

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

Resolution No. 510-31 (cor)

Introduced By:

T.R. Muña Barnes

Relative to commending and congratulating Mrs. Cecilia "Cis" A.T. Lizama on the occasion of her retirement from the Public Defender Service Corporation; and to extend a warm and sincere *Un Dangko'lo Na Si Yu'os Ma'åse* for her over 16 years of dedicated service to the Government of Guam and to the people of Guam.

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

WHEREAS, Cecilia "Cis" A.T. Lizama began her career in the field of accounting when she first became an Accounting Clerk with FHP, Inc. in 1980; and by the time she left the company in 1989, she had worked her way up to the position of Bookkeeper III; and

WHEREAS, while being gainfully employed, Cis continued her pursuit for higher education; and it was in May 1991 that Cis obtained her BBA in Accounting from the University of Guam; and

WHEREAS, in 1991, Cis was employed with Deloitte and Touche where she held the position of Staff Auditor, preparing financial statements, performing field work of audit engagements in governmental and health maintenance organizations, as well as hotel and retail entities; and

1 **WHEREAS**, in November 1995, Cis entered public service serving as the
2 Chief Fiscal Officer for the Public Defender Service Corporation, a position that
3 she currently holds; and

4 **WHEREAS**, on April 28, 1997, Cis became a Certified Public Accountant
5 (CPA) in and for the territory of Guam receiving her certificate from the Guam
6 Board of Accountancy; and

7 **WHEREAS**, in joining the Public Defender Service Corporation, Cis was
8 faced with the tremendous task of restoring credibility and order to the Fiscal
9 Division, particularly with regards to its financial records; and

10 **WHEREAS**, during her tenure, standard operating procedures and policies
11 were developed and implemented so that the PDSC's Fiscal Division was brought
12 to compliance with accounting and other financial mandates; and

13 **WHEREAS**, there was a time when the PDSC was criticized and was
14 known for being "problematic" with regards to its responsiveness to other
15 government agencies' inquiries relative to financial matters; with Cis' dedication
16 to the job at hand, this criticism has since discontinued; and

17 **WHEREAS**, despite being given additional responsibilities such as the
18 Domestic Violence Program; and the establishment of the office of the Alternate
19 Public Defender; Cis never faltered in her commitment and diligence to her duties
20 and responsibilities as the Corporation's money manager; and

21 **WHEREAS**, her hard work, dedication and loyalty to the mission of the
22 PDSC are best exemplified in the "CLEAN" audits that the Corporation has
23 consistently received under her watch; inclusive of the timely submittals of
24 required financial reports, prompt payments to our vendors, and the punctual
25 deposits for PDSC payroll; and

26 **WHEREAS**, Cis maintains a professional affiliation serving as a Member of
27 the Association of Government Accountants, Guam Chapter; and

1 **WHEREAS**, Cis is also an active community leader serving as a Lector for
2 the Niño Perdido Y Sagrada Familia Parish in Asan; and a Member of the Una
3 Voce Choir for the Blessed Diego Luis de San Vitores Parish in Tumon; and

4 **WHEREAS**, Cis is married to Eloy S. Lizama; and together they have a son
5 named Elijah James Lizama; now, therefore be it

6 **RESOLVED**, that the Committee on Rules of *I Mina' Trentai Unu Na*
7 *Lihselaturan Guåhan* does hereby, on behalf of the people of Guam commend and
8 congratulate Mrs. Cecilia A.T. Lizama on the occasion of her retirement from the
9 Public Defender Service Corporation; and to extend a warm and sincere *Un*
10 *Dangko'lo Na Si Yu'os Ma'åse* for her over sixteen (16) years of dedicated service
11 to the Government of Guam and to the people of Guam; and be it further

12 **RESOLVED**, that the Speaker and the Chairperson of the Committee on
13 Rules certify, and the Legislative Secretary attest to, the adoption hereof, and that
14 copies of the same be thereafter transmitted to Mrs. Cecilia A.T. Lizama; and to
15 the Honorable Edward J.B. Calvo, *I Maga'låhen Guåhan*.

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

JUDITH T. WON PAT, Ed.D.
Speaker

RORY J. RESPICIO
Chairperson, Committee on Rules

TINA ROSE MUÑA BARNES
Legislative Secretary