

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

Resolution No. 467-31 (L S)

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Relative to recognizing and memorializing the late Rayn Joseph Flores SanNicolas for his impressive accomplishments and his selfless bravery, in an all too short life; and to further extending heartfelt condolences to Rayn's parents, Glenn and Monica SanNicolas, and family, on his untimely passing, on behalf of *I Liheslaturan Guåhan* and the people of Guam.

- 1 **BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COMMITTEE ON RULES OF *I***
2 ***MINA'TRENTAI UNU NA LIHESLATURAN GUÅHAN*:**
3 **WHEREAS,** the loss of any person's life is a sad and often
4 heartbreaking event, bringing grief and suffering to families, relatives, friends
5 and acquaintances; and such loss is even more tragic when it is an accidental
6 death of a young individual, who has not had the opportunity to experience a
7 long and full life; and

1 **WHEREAS**, on Saturday, June 30, 2012, young Rayn Joseph Flores
2 SanNicolas of *Tamuning*, a fourteen (14) year old graduate of St. Anthony
3 Catholic School, who is a member of the prestigious National Junior Honor
4 Society, and who was anticipating attending Father Dueñas Memorial School in
5 the next school year, was swimming off the *Ritidian* coast with his cousin
6 visiting from San Diego, and several others; and

7 **WHEREAS**, several in the group were taking underwater photos of
8 colorful fish, and enjoying Guam’s sometimes dangerous waters, when two of
9 Rayn’s relatives discovered that the current was pulling them out to sea; and

10 **WHEREAS**, in an act of selfless bravery, when Rayn saw that his
11 relatives were being pulled away by the current, and without consideration for
12 his own safety, Rayn turned towards his relatives, and with his back to the
13 shore, began swimming out to help them; and

14 **WHEREAS**, in a valiant attempt to assist the other swimmers, Rayn lost
15 his own life in the rough and treacherous seas off *Ritidian*, his body having
16 been recovered later that evening by Guam Fire Department rescue divers; and

17 **WHEREAS**, an outpouring of love, affection and sadness over the loss
18 of such a brave young man, his valiant efforts, and his tragic end, serve as a
19 reminder to us all about the fragility of our lives, and the importance of family;
20 and

1 **WHEREAS**, the loss of a beloved brother and son will weigh heavily on
2 the shoulders of Rayn's sisters, Naomi and Jade, and his parents, Glenn and
3 Monica SanNicolas; as well as his many friends and relatives who knew and
4 loved him for the good, strong and selfless person that he was; and

5 **WHEREAS**, Rayn's relative's touching message puts into words what so
6 many feel:

7 “When someone passes away we tend to remember only the good ...
8 When you hear Monica and Glenn talk of their son you hear all the good he has
9 done and you might think they are doing just that ... remembering only the
10 good. Not true ...everything they say about their son IS true ... He really was a
11 selfless, caring, softhearted, loving, smart, athletic, humble and modest young
12 man. He would shy away from all this acclaim because that was his way. I am
13 glad and proud he is getting his fair share of credit because you don't hear a lot
14 of good things about the youth of today, and if one person, young or old,
15 acquires one of these traits that made Rayn special and becomes a better person
16 because of it, that would be a great tribute to him and I know it would make
17 him proud. Glenn and Mon, I was thinking today about it being rainy and
18 thanking you for naming your son such a unique name, so now when I see rain
19 or rainbows I will always remember Rayn and his shy kisses. You did a great
20 job with the gift God gave you for 14 years - thank you for sharing him. Love
21 Always”; now therefore, be it

1 **RESOLVED**, that the Committee on Rules of *I Mina'Trentai Unu Na*
2 *Liheslaturan Guåhan* does hereby, on behalf of *I Liheslaturan Guåhan* and the
3 people of Guam, recognize and memorialize the late Rayn Joseph Flores
4 SanNicolas for his impressive accomplishments and his selfless bravery, in an
5 all too short life; and does further extend heartfelt condolences and prayers to
6 the parents and family of the late Rayn Joseph Flores SanNicolas on his
7 untimely passing; and be it further

8 **RESOLVED**, that the Speaker and the Chairperson of the Committee on
9 Rules certify, and the Legislative Secretary attest to, the adoption hereof, and
10 that copies of the same be thereafter transmitted to the parents of the late Rayn
11 Joseph Flores SanNicolas, Glenn and Monica SanNicolas, and family; and to
12 the Honorable Edward J.B. Calvo, *I Maga'lahren Guåhan*.

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

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Speaker

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Chairperson, Committee on Rules

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