

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

**Resolution No.**  
**Introduced by:**

543-31 (LS)

R. J. Respicio

Relative to commending and congratulating Eric Joel Rabago Reyes, 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,** Eric Joel Rabago Reyes, born May 02, 1980, and currently resides in Tinian, CNMI, is the proud son of William Naputi Reyes (*familian Doyo*), and Ann Degracia Rabago (*familian Guinaiya*), raised with the traditions of our Chamorro people, and speaks, writes, reads, and comprehends the Chamorro language fluently; and

**WHEREAS,** Eric J. Reyes began his primary education at Talofoto Elementary School (1984) and completed his education at Southern High school (1998); and

**WHEREAS,** Eric J. Reyes, a recognized "*Fafa'nå'gue*" for *Guma Taotao Taga* 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**, Eric J. Reyes began his cultural studies in Chamorro dance, songs, chants & weaving under the Master of Chamorro Dance – Frank Rabon in 1995, as a sophomore at Inarajan High School, eventually leaving *Taotao Tano’* (2005), relocating to Tinian to implement the Chamorro program within the public school system and the community; and

**WHEREAS**, as a member of *Taotao Tano’* represented the Chamorro People in (3) Festivals of Pacific Arts (‘96, ‘00, and ‘04), World Cultural Festivals in the United States 1998, Taiwan 1999 & 2001, Europe 2001, Korea 2002 & 2003, Mexico 2002, and cultural festivals in the Pacific Region beginning in 1995, and assisted the Guam Visitors Bureau in promotional tours throughout Asia and the Pacific (Japan, Taiwan, Korea, Philippines, Indonesia, Australia, New Guinea), and the United States: and

**WHEREAS**, Eric J. Reyes, leader of *Guma Taotao Taga*, continues to provide valuable knowledge of Chamorro language, dance, songs, chants, and weaving to the community of Tinian, mentoring the children in taking pride in their Chamorro identity; and

**WHEREAS**, Eric J. Reyes, has become a valuable asset to the Island of Tinian in addressing cultural issues most especially towards preservation, perpetuation, education, and promotion of the Chamorro culture, now, therefore, be it

**RESOLVED**, that *I Liheslaturan Guåhan* does hereby commend and congratulate Eric J. Reyes, 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 Eric J. Reyes, 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 10<sup>TH</sup> 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