

IMINA'TRENTAI UNU NA LIHESLATURAN GUÅHAN
2012 (SECOND) Regular Session

Resolution No. 335-31 (LS)

Introduced by:

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RELATIVE TO COMMENDING AND
CONGRATULATING MS. AMBER CASTRO FOR
HER ACCOMPLISHMENTS AS A MEMBER OF THE
WINNING TEAM OF THE ASSOCIATION OF
GOVERNMENT ACCOUNTANTS' FIFTH (5TH)
ANNUAL GOVERNMENT FINANCE CASE
CHALLENGE; AND TO EXTENDING AN UN
DANGKULO NA SI YU'OS MA'ASE FOR HER
COMMUNITY CONTRIBUTIONS.

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

2 GUÅHAN:

3 WHEREAS, I Liheslatura, through the adoption of Resolution No. 308-

4 31 (LS) recognized and commended the contributions of the Association of

5 Government Accountants (AGA) to the field of accounting across our

6 country and our island; including the recognition of the AGA Citizen-

7 Centric Government Reporting Initiative, which was launched a few years

ago with the intent to foster innovative means of communication between governments and their citizenry; and

WHEREAS, UOG Professor Dr. Doreen 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, last year 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 CCR; and

WHEREAS, UOG Accounting Professor Dr. Doreen Crisostomo formed a four (4) member student team from her Fall 2011 BA401 “Government Accounting” class, of which Ms. Amber Castro was a

1 member. Under the guidance of Dr. Crisostomo, the team of Castro, Ms.
2 Ruren Clemente, Mr. Garry Yeoh and Mr. Edward Brobesong entered into
3 the AGA National's competition to prepare a citizen-centric report for the
4 city of Alexandria, Virginia, to include a paper that summarizes the criteria
5 and the justification the team used to decide what information to include
6 and exclude in the performance report; and

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

10 **WHEREAS**, all finalist teams were awarded scholarships to attend the
11 AGA's Tenth (10th) Annual National Leadership Conference in Washington,
12 DC, which the UOG team accepted; and

13 **WHEREAS**, *I Liheslatura*, through the adoption of Resolution No. 308-
14 31 (LS) recognized, commended and offered its well wishes for the UOG
15 team, which attended the Conference from February 16-18, 2012; and

16 **WHEREAS**, all three (3) finalist teams presented their finalized
17 solutions on February 16, 2012 before a panel of judges comprised of federal,

1 state and local government leaders; corporate partners; and chief financial
2 officers; and

3 **WHEREAS**, on February 17, 2012, the judges' selection was
4 announced, and the UOG team was selected as this year's Case Challenge
5 winners; in addition to the honor and recognition of holding the position as
6 this year's winning team, each member of the team will also receive a cash
7 prize and a free one (1) year AGA membership; and

8 **WHEREAS**, the AGA followed through on their promise that this
9 experience would challenge students' moral reasoning, raise their awareness
10 of the importance of government accountability and open doors to a future
11 career in government; and

12 **WHEREAS**, Ms. Castro, her teammates and their advisor, followed
13 through on their promise to work their hardest and try their best, for
14 themselves, for our university and for our island; now, therefore, be it

15 **RESOLVED**, that *I Liheslaturan Guåhan*, on behalf of the people of
16 Guam, does hereby commend and congratulate Ms. Amber Castro for her
17 accomplishments as a member of the University of Guam's winning team of

1 the Association of Government Accountants' Fifth (5th) Annual Government
2 Finance Case Challenge; and be it further

3 **RESOLVED**, that *I Liheslaturan Guåhan*, on behalf of the people of
4 Guam, does hereby extend an *Un Dangculo na Si Yu'os ma'åse'* to Ms. Castro
5 for her contributions to our community by way of her positive
6 representation of our island, which extends farther than our boundaries and
7 puts Guam on the map, as is evidenced by her team's accomplishments at
8 this competition held in the nation's Capitol; and be it further

9 **RESOLVED**, that the Speaker certify, and the Secretary of the
10 Legislature attest to the adoption hereof, and that copies of the same be
11 thereafter transmitted to **Dr. Anita Borja Enriquez**, Dean of the School of
12 Business and Public Administration, University of Guam; **Ms. Amber**
13 **Castro**, Student Member, AGA Government Case Challenge UOG Winning
14 Team; and to the Honorable Edward J.B. Calvo, *I Maga'lahren Guåhan*.

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

JUDITH T. WON PAT, Ed.D.
Speaker

TINA ROSE MUNA BARNES
Legislative Secretary