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Resolution No. 102-31(LS)

Introduced by:

A. B. Palacios, Sr. 

RELATIVE TO COMMENDING THE GUAM CARE AND
DEVELOPMENT ASSOCIATION (GCCDA) AND ALL
PROFESSIONAL CHILD CARE PROVIDERS ON GUAM FOR THEIR
OUTSTANDING CONTRIBUTIONS TO OUR CHILDREN AND
CONGRATULATING THEM AS THEY CELEBRATE "CHILD CARE
PROVIDER APPRECIATION DAY" ON MAY 6TH 2011.

BE IT RESOLVED BY *I MINA' TRENTAI UNU NA LIHESLATURAN GUÅHAN*:

1 **WHEREAS**, Guam's most valuable resources are the children which will one day be
2 the island's parents, workers, professionals and leaders; and

3 **WHEREAS**, national studies have demonstrated that quality child care and
4 education contributes to reduced drop-out rates, fewer behavioral and discipline issues and
5 improved academic performance. These effects lead to a safer, more productive and more
6 prosperous community; and

7 **WHEREAS**, quality child care promotes the well-being of children and responds to
8 the needs of parents and the broader community by supporting an improved quality of life,

1 so that people may fully participate in and contribute to the economic, social and political
2 life of their island community; and

3 **WHEREAS**, since its foundation in 1992, the Guam Child Care and Development
4 Association (GCCDA) has championed the improvement of the lives of children and
5 families on Guam through its focus on child development and the acknowledgement of
6 parents, teachers, stakeholders and care providers, who ensure the wholesome growth and
7 development of Guam's children; and

8 **WHEREAS**, "Child Care Provider Appreciation Day" helps to educate the public
9 and parents, in particular, about the competent professionals who work each day to
10 provide healthy, enriched programs in a safe and supportive physical and emotional
11 environment for children who will become the citizens of tomorrow; and

12 **WHEREAS**, "Child Care Provider Appreciation Day" celebrates the commitment of
13 professional child care providers, individuals who have dedicated themselves to teach and
14 care for young children as their primary profession; and

15 **WHEREAS**, quality programs for young children are needed on Guam. The
16 demand for quality care intensifies as parents realize the value of good day care programs,
17 where children can flourish in an environment with interested, responsive adults who are
18 able to teach, understand and care for them; and

19 **WHEREAS**, providing quality child care for young children is only one of the ways
20 that child care providers enhance the well-being of families. Parents who know that their

1 children are well cared for can feel more confident and will have greater peace of mind
2 while they work. Furthermore, child care providers support parents directly by offering a
3 rich background of experience and practical knowledge on handling everyday issues in
4 their children's physical and emotional development. For these reasons and others, we
5 rightly celebrate these dedicated and often unsung heroes on "Child Care Provider
6 Appreciation Day"; now, therefore, be it

7 **RESOLVED**, that *I Mina'Trentai Unu na Liheslaturan Guåhan* does hereby, on behalf
8 of the people of Guam, commend the Guam Care and Development Association (GCCDA)
9 and all professional child care providers on Guam for their outstanding contributions to
10 our children and congratulating them as they celebrate "Child Care Provider Appreciation
11 Day" on May 6th, 2011; and be it further

12 **RESOLVED**, that the Speaker and the Chairman on the Committee on Rules certify
13 and the Secretary of the Legislature attest to, the adoption hereof, and that copies of the
14 same be thereafter transmitted to officers of the Guam Child Care and Development
15 Association: Delilah Charfauros, President; Ross White, Vice President; Corazon San
16 Nicolas, Secretary; Joaquin Rivera, Treasurer; and Maria Blas, Auditor; to Dr. Marilyn
17 Jackson, founder, Charter President and Advisor of the Guam Child Care and
18 Development Association; to the Honorable Madeleine Z. Bordallo, Guam's Delegate to the
19 United States House of Representatives; and to the Honorable Edward J.B. Calvo, *I*
20 *Maga'lahaen Guåhan*.

DULY AND REGULARLY ADOPTED BY *I MINA'TRENTAI UNU NA LIHESLATURAN*
GUÅHAN ON THIS ____ DAY OF _____, 2011.

JUDITH T. WON PAT
Speaker

TINA ROSE MUÑA-BARNES
Legislative Secretary