

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

Resolution No. 105-31 (LS )

Introduced By:

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Relative to recognizing and commending Annalakshmi Wignarajah for her significant contributions to the island of Guam, and for enriching Guam's demographic, cultural melting pot.

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

1       **WHEREAS**, Annalakshmi Wignarajah, affectionately known as 'Anna',  
2 was born on March 4, 1939 in Sri Lanka; and

3       **WHEREAS**, Annalakshmi Wignarajah moved to Guam in March of 1973  
4 with her two young sons Muresh and Dushyant, and her loving husband  
5 Thyagarajah, also known as 'Wigna' who was sent to Guam to set up an Otis  
6 Elevator Company office, a business he successfully ran for more than twenty five  
7 years; and

8       **WHEREAS**, Anna has always had a strong love of children and volunteered  
9 her time with a group of special children at the Speech and Hearing Center at  
10 Public Health where she was able to utilize some Montessori learning materials.

11 This sparked great interest and passion as she had been trained by Dr. Maria  
12 Montessori herself, having acquired training and an 'Association Montessori  
13 Internationale Diploma' in 1971 for 3-6 year old children; and

14       **WHEREAS**, Anna dreamt of one day opening a Montessori program on the  
15 island; and

16       **WHEREAS**, this dream was materialized in 1976, as the Montessori School  
17 of Guam first opened its doors at this time, in the living room of the Wignarajah  
18 home in Tamuning; and

19       **WHEREAS**, this school was successfully operated by Anna for over thirty  
20 five years in Guam. Their entire educational program was set up around nurturing  
21 the development of the total child, and encouraged children to be problem solvers  
22 and critical thinkers; and

23       **WHEREAS**, in addition to her committed service to children's education,  
24 Anna, upon her arrival to the island, also saw a golden opportunity to meet and  
25 interact with people from other ethnic backgrounds, which made her interested in  
26 joining the International Women's Club of Guam, an organization she has been a  
27 part of for many years; and

28       **WHEREAS**, since then, Anna has been an active charter member of the  
29 IWCG and assumed the title of President in 1979 and consecutively in 1980; and

30           **WHEREAS**, Anna voluntarily became a member of the International  
31   Reading Association and has been closely involved with early childhood education  
32   on the island ever since. Indeed, in 1985 and 1986, she became the President of  
33   the Guam Childcare and Development Organization; and

34           **WHEREAS**, Anna additionally attended her first Federation of  
35   Asian/Pacific Women Association (FAWA) conference which was held in Guam  
36   in 1998; and

37           **WHEREAS**, Anna became a member of a group of FAWA representatives  
38   from Guam that went to Singapore to attend yet another conference in 2005; and

39           **WHEREAS**, Annalakshmi Wignarajah was voted Madame International in  
40   2007, a prestigious title she is very proud of; now, therefore be it

41           **RESOLVED**, that *I Mina'Trentai Unu Na Liheslaturan Guåhan* does  
42   hereby, on behalf of the people of Guam, recognize and commend Annalakshmi  
43   Wignarajah for her committed service to the betterment of the island of Guam;  
44   and be it further

45           **RESOLVED**, that the Speaker certify, and the Legislative Secretary attest  
46   to, the adoption hereof, and that copies of the same be thereafter transmitted to  
47   Annalakshmi Wignarajah and to the Honorable Edward B. Calvo, *I Maga'lahen*  
48   *Guåhan*.

**DULY AND REGULARLY ADOPTED BY I MINA'TRENTAI UNU NA  
LIHESLATURAN GUÅHAN ON THIS 10<sup>th</sup> DAY OF MAY 2011.**

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**TINA ROSE MUÑA BARNES**  
Legislative Secretary

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**JUDITH T. WON PAT, Ed.D.**  
Speaker