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Resolution No. 308-31 (LS)

Introduced by:

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RELATIVE TO RECOGNIZING AND COMMENDING
UOG PROFESSOR, DOREEN T. CRISOSTOMO,
PH.D., AND STUDENTS RUREN CLEMENTE,
EDWARD BROBESONG, AMBER CASTRO AND
GARRY YEOH FOR THEIR ACCOMPLISHMENTS IN
THE ASSOCIATION OF GOVERNMENT
ACCOUNTANTS' FIFTH (5TH) ANNUAL
GOVERNMENT FINANCE CASE CHALLENGE; AND
TO FURTHER WISHING THEM THE BEST OF LUCK
DURING THIS YEAR'S AGA NATIONAL
LEADERSHIP CONFERENCE IN WASHINGTON, DC.

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

2 *GUÅHAN*:

3 **WHEREAS**, the Association of Government Accountants (AGA) is a
4 national association with the vision to serve as the premier association in
5 advancing government accountability by supporting the careers and
6 professional development of government finance professionals working in
7 federal, state and local governments as well as the private sector and
8 academia. Founded in 1950, AGA has a long history of being the thought

1 leader for the government accountability profession. Through education,
2 research, publications, certification and conferences, AGA reaches
3 thousands of professionals and provides more than one hundred thousand
4 (100,000) continuing professional education (CPE) hours annually; and

5 **WHEREAS**, the AGA Guam Chapter was established in 1970 and has
6 since been an active organization in our community. Dr. Doreen
7 Crisostomo, a University of Guam (UOG) accounting professor, has served
8 as part of the AGA for several years. She has held various positions,
9 including the Certified Government Financial Management (CGFM)
10 Director for the Guam Chapter, the CGFM Coordinator for the Pacific Rim,
11 and, currently, the Webmaster for the Guam Chapter and the Regional Vice
12 President for the Pacific Rim; and

13 **WHEREAS**, Dr. Crisostomo received National Recognition for
14 Chapter CGFM Awards for program years 2009 and 2010; and the National
15 Regional Coordinator for Certification Award in program year 2011; and

16 **WHEREAS**, a few years ago, the AGA launched its Citizen-Centric
17 Government Reporting Initiative, intended to foster innovative means of
18 communication between governments and their citizenry. AGA citizen-

centric based reports detail government finances in a visually appealing, clear and understandable four-page document. AGA believes that these reports will make governments more accountable to their citizens, and will help Americans become better educated and better able to participate in government activities; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Crisostomo first introduced her students to the Citizen-Centric Government Reporting Initiative in her Spring 2009 BA401 “Government Accounting” class. Dr. Crisostomo incorporated the initiative into her syllabus to complement classroom learning and give her students exposure to real-world experiences through interacting with our local government agencies to compile various citizen-centric reports (CCR) for each agency involved; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Crisostomo shared the students’ work with her colleagues in the AGA Guam Chapter at a Chapter membership meeting; and ; with the support of the association, the students’ projects were shared with various members of the 30th Guam Legislature. The legislature incorporated the CCR initiative as a matter of public policy through Bill No. 263-30 (COR) – “An Act Relative to Adopting the Association of

Government Accountants' "Citizen-Centric Government Reporting Initiative" – which was then signed into law as Public Law No. 30-127 on April 2, 2010; and

WHEREAS, in 2011 AGA National kicked-off their Fifth (5th) Annual Government Case Challenge, inviting the best undergraduate accounting/financial management/business students in the country to compete. Student teams were to collaboratively analyze and offer a written response to a case centered on how a U.S. city government creates a citizen-centric report. All members of the three highest-scoring teams received a scholarship to attend AGA's National Leadership Conference; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Crisostomo formed a four-member student team from her Fall 2011 BA401 "Government Accounting" class. Under the guidance of their faculty advisor, Dr. Crisostomo, the team of Ms. Ruren Clemente, Mr. Edward Brobesong, Ms. Amber Castro and Mr. Garry Yeoh entered into the AGA National's competition to prepare a citizen-centric report for the city of Alexandria, Virginia, to include a paper that summarizes the criteria and the justification the team used to decide what information to include and exclude in the performance report; and

1 **WHEREAS**, the UOG team of Clemente, Brobesong, Castro and Yeoh,
2 successfully placed as one of the top three (3) finalist teams, along with Old
3 Dominion University and University of North Carolina Pembroke; and

4 **WHEREAS**, the members of the UOG team of Clemente, Brobesong,
5 Castro and Yeoh have accepted their awarded scholarships to attend the
6 AGA National Leadership Conference in Washington, DC on February 16-
7 18, 2012, where they will present their finalized solutions before a panel of
8 federal/state/local government leaders, corporate partners and chief
9 financial officers. The AGA assures that this experience promises to
10 challenge students' moral reasoning, raise their awareness of the importance
11 of government accountability and open doors to a future career in
12 government; now, therefore, be it

13 **RESOLVED**, that *I Liheslaturan Guåhan*, on behalf of the people of
14 Guam, does hereby recognize and commend UOG professor, Doreen T.
15 Crisostomo, Ph.D., and students Ruren Clemente, Edward Brobesong,
16 Amber Castro and Garry Yeoh for their accomplishments in the Association
17 of Government Accountants' fifth (5th) annual Government Finance Case

1 Challenge; and to further wishing them the best of luck during this year's
2 AGA National Leadership Conference in Washington, DC; and be it further
3 **RESOLVED**, that the Speaker certify, and the Secretary of the
4 Legislature attest to the adoption hereof, and that copies of the same be
5 thereafter transmitted to **Dr. Anita Borja Enriquez**, Dean of the School of
6 Business and Public Administration, University of Guam; **Doreen T.**
7 **Crisostomo, Ph.D.**, Faculty Advisor, AGA Government Case Challenge
8 UOG Finalist Team; **Ms. Ruren Clemente**, Student Member, AGA
9 Government Case Challenge UOG Finalist Team; **Mr. Edward Brobesong**,
10 Student Member, AGA Government Case Challenge UOG Finalist Team;
11 **Ms. Amber Castro**, Student Member, AGA Government Case Challenge
12 UOG Finalist Team; **Mr. Garry Yeoh**, Student Member, AGA Government
13 Case Challenge UOG Finalist Team; and to the Honorable Edward J.B.
14 Calvo, *I Maga'lahaen Guåhan*.

**DULY AND REGULARLY ADOPTED BY I MINA'TRENTAI UNU NA
LIHESLATURAN GUÅHAN ON THE _____ DAY OF JANUARY,
2012.**

JUDITH T. WON PAT, Ed.D.

TINA ROSE MUNA BARNES

Speaker

Legislative Secretary