

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

Resolution No. ⁵²⁴⁻³(COR)
Introduced by:

R. J. Respicio

Relative to commending and congratulating
Raymond Vincent Lujan, 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, Raymond Vincent Lujan, born January 21, 1986, and
who currently resides in the village of Yona, Guam, is the proud son of Jose
San Nicolas Lujan (*familian Chada*), and Barbara Cepeda (*familian Kokura*
yan Bela), and was raised with the traditions of our Chamorro people, and
speaks, writes, reads, and comprehends the Chamorro language fluently;
and

WHEREAS, Raymond V. Lujan's primary education was at St Francis
Catholic School (1990), continued his education at Notre Dame House of
Studies (2004), and is currently a University of Guam student majoring in
Chamorro language and studies; and

WHEREAS, Raymond V. Lujan, began his cultural studies in dancing
at an early age (2002) learning from various Pacific cultures that were being
taught in Guam as part of the cultural entertainment being presented
within the hotels and the tourism industry; and

WHEREAS, Raymond V. Lujan, 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, Raymond V. Lujan, an apprentice of *Pa'a*/SEDS's three year apprenticeship program will be completing the final level of his rites of passage (*Āplok, mǎnha, mǎsun, yan fǎha*), as required by the Master of Chamorro Dance – Frank Rabon, to be traditionally recognized as a “*Fafa'nǎ'gue*” and to be certified as a Chamorro Traditional Arts instructor; and

WHEREAS, Raymond V. Lujan has accompanied Master of Chamorro Dance Rabon for the past three years: to Japan to implement the first Chamorro Dance Academy organized by the Guam Visitors Bureau, in order to accommodate the rising interest from the Japanese to experience and understand the true Chamorro culture; and

WHEREAS, Raymond V. Lujan understands the importance of preserving, perpetuating, educating, and promoting the Chamorro language and culture, and has chosen a path to passionately lead the students that make up his community base cultural group “*Ni'na'en I Acho Latte*” a soon to be recognized cultural house, now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that *I Liheslaturan Guåhan* does hereby commend and congratulate Raymond V. Lujan 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 Arthur J. Pangelinan, to *Pa'a Taotao Tano'*, and to the Honorable Edward J.B. Calvo, *I Maga'lahaen 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

RORY J. RESPICIO
Chairperson, Committee on Rules

TINA ROSE MUÑA BARNES
Legislative Secretary