

I MINA'TRENTAI UNU NA LIHESLATURAN GUÅHAN
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RELATIVE TO RECOGNIZING THE INVALUABLE ASSISTANCE AND CONTRIBUTIONS TO GUAM'S DEPARTMENT OF LABOR (GDOL) AND THE FUTURE IMPLEMENTATION OF APPRENTICESHIP PROGRAMS PROVIDED BY MR. ALFRED B. VALLES, STATE DIRECTOR, HAWAII-PACIFIC REGION, U.S. DEPARTMENT OF LABOR (U.S. DOL) OFFICE OF APPRENTICESHIP; AND TO STATE GUAM'S MOST SINCERE *DANGKULO NA SI YU'OS MA'ÅSE* FOR MR. VALLES' INVALUABLE ASSISTANCE IN CREATING APPRENTICESHIP LAWS LEADING TO GUAM'S RECOGNITION BY THE U.S. DOL RELATIVE TO SUCH PROGRAMS; AND TO EXPRESS THE BEST WISHES OF THE PEOPLE OF GUAM ON THE OCCASION OF MR. VALLES' RETIREMENT.

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

3 WHEREAS, Mr. Alfred B. Valles is the State Director for the U.S.
4 Department of Labor's (U.S. DOL) Office of Apprenticeship, and is
5 responsible for all U.S. registered apprenticeship programs in the Pacific
6 area; and

7 WHEREAS, Mr. Valles' office, located in Honolulu, has jurisdiction
8 over Hawaii, Guam, the Republics of Palau and the Marshall Islands, the
9 Commonwealth of the Northern Marianas Islands, American Samoa, and
10 the Federated States of Micronesia; and

11 WHEREAS, Mr. Valles is the ideal person to lead an apprenticeship
12 office, having attended the McConnell Aero Technology Institute and
13 obtained subsequent employment with American Lockheed Aircraft
14 Corporation, followed by entering the Arizona Carpenters

1 Apprenticeship Program, sponsored by the United Brotherhood of
2 Carpenters International & Associated General Contractors of America
3 union (UBCI & AGCA), graduating from the program and applying his
4 journeyman skills for several years before becoming a construction
5 manager in Arizona and Colorado, and later serving in the U.S. Air Force;
6 and

7 **WHEREAS**, after his military service, Mr. Valles was selected as an
8 Apprenticeship Training Director in Arizona by the UBCI & AGCA, and
9 during his 19-year tenure, created the state's first-ever apprenticeship
10 programs for five different native American Indian tribes, utilizing his
11 native American heritage, in part, to achieve success; and

12 **WHEREAS**, in 1992, Mr. Valles was hired by the Hawaii Office of
13 Apprenticeship, U.S. DOL, using his experience, training and multi-
14 cultural heritage to great advantage in the management of an area
15 including numerous islands and ethnicities across the Pacific Ocean, and
16 beginning his years-long relationship with the Registered Apprenticeship
17 Program in Guam; and

18 **WHEREAS**, In 2005, Mr. Valles worked with the GDOL and the
19 Guam Legislature in drafting what is now the Guam Registered
20 Apprenticeship Program, Public Law 28-142, having become law on July
21 18, 2006 with Governor Felix Camacho's signature, its purpose being to
22 increase the number of highly skilled workers by encouraging employers
23 to hire and train apprentices in highly skilled trades and occupations,
24 authorizing tax credits for certain long term apprenticeship training
25 expenses, and ensuring that apprentices continue to pay income taxes and
26 participate in the economy; and

27 **WHEREAS**, In 2005, Mr. Valles and the GDOL began working to
28 have the U.S. DoL designate Guam as a State Apprenticeship Agency, and

1 were instrumental in development of the draft legislation further
2 designating GDoL as the Registration Agency; and

3 **WHEREAS**, On November 4, 2011, U.S. DOL granted recognition to
4 the Guam Registration Agency within the State Apprenticeship Agency, for
5 Federal purposes related to apprenticeship programs and agreements; and

6 **WHEREAS**, Mr. Valles is now working with the Governor of Guam
7 to establish an Apprenticeship Act for Guam, one of his final
8 accomplishments prior to his upcoming, well-deserved retirement in June,
9 2012; now, therefore be it

10 **RESOLVED**, that the Committee on Rules, on behalf of *I Mina'trentai*
11 *Unu Na Liheslaturan Guåhan* and the people of Guam, does hereby
12 recognize the contributions made to Guam and our people by Mr. Alfred B.
13 Valles of the United States Department of Labor; and be it further

14 **RESOLVED**, that the Committee on Rules, on behalf of *I Mina'trentai*
15 *Unu Na Liheslaturan Guåhan* and the people of Guam, does also
16 acknowledge the many efforts made by the U.S. DOL on behalf of the
17 people of the Pacific islands and the territories of Guam, the CNMI, and
18 American Samoa; the Federated States of Micronesia, and the Republics of
19 Palau and the Marshall Islands; and be it further

20 **RESOLVED**, that the Speaker and the Chairman of the Committee on
21 Rules certify, and the Legislative Secretary attests to the adoption hereof,
22 and that copies of the same be thereafter transmitted to the Honorable
23 Hilda L. Solis, Secretary of the U.S. Department of Labor; to the Honorable
24 Jane Oates, Assistant Secretary of Employment and Training
25 Administration, U.S. Department of Labor; to Richard Trigg, Regional
26 Administrator, Region 6, U.S. Department of Labor; to the Honorable Neil
27 Abercrombie, Governor of the State of Hawaii; to George Santos, Director,
28 Guam Department of Labor; to Alfredo Antolin, Director, Guam Agency

1 for Human Resources Development; to Dr. Mary A.Y. Okada, Ed.D,
2 President, Guam Community College; and to the Honorable Edward Baza
3 Calvo, *I Maga'Lahen Guåhan*.

DULY AND REGULARLY ADOPTED ON THIS th DAY OF , 2012.

JUDITH T. WON PAT, Ed.D
Speaker

RORY J. RESPICIO
Chairperson, Committee on Rules

TINA ROSE MUÑA BARNES
Legislative Secretary