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

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Introduced by:

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Relative to recognizing, commending and thanking Mr. Cesar "C'zer" Morales Medina, of DanzJazz, for his efforts to provide a creative outlet through dance and for inspiring the people of Guam and his students.

## 1 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COMMITTEE ON RULES OF I

- 2 MINA'TRENTAI UNU NA LIHESLATURAN GUÅHAN:
- 3 WHEREAS, Cesar "C'zer" Morales Medina was born in the
- 4 Philippines to Mr. Ceferino La Madrid Medina, Sr. and Mrs. Corazon
- 5 Padua Morales Medina, and moved to Guam at the age of 12; and,
- 6 WHEREAS C'zer and his siblings Ceferino Noel Jr., Coralyn, Carlo
- 7 Andre, Christopher, Christine and Corina were enveloped in the
- 8 performing arts as their family formed a family church choir for the
- 9 Santa Barbara Catholic Church in Dededo in which their mother
- served as choir director; father, pianist; brothers, guitarists; and,
- 11 C'zer, his mother and sisters were vocalists; and,

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WHEREAS, because of C'zer's love to entertain and perform in front of an audience, he added dance to his talent repertoire because while he loved singing, he wanted to additionally express his passion for music through movement – through dance – that would allow him to further show his ideas and feelings using dance performances and choreography; and, WHEREAS, while attending Simon A. Sanchez High School in Yigo, C'zer was so motivated that he founded and was elected president of a school dance club, he performed in talent competitions in and out of school; and, was also asked to join "The Rhythm," an all-boy dance crew, and during his senior year, his high school principal noted his dance talent and recommended him for auditions for the Pacific Island's Club Resort in Tumon where he would work during his senior year; and, WHEREAS, C'zer graduated from Simon A. Sanchez High School in 1988 and went on to attend Long Beach State University, California (LBSU) to initially study architecture (his other passion), but he would immediately change his major to dance upon realizing that the university offered this course of study; C'zer would successfully audition for the renown Tremaine Performing Arts Center in Hollywood, California, receiving a one year scholarship to train professionally; and, after the scholarship, C'zer returned to (LBSU) where he completed his dance degree in 1998; and,

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WHEREAS, after living a short time working as a professional dancer in Los Angeles, C'zer returned to Guam in 1999 to be with his 36 family, he successfully auditioned for SandCastle and established DanzJazz Dance Studio and Entertainment Company as its sole proprietor, owner, artistic director, choreographer, and dance 39 40 Instructor; and **WHEREAS**, within that year, C'zer (also known as "Mr. C.") would open DanzJazz with just ten (10) students, and today the enrollment has grown to one hundred and twenty (120) students 44 ranging from toddlers to adults; and while his students are extremely talented, many having received national recognition at dance competitions and winning competitive dance scholarships, one of his most notable students to date is Kim "Marko" Germar, who won 3rd Place on the FOX Broadcasting Company's "So You Think You Can Dance" televised national dance competition 2011; and, WHEREAS, DanzJazz Touring and Entertainment Company has several outreach programs at island organizations including the Guam Department of Youth Affairs, St. Dominic's Senior Care Home, Guam's Sanctuary, Inc. and public schools, among others; and throughout the years they have won several awards at national dance competitions including Marko Germar and his dance partner being awarded the "Silver" for their Hip Hop Duo during their first international competition in Long Beach, California in 2002; winning

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several "Gold" and "Silver" awards for group dances in Las Vegas, 58 Nevada during their second competition, and also winning dance 59 scholarships for two dancers who auditioned for them against 60 hundreds of others in 2004; winning "Gold" and "Silver" for group 61 dances in New York where Marko won "Platinum" for his solo, 62 received a scholarship, and other awards during the team's third 63 completion in 2007; and, winning "Gold" and "Silver" for group 64 dances, "Overall Winner" for a Hip Hop Dance Routine and a 65 scholarship for one of their dancers during their fourth competition 66 67 in Florida and Los Angeles in 2009; and, 68 WHEREAS, C'zer established DanzJazz to share what he gained in Los Angeles - the opportunity to receive professional dance 69 training – because of the limited opportunities for formal training 70 71 that he experienced growing up on Guam; and this desire to offer 72 these types of venues also lead him to become an educator in the 73 Guam Department of Education school system to expand opportunities for students whose families cannot otherwise afford 74 75 classes at private dance studios; and WHEREAS, C'zer remains on Guam to continue to offer 76 additional positive and creative outlets to develop local raw talents 77 78 and to provide a place to train and become professional dancers; and 79 for the past several years C'zer has taught Performing Arts in Dance in public schools including FB Leon Guerrero Middle School from 80

81 2000 -2002 and since 2004, he has taught at Simon A. Sanchez High School and leads the Dance Department and established the first 82 High School Dance Team, and is focusing efforts on ultimately 83 making Dance part of the island-wide curricula, inviting other high 84 schools to establish Dance Teams to grow momentum for an island-85 86 wide Dance Team Meet or Convention at the end of each school year; 87 and WHEREAS, C'zer encourages his students to "live the life to the 88 fullest, do what you love to do and make a difference in society"; now, 89 therefore, be it 90 91 **RESOLVED**, that the Committee on Rules, on behalf of *I* 92 Mina'trentai Unu Na Liheslaturan Guåhan and the people of Guam 93 does hereby, recognize, commend and thank Mr. Cesar "C'zer" 94 Morales Medina, of DanzJazz, for his efforts to provide a creative 95 outlet through dance and for inspiring the people of Guam; and be it 96 further 97 **RESOLVED**, that the Speaker and the Chairperson of the 98 Committee on Rules certify, and the Secretary of the Legislature attests to, the adoption hereof and that copies of the same be 99 100 thereafter transmitted to Mr. Cesar "C'zer" Morales Medina; and to 101 the Honorable Eddie Baza Calvo, I Maga'lahen Guåha

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