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I MINA'TRENTAI UNU NA LIHESLATURAN GUÅHAN

2011 (FIRST) Regular Session

Resolution No. 262-31 (LS)

Introduced by:

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D. G. Rodriguez,
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Relative to commending and congratulating Ms. Jacqueline Borja Cabrera for her contribution to educating the community that the loss of sight leads to a vision of life and welcoming our native daughter as a guest speaker at the Twelfth (12th) Annual Guam Diabetes Association Conference

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

WHEREAS, Ms. Jacqueline Borja Cabrera was born on July 28, 1972 on Guam, the third (3rd) child of four (4) children of Mr. Jose Sablan and Ms Julia Borja Cabrera; and

WHEREAS, at the age of eleven (11), Ms. Cabrera was diagnosed with type I diabetes, a challenging disease that demanded constant daily management in order to feel good in which she was prescribed a diabetic regimen; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Cabrera is a product of the Guam Public School System graduating from George Washington High School in the year 1990; and

1 **WHEREAS**, in the year 1990, Ms. Cabrera was employed with the
2 Department of Education as an instructional aide with her alma mater until medically
3 retiring in the year 2002; in addition to her full-time employment with Department of
4 Education, she held various part-time employments with the Navy Exchange and the
5 private sector; and

6 **WHEREAS**, by the January 2002, the world Ms. Cabrera once saw faded into
7 darkness, she suffered from retinal detachment in both eyes, she courageously
8 accepted her destiny and began making inquiries how to support her new life without
9 sight:

10 **WHEREAS**, in May 2002, Ms. Cabrera established a support group for the
11 blind known as the Rainbow Visions with the assistance of Dr. A. J. McDarby and his
12 staff at the Island Eye Center in Tamuning; and

13 **WHEREAS**, in August 2002 Ms. Cabrera was the co-host of Access Radio on
14 K-57 News Talk, a talk show for individuals with disabilities; and

15 **WHEREAS**, in May 2003, Ms Cabrera joined the Guam Diabetes Association
16 and later in October 2003, she was the keynote speaker for the first Saipan Diabetes
17 Conference; and

18 **WHEREAS**, in September 2004 after recovering from a triple bypass surgery,
19 Ms. Cabrera decided to relocate to Spokane, Washington to seek further opportunities
20 and seek the resources to assist her to become an independent despite her disability;
21 and

22 **WHEREAS**, Ms. Cabrera received computer and mobility training from the
23 Department of Services for the Blind and she would later be accepted by the
24 Orientation and Training Center in Seattle, Washington and she was educated in
25 Braille, wood work, home economics, computer and mobility training and furthered

1 she attended seminars on coping with blindness, career planning, and outdoor
2 challenged activities; and

3 **WHEREAS**, in January 2006, Ms. Cabrera joined the Washington Council of
4 the Blind, South Kitsap Chapter in Port Orchard, Washington, she would later become
5 the council's secretary

6 **WHEREAS**, From March 2006 to December 2006, Ms. Cabrera attended
7 Olympic College in Bremerton, Washington, where she gained interest in the culinary
8 arts:

9 **WHEREAS**, Ms. Cabrera was accepted by the Western Culinary Institute in
10 Portland, Oregon and she began her classes in January 2008, she did her externship as
11 the chef's assistant for the Guide Dog School for the Blind in Boring, Oregon, she
12 graduated cum laude receiving a certificate in culinary; and she is the first blind
13 person to graduate from the Western Culinary Institute; and

14 **WHEREAS**, since January 2009, Ms. Cabrera has done volunteer work for the
15 Catholic Community Kitchen, a homeless shelter in Olympia, Washington, providing
16 baked goods for the hungry that pass through the kitchen of the shelter; and

17 **WHEREAS**, in October 2009, Ms. Cabrera started her own catering service named
18 "C What's Cookin" in Lacey, Washington specializing from barbeques to elegant
19 weddings; and

20 **WHEREAS**, in October 2011, Ms. Cabrera was invited to participate in 7th
21 Annual Disability Awareness Day hosted by Bates College Technical in Tacoma,
22 Washington to give a cooking demonstration and present her viewpoint as a visually-
23 impaired person in the field and in life; and

24 **WHEREAS**, Ms. Cabrera's motto "Dream it, Follow it, Live it!" is truly
25 moving, she has taken every opportunity to turn any downfall in her life into learning

1 and inspiring experience that elevates her and drives her forward to her next high in
2 life; and

3 **WHEREAS**, Guam is proud and honored to welcome Ms. Jacqueline Borja
4 Cabrera to be a Guest Speaker at the Twelfth (12th) Annual Guam Diabetes
5 Association Conference to share his expertise in diabetes with the people of Guam;
6 now, therefore, be it

7 **RESOLVED**, that *I Mina'Trentai Unu Na Liheslaturan Guåhan*, on behalf of the
8 people of Guam does hereby, commend and congratulate Ms. Jacqueline Borja Cabrera
9 for her contributions to educating the community the community that the loss of sight
10 leads to a vision of life and welcoming our native daughter as a guest speaker at the
11 Twelfth (12th) Annual Guam Diabetes Association Conference; and be it further

12 **RESOLVED**, that the Speaker certify, Legislative Secretary attest to, the adoption
13 hereof, and that copies of the same be thereafter transmitted to Ms. Jacqueline Borja
14 Cabrera; to the Guam Diabetes Association; and to the Honorable Eddie Baza Calvo, *I*
15 *Maga'lahren Guåhan*.

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DULY AND REGULARLY ADOPTED BY *I MINA'TRENTA NA*
***LIHESLATURAN GUÅHAN* ON THE DAY OF NOVEMBER, 2011.**

JUDITH T. WON PAT, Ed. D.

Speaker

TINA ROSE MUÑA BARNES

Legislative Secretary