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RELATIVE TO ENCOURAGING GUAM'S BUSINESS COMMUNITY TO SUPPORT OUR ISLAND'S MANÅMKO' BY CREATING PROGRAMS FOR SENIOR CITIZEN PATRONS.

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

WHEREAS, our manamko' are the foundation of our island culture; and

WHEREAS, so many of our manamko' are still giving to our island community through working, mentoring, volunteering and sharing their wisdom.

7 The people of Guam recognize the important contributions that seniors have made

to our island community; and

WHEREAS, many of our manamko' live on a fixed income, and the rising cost of living may bring an increased financial burden to our manamko'; and

WHEREAS, making ends meet can be a problem and a worry for our manamko' who have given so much of themselves and who should be enjoying their retirement. I Mina'Trentai Unu Na Liheslaturan Guahan recognizes the need to give back to those who raised us, taught us and protected us; and

WHEREAS, Guam's business community is an instrumental part of island life. Guam's businesses provide the people of Guam with the goods and services needed for their livelihood. I Mina'Trentai Unu Na Liheslaturan Guåhan

- recognizes Guam's business community for their continued willingness to help our island community; and
- WHEREAS, senior citizen programs have been created throughout the nation to assist seniors in their golden years. These programs are an important part of a senior's ability to cope with the rising cost of goods and services; and

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- WHEREAS, some of our island's businesses have already instituted senior citizen programs to provide some financial relief to our manåmko' and to encourage our manåmko' to continue to patronize island businesses; I Mina'Trentai Unu Na Liheslaturan Guåhan recognizes Denny's Restaurant, Hollywood Theaters, McDonald's of Guam, Ross Stores Inc., Shirley's Coffee Shop, SM Store, Island Fresh, Feather 'N Fins and Tango Theaters for their senior programs; and
- WHEREAS, the creation of new senior citizen programs will allow more of our manamko' to avail of the goods and services available on Guam and, ultimately, to invest in our island economy; and
- WHEREAS, it is the intent of the I Mina'Trentai Unu Na Liheslaturan Guåhan to honor our island's manamko' by requesting all business establishments to establish discount and/or promotional programs specifically for the senior citizens and to commit to a "Guam's Manåmko' Pledge" that expresses our appreciation for their contributions to our community; now, therefore, be it it
- RESOLVED, that the Committee on Rules of I Mina'Trentai Unu Na Liheslaturan Guåhan does hereby, on behalf of I Mina'Trentai Unu Na Liheslaturan Guåhan and the people of Guam, encourages and requests all Guam's businesses to support senior citizen patrons through the creation of programs that will provide opportunities for discounts, bonuses, or other special privileges and/or accommodations to our manåmko'; and be it further

| 1 | RESOLVED, that the Speaker and the Chairperson of the Committee on | |
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| 2 | Rules certify, and the Legislative Secretary attest to, the adoption hereof, and that | |
| 3 | copies of the same be thereafter transmitted to the Guam Chamber of Commerce, | |
| 4 | Guam Hotel and Restaurant Association, Guam Chinese Chamber of Commerce, | |
| 5 | all island businesses, and to the Honorable Edward J.B. Calvo, I Maga'låhen | |
| 6 | Guahan. | |
| 7 8 9 | DULY AND REGULARLY ADOPTED BY THE COMMITTEE ON RULES OF I MINA'TRENTAI UNU NA LIHESLATURAN GUÅHAN ON THEDAY OF JULY, 2011. | |
| 10 11 12 | JUDITH T. WON PAT, Ed.D. Speaker | RORY RESPICIO Chairman, Committee on Rules |
| 13 14 15 | TINA ROSE MUÑA BARNES Legislative Secretary | <u>-</u> |