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I MINA'TRENTAI UNU NA LIHESLATURAN GUÅHAN
2011 (FIRST) Regular Session

Resolution No. 274-31(kor)

Introduced by:

D.G. Rodriguez, Jr. 

Relative to congratulating the Japan Club of Guam on the occasion of the Thirty Second (32nd) Japan Autumn Festival and commending our brothers and sisters of the Japanese community on Guam for their contributions to our island and to extend a sincere Un Dang Kulo Na Si Yu'os Ma'ase for their long lasting friendship with the People of Guam.

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

3 **WHEREAS,** on Saturday , November 26, 2011, the Japan Club of Guam
4 and all Japanese residing on Guam will celebrate the Thirty Second (32nd)
5 Japan Autumn Festival at Ypao beach park , a yearly event organized by the
6 Japan Club of Guam; and

7 **WHEREAS,** the festival which was started to show appreciation to the
8 Gods for the good harvest is the origin of the autumn festival; and

9 **WHEREAS,** the Japan Club Autumn Festival was first held in 1979 when
10 the Japan Club directors considered making the Japanese children who lives
11 here on Guam get in touch with their Japanese customs and culture.

1 **WHEREAS**, during the first celebration, the stage was handmade and the
2 scale was also very small, but the children who participated in the event were
3 very happy; and

4 **WHEREAS**, the event is held every autumn because it is the season when
5 rice grains , the Japanese staple food , ripens and “sake” (rice wine) is also
6 brewed from rice.

7 **WHEREAS**, in 1992, Katsunori Usui and his wife Rika Usui , both active
8 members of Japan Club of Guam, presented an “*omikoshi*” to Japan Club of
9 Guam. *Omikoshi* is a portable shrine which is the main attraction at the
10 festival. In Japan it is believed that the God dwells there.

11 **WHEREAS**, the event has expanded and now has become a huge event in
12 Guam. In recent years, more than 30,000 local residents and tourist have
13 attended the autumn event and enjoy the Japanese and local entertainment,
14 food, and games for children. Various cultural groups from Japan have
15 performed in front of the many visitors; and

16 **WHEREAS**, Japan Club of Guam consider the Japan Autumn Festival as an
17 event that strengthens the relationship between the local residents and the
18 Japanese community;

19 **WHEREAS**, this year’s festival banner will read “Arigato Guam, Thank You
20 Tomodachi” to sincerely thank all corporation, business establishments and
21 individual residents of Guam who assisted by generously donating their time

1 and money for the people of Japan who were affected by a devastating
2 earthquake and tsunami last March; and

3 **WHEREAS**, the Japan Club of Guam, a non-profit organization founded in
4 1972 is consists of 124 corporate members, 235 private members and 25
5 associate members. As of May 2011, the Japan Club of Guam has a
6 membership total of 1,011; and

7 **WHEREAS**, the Japan Club of Guam officers are as follows: Chairman
8 Toyohito Yoneyama, Vice Chairman Yasuhide Torigoe, Vice Chairman Hideki
9 Sakai, Secretary Masayuki Tanaka and Treasurer Akihiro Tani;

10 now, therefore be it

11 **RESOLVED**, that I *Mina' Trentai Unu na Liheslaturan Guåhan*, does hereby,
12 on behalf of the people of Guam, commend and congratulate the Japan Club
13 of Guam on the occasion of the Thirty Second (32nd) Japan Autumn Festival,
14 and does further extend *Un Dangkulo Na Si Yu'os Ma'ase* to all Japanese
15 residing on Guam for treating the people of Guam as their own family, for
16 their contributions to the our island, and for there everlasting friendship with
17 the people of Guam; and be it further

18 **RESOLVED**, that the Speaker certify, and the Legislative Secretary attest
19 to, the adoption hereof, and that copies of the same be thereafter transmitted
20 to Katsunori Usui, Toyohito Yoneyama, Chairman, Japan Club of Guam ,
21 Yoshiyuki Kimura, Japan Consul-General and to the Honorable Edward J.B.
22 Calvo, I *Maga'lahen Guåhan*.

DULY AND REGULARLY ADOPTED BY THE COMMITTEE ON RULES
OF *I MINA'TRENTAI UNU A NA LIHESLATURAN GUÅHAN* ON THE ____
DAY OF NOVEMBER 2011.

JUDITH T. WONPAT, Ed.D
Speaker

RORY J. RESPICIO
Chairman, Committee on Rules

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Legislative Secretary