

**I MINA'TRENTAI UNU NA LIHESLATURAN GUÅHAN**  
**2012 (SECOND) Regular Session**

**Resolution No. 374-31 (COR)**

**Introduced by:**

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**RELATIVE TO CONGRATULATING DR. TAN SIU LIN  
AND MRS. PAK KIM LAM TAN ON THE OCCASION  
OF THE 40<sup>TH</sup> ANNIVERSARY OF TAN HOLDINGS IN  
GUAM, AND THE 30<sup>TH</sup> ANNIVERSARY OF TAN  
HOLDINGS IN THE COMMONWEALTH OF THE  
NORTHERN MARIANAS ISLANDS, AND  
RECOGNIZING THEIR BUSINESS SUCCESSES AND  
CONCERN FOR THEIR ADOPTED COMMUNITIES.**

**1 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COMMITTEE ON RULES OF I**  
**2 MINA'TRENTAI UNU NA LIHESLATURAN GUÅHAN:**

**3 WHEREAS, Dr. Tan Siu Lin's family business, Luen Thai Shipping and**  
**4 Trading, began its expansion from its home base in Hong Kong to the Western**  
**5 Pacific; and**

**6 WHEREAS, Dr. Tan began exploring business ventures in Guam and**  
**7 Saipan and established an agency partnership with Saipan Shipping, and in**  
**8 1972 formed L&T Guam Corporation and moved to Guam with his family to**  
**9 pursue further opportunities in our region; and**

**10 WHEREAS, L&T Guam Corporation began marketing building materials**  
**11 and food products to well known companies like Joeten Enterprises and Sablan**  
**12 Construction, and in 1973 began distributing Kung Fu movies from Hong Kong,**  
**13 the films eventually playing in theaters in both Guam and Saipan; and**

1       **WHEREAS**, the films were so popular that the distribution soon  
2 extended to Tinian, Rota, the FSM, Palau, Majuro, the Solomon Islands, Fiji,  
3 Tonga, Nauru, Samoa and many other Pacific islands, eventually setting up  
4 distribution offices in the United States and South America; and

5       **WHEREAS**, L&T Guam Corporation In 1974 a cargo ship, the S.S. Roma,  
6 was purchased from Saipan Shipping to compliment the company's scrap  
7 material, building material, trading and other businesses, L&T also selling food  
8 items to Payless and other markets; and

9       **WHEREAS**, L&T's next venture was with an old friend in Guam, Mr.  
10 Charlie Wong of Southern Pacific, Inc. (SPI), to build a warehouse for rental  
11 income as well as for marketing building materials; and

12       **WHEREAS**, former CNMI Governor Pedro P. Tenorio invited Dr. Tan to  
13 explore investment in Saipan in 1982, setting up L&T International Corporation  
14 in that same year, and establishing their first garment factory in Saipan in  
15 1983, and over the years continued reinvesting in additional businesses; and

16       **WHEREAS**, with hard work and united efforts from sons Henry, Willie,  
17 Raymond and Jerry, along with loyal colleagues, investments were made in  
18 more than a dozen industries extending from the Western Pacific and South  
19 Asia to the continental United States; and

20       **WHEREAS**, although the business environment in Saipan has changed  
21 and the apparel business is now closed, their hearts are still with Saipan, and  
22 they will continue to invest not only in business but also in the community,  
23 during good times and bad, Dr. Tan believing his family responsibility is to help  
24 their adopted home, and they are venturing into a new industry, Saipan Air,  
25 which they hope will help bring more tourists to the CNMI; and

26       **WHEREAS**, the causes most dear to Dr. Tan's heart continue to be  
27 education and caring for the community, both being worthwhile investments

1 for the future, and Dr. Tan's company will launch a series of donations to be  
2 spread throughout the year, that will benefit the students of the CNMI and  
3 many others most in need, now, therefore, be it

4 **RESOLVED**, that the Speaker and the Chairperson of the Committee on  
5 Rules certify, and the Legislative Secretary attest to, the adoption hereof, and  
6 that copies of the same be thereafter transmitted to Dr. Tan Siu Lin, to Mrs.  
7 Pak Kim Lam Tan, to the Honorable Benigno Repeki Fitial, Governor of the  
8 Commonwealth of the Northern Marianas Islands, and to the Honorable  
9 Edward J.B. Calvo, *I Maga'lahaen Guåhan*.

**DULY AND REGULARLY ADOPTED BY THE COMMITTEE ON RULES /  
MINA'TRENTAI UNU NA LIHESLATURAN GUAHAN ON THE      TH DAY OF  
APRIL, 2012.**

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**JUDITH T. WON PAT, Ed.D.**  
Speaker

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**RORY J. RESPICIO**  
Chairperson, Committee on Rules

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**TINA ROSE MUÑA BARNES**  
Legislative Secretary