

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

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Resolution No. ⁵²⁻³¹ (COR)

Introduced by:

R. J. Respicio 

Relative to commending and congratulating Jonathan David Terlaje Perez, a proud member of *Taotao Tano'*, for his graduation from the Chamorro arts apprenticeship program under the master of Chamorro dance, Frank Rabon, and for receiving his certification as a cultural arts teacher.

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

WHEREAS, Jonathan David Terlaje Perez, who was born on July 28, 1988, and currently resides in the village of Yona, Guam, is the proud son of Gregorio Sudo Perez, and Lydia Terlaje Perez (Dec) (*familian Chaka*), raised with the traditions of our Chamorro people, and speaks, writes, reads, and comprehends the Chamorro language fluently; and

WHEREAS, Jonathan T. Perez began his primary education at M. U. Lujan Elementary school (1994), and completed his education at George Washington High School (2006); Currently pursuing a Major in History and a Minor in Chamorro Studies at the University of Guam; and

WHEREAS, Jonathan T. Perez began his cultural studies in dancing at the age of 10 (1998), learning various Pacific cultures that were being taught on Guam as part of the cultural entertainment being presented within the hotels and the tourism industry; and

WHEREAS, Jonathan T. Perez entered *Guma Rasan Acho Latte* (2008) to eventually experience and understand his Chamorro identity, allowing him the opportunity to be part of the performing arts delegation representing Guam at the 10th Festival of Pacific Arts (American Samoa), and the 11th Festival of Pacific Arts (Solomon Islands); and

WHEREAS, Jonathan T. Perez an apprentice of *Pa'a*/SEDS's three year apprenticeship program will be completing the final level of her rites of passage (*Åplok, mânia, mãsun, yan fãha*), as required by the Master of Chamorro Dance – Frank Rabon, to be traditionally recognized as a “*Fafa'nã'gue*” and to be certified as a Chamorro Traditional Arts instructor; and

WHEREAS, Jonathan T. Perez understands the importance to preserving, perpetuating, educating, and promoting the Chamorro language and culture, and has chosen the path in passionately leading his students that make up his community based cultural group “*Ininan I Saina-ta*” a soon to be recognized cultural house, now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that *I Liheslaturan Guåhan* does hereby commend and congratulate Jonathan T. Perez for graduating from the Chamorro arts apprenticeship program under the master of Chamorro dance Frank Rabon, and for receiving his certification as a cultural arts teacher; and be it further

RESOLVED, that the Speaker and the Chairman of the Committee on Rules certify, and the Legislative Secretary attest to, the adoption hereof, and that copies of the same be hereafter transmitted to Jonathan T. Perez, to *Pa'a Taotao Tano'*, and to the Honorable Edward J.B. Calvo, *I Maga'lahren Guåhan*.

DULY AND REGULARLY ADOPTED BY THE COMMITTEE ON RULES OF I MINA'TRENTAI UNU NA LIHESLATURAN GUÅHAN ON THE TH DAY OF SEPTEMBER, 2012.

JUDITH T. WON PAT, Ed.D.
Speaker

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Chairperson, Committee on Rules

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Legislative Secretary

List of Names: Pa'a Resolutions

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