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MINA'TRENTAI UNU NA LIHESLATURAN GUAHAN
2012 (SECOND) Regular Session

Resolution No. 437-31

Introduced by:

F. F. Blas, Jr. *FF*

Relative to commending and congratulating the 2012 Saint Thomas Aquinas Catholic High School Mock Trial team for placing Eight (8th) Place out of Forty-Six participating teams at the 2012 National High School Mock Trial Championship Competition held in Albuquerque, New Mexico.

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

3 **WHEREAS**, the 2012 National High School Mock Trial Championship is the
4 premiere national law-related academic tournament for high school students; and

5 **WHEREAS**, mock trials are designed to give students an inside perspective on
6 the legal system, providing them with an understanding of the mechanism through
7 which society chooses to resolve many of its disputes; and

8 **WHEREAS**, participation in a performance-based, hands-on program provides
9 students with practical knowledge about how our legal system functions and who the
10 major players are in that system; and

11 **WHEREAS**, here in Guam, successfully competed amongst a competitive field
12 of other high school teams on Guam, winning first (1st) place in the Island-wide High
13 School Mock Trial Competition thereby representing Guam at the 2012 National High
14 School Mock Trial Championship held in Albuquerque, New Mexico; and

1 **WHEREAS**, the Saint Thomas Aquinas Catholic High School Mock Trial team
2 assiduously prepared for the fictitious court case in which they were assigned to
3 perform in the capacity of attorneys, witnesses, and bailiff; more importantly, the
4 students benefited greatly from their advisor Dr. Timothy Guile, and attorney coaches,
5 Joyce C.H. Tang (Civille and Tang PLLC), Leslie Travis and Ms. Melissa Mendoza,
6 who graciously volunteered numerous hours to ensure the team's success; and

7 **WHEREAS**, the students' participation in the mock trial team further provided
8 them with the opportunity to bolster confidence, along with public speaking and
9 critical thinking skills--essential traits to those interested in potential careers as
10 lawyers, public speakers, politicians, and the like; and

11 **WHEREAS**, the Mock Trial Program provides a rewarding, educational
12 experience, while giving participants a little taste of what the legal profession is all
13 about; the program enables the students to practice their skills while at the same time
14 allowing them to control their actions as they experience a real courtroom setting;
15 now, therefore, be it

16 **RESOLVED**, that the *I Mina'Trentai Unu Na Liheslaturan Guahan* does
17 hereby, on behalf of the People of Guam, hereby commends and congratulates the
18 2012 Saint Thomas Aquinas Catholic High School Mock Trial Team and further
19 commend and congratulate the 2012 Saint Thomas Aquinas Catholic High School
20 Mock Trial Team for placing Eighth (8TH) out of forty-six at the 2012 National High
21 School Mock Trial Championship held at Albuquerque, New Mexico; and be it further

22 **RESOLVED**, that the *I Mina'Trentai Unu Na Liheslaturan Guahan* does
23 hereby, on behalf of the People of Guam, hereby congratulates the members of the
24 2012 Saint Thomas Aquinas Catholic High School Mock Trial Team members: Kyra
25 Rocco, Whitney Quinley, Crystal Mendoza, Ashantie Mitchell, Mike Yoon, Audell
26 Sabeti, Janielle Cuala, Daniel Liu, and Francene Reyes, their Advisor Dr. Timothy

Guile, and Coaches are attorney Leslie Travis, Ms. Melissa Mendoza and Joyce Tang of Civile and Tang, PLLC; and be it further

RESOLVED, that the *I Mina'Trentai Unu Na Liheslaturan Guahan* does hereby, on behalf of the People of Guam, hereby commend Whitney Quinley, for being selected as one of the 2012 Attorney Awards; ; and be it further

RESOLVED, that the Speaker certify, and the Secretary of the Legislature attest to the adoption hereof, and that copies be transmitted to Saint Thomas Aquinas Catholic High School; the individual members of the 2012 Saint Thomas Aquinas Catholic High School Mock Trial Team, their Advisors and Coaches; to the Chief Justice of the Supreme Court of Guam; and to the Honorable Edward J.B. Calvo, *I Maga'lalen Guahan*.