


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

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Resolution No. 601-31(2012)

Introduced by:

Dennis G. Rodriguez, Jr. 

Relative to recognizing and commending the Natibu Cultural Heritage Dance Company on their seventeenth (17th) Anniversary and Graduation Showcase and extending a sincere *Un Dangkolo Na Si Yu'os Ma'åse* for their dedication and service in promoting arts and culture in the island community.

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COMMITTEE ON RULES OF

I MINA'TRENTAI UNU NA LIHESLATURAN GUÅHAN:

WHEREAS, the Natibu Cultural Heritage Dance Company was founded in 1995 by Dr. Bengie Santiago; and

WHEREAS, in its humble beginnings the company was comprised of twenty-three (23) members. Today, the company is comprised of sixty (60) *Haumana* (students) in Natibu on Guam, thirty (30) in the Kulu Natibu Dance Squad at Augeda Johnson Middle School, twenty-six (26) in the Pacific Fantasies Dance Company, fifty (50) in Yokohama, Japan, and eighty (80) in Osaka, Japan, ranging from the age of four (4) to about fifty (50) years old; and

1 **WHEREAS**, an original member of the *Taotao Tano* Cultural Dancers,
2 under the tutelage of Uncle Frank Rabon, Dr. Bengie Santiago continues to pass
3 on the knowledge he has absorbed to his students; and

4 **WHEREAS**, "Uncle Bengie", as he is affectionately and respectfully
5 known, has taught his students the ways of respect and discipline, which are vital
6 components to the success of the Natibu Dance Company and its legacy; and

7 **WHEREAS**, the Natibu Dance Academy was honored with the Maga Lahi
8 Performing Arts Awards; and

9 **WHEREAS**, participating in community activities which contributed to a
10 positive growing environment for the children is a brand mark of the Natibu
11 Dance Academy; and

12 **WHEREAS**, on May 20, 2005, Uncle Bengie Santiago was nominated and
13 selected to receive the *Hafa Adai* Spirit Award given to an individual who has
14 contributed and dedicated his life to teaching, promoting and preserving the
15 island's culture, heritage and family values of the Chamorro people; and

16 **WHEREAS**, through the Natibu Dance Company, Dr. Santiago takes pride
17 in the promotion and preservation of not only the cultures of the Pacific but also
18 and most importantly, the culture of the Chamorro people; and

1 **WHEREAS**, Uncle George Lanakitakeikiahia'I Na'ope certified and
2 recognized Uncle Bengie as a *Kuma Hula*, christening him with the *inoa*
3 (name) Kaleolanikia-Iokahula Hawai'I, which translates to " the heavenly voice,
4 the keeper of the Dances of Hawaii” ;and now, therefore be it

5 **RESOLVED**, the Committee on Rules of *I Mina'Trentai Una Na I*
6 *Liheslaturan Guåhan*, does hereby, on behalf of *I Liheslaturan Guåhan* and the
7 people of Guam, recognize and commend the Natibu Cultural Heritage Dance
8 Company on their seventeenth (17th) Anniversary and Graduation Showcase and
9 extend a sincere *Un Dångkolo Na Si Yu'os Ma'åse* for their dedication and service
10 in promoting arts and culture in the island community; and be it further

11 **RESOLVED**, that the Speaker and the Chairperson of the Committee on
12 Rules certify, and the Secretary of the Legislature attest to the adoption hereof, and
13 that copies of the same be thereafter transmitted to Dr. Bengie Santiago, *Kuma*
14 *Hula* of Natibu Cultural Heritage Dance Company; and to the Honorable Edward
15 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 ____
DAY OF NOVEMBER, 2012.**

JUDITH T. WON PAT, Ed.D

Speaker

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Chairman, Committee on Rules

TINA ROSE MUÑA BARNES

Legislative Secretary