

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

Resolution No. <sup>529-31</sup> (COR)  
Introduced by:

R. J. Respicio

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Relative to commending and congratulating Brian Jess Cepeda Terlaje, 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**, Brian Jess Cepeda Terlaje, who was born on August 22, 1981, and resides in the village of Yona, Guam, is the proud son of Jesse Toves Terlaje (*familian Chaka*), and Rosemarie Cepeda Terlaje (*familian Kokora*), and was raised with the traditions of our Chamorro people, and speaks, writes, reads, and comprehends the Chamorro language fluently; and

**WHEREAS**, Brian C. Terlaje began his primary education at St. Francis Catholic School (1986), and completed his education at Notre Dame House of Studies (1972), and is currently pursuing his degree in Chamorro Language at the University of Guam; and

**WHEREAS**, Brian C. Terlaje, a traditionally recognized "*Fafa'nå'gue*" for *Guma Rasan Acho Latte*, has completed all the levels in his *Chalan Lina'la* (*Åplok, mânia, mãsun, yan fãha*), and has met all the requirements by the

Master of Chamorro Dance – Frank Rabon, to be certified as a Chamorro Traditional Arts instructor; and

**WHEREAS**, Brian C. Terlaje began teaching cultural dancing to the community of Yona in 1999, providing after school activities for the youth within the Yona community; and

**WHEREAS**, Brian C. Terlaje, who is a Chamorro Language teacher at Oceanview Middle School, incorporated his knowledge of Chamorro dance, songs, chants, and weaving in his lesson plans for his students, and competed at the annual *Pa'a Taotao Tano Dinana Minagof* Chamorro Dance competition representing Oceanview Middle School; and

**WHEREAS**, Brian C. Terlaje eventually gathered his students from Oceanview Middle School and his community members and formulated “*Rasan Acho Latte*” now known as *Guma Rasan Acho Latte* (since 2007) continuously competing at the annual *Dinana Minagof* Chamorro Dance Competition receiving numerous awards – best in ancient, Spanish, and contemporary categories, and also winning as overall champion; and

**WHEREAS**, Brian C. Terlaje has been the official choreographer for the Miss Earth Pageant, incorporating Chamorro culture for the first time in the annual pageant performance presentations; and

**WHEREAS**, Brian C. Terlaje is currently the project manager for the *Pa'a Taotao Tano'* CLCS (Chamorro Language through Chants and Songs) Language project, collecting secular and non-secular Chamorro songs to be musically noted and documented; and

**WHEREAS**, Brian C. Terlaje continues to share his passion for the preservation, perpetuation, education, and promotion of the Chamorro

language and culture, whenever he his call upon by the community of Guam, and now currently shares his passion and knowledge of Chamorro dance, songs, chants, and weaving with the students of John. F. Kennedy High School; now therefore be it

**RESOLVED**, that *I Liheslaturan Guåhan* does hereby commend and congratulate Brian C. Terlaje 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 Brian C. Terlaje, to *Pa'a Taotao Tano'*, and to the Honorable Edward J.B. Calvo, *I Maga'lahen 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.**

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**JUDITH T. WON PAT, Ed.D.**  
Speaker

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**RORY J. RESPICIO**  
Chairperson, Committee on Rules

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**TINA ROSE MUÑA BARNES**  
Legislative Secretary