive duties as the Vice President, Jo has additionally taken the lead on major fundraising efforts, to include chairing the

Thanksgiving Raffle and the Charity Ball, which took a committed effort to solicit prizes, print and distribute tickets, and coordinate raffle and prize distribution; and

**WHEREAS;** Josephine Mesa has continued to raise the bar in the planning and execution of all projects she's involved in; and

**WHEREAS,** Josephine Mesa surely would make the founder of the Guam Memorial Hospital Volunteer Association (GMHVA), Ms. Cecilia Bamba proud, as she is an exceptional volunteer and continues to be an inspiration to all; now, therefore, be it

**RESOLVED,** that *I Mina'Trentai Unu Na Liheslaturan Guåhan* does hereby, on behalf of the people of Guam, recognize and commend Josephine Mesa for her committed service to the Guam Memorial Hospital Volunteers Association; and be it further

**RESOLVED,** that the Speaker certify, and the Legislative Secretary attest to, the adoption hereof, and that copies of the same be thereafter transmitted to Josephine Mesa and to the Honorable Edward B. Calvo, *I Maga'lahren Guåhan*.

**DULY AND REGULARLY ADOPTED BY I MINA'TRENTAI UNU NA LIHESLATURAN GUÅHAN ON THIS 14<sup>th</sup> DAY OF APRIL 2011.**

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Legislative Secretary

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JUDITH T. WON PAT, Ed.D.  
Speaker