


MINA' TRENTAI UNU NA LIHESLATURAN GUÅHAN
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Resolution No. 624.31 (LS)

Introduced by:

B.J.F. Cruz 

**Relative to Commending and Congratulating
Eileen Meno for Being Awarded the Title of
Master of Chamorro Dance by the Guam Council
of Arts and Humanities Agency**

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

3 **Whereas,** Ms. Eileen Meno received her education from Inarajan
4 Elementary School, Inarajan High School, and the University of Guam with
5 a Bachelor of Arts degree in Chamorro Language Studies; and

6 **Whereas,** Ms. Meno began her cultural studies as an apprentice of
7 Master of Chamorro Dance Mr. Frank Rabon in 1991, and studied under the
8 auspices of Mr. Rabon for twenty-one (21) years; and

9 **Whereas,** Ms. Meno's contribution to the preservation of the
10 Chamoru culture continues through her integration of Chamoru dance,
11 songs, and chants in her Chamoru Language course taught previously at
12 Untalan Middle School and currently at George Washington High School;
13 and

14 **Whereas,** Ms. Meno spearheaded the formation in 2000 of the school-
15 based group "Famagu'on Oro", now known as "Guma Irensian Taotao
16 Tano'", receiving awards and certifications from schools, civic

1 organizations, government agencies, private businesses and tourism entities
2 across the island; and

3 **Whereas**, alongside such contributions, Ms. Meno has represented the
4 Chamoru people as a member of Guma Irensian Taotao Tano' in the Festival
5 of Pacific Arts, the World Cultural Festivals in the United States (1998),
6 Taiwan (1999 and 2001), Europe (2001), South Korea (2002 and 2003), and
7 Mexico (2002), and with the Guam Visitors Bureau in promotional tours
8 throughout the Asia-Pacific region and the United States; and

9 **Whereas**, Ms. Meno and Guma Irensian Taotao Tano' have
10 invaluable contributed to the preservation and growth of Chamoru tradition
11 and culture through their performances and through the provision of
12 volunteer services to the elderly and underprivileged members of society;
13 and

14 **Whereas**, Ms. Meno has fostered a sense of civic responsibility and
15 cultural preservation in our island's youth through her work with the
16 community and with Guma Irensian Taotao Tano'; and

17 **Whereas**, alongside her contributions to Chamoru culture and
18 tradition, Ms. Meno has contributed over 3600 volunteer service hours to
19 AmeriCorps, has served as Taotao Manaitai, Kantora, and Manufong
20 Limosna at San Isidro Church, and has been nominated by Untalan Middle
21 School as 2005 Humanities Traditional Teacher of the Year; and

22 **Whereas**, Ms. Meno's nomination herein has been recommended by
23 esteemed institutions as varied as the Guam Department of Education,
24 Inarajan Middle School, the Barrigada Mayor's Office, San Isidro Catholic
25 Church, and the Division of Chamorro Affairs at the Guam Council of Arts
26 and Humanities Agency; now, therefore be it;

1 **RESOLVED**, *I Mina Trentai Na Liheslaturan Guahan*, on behalf of
2 the people of Guam, does hereby commend and congratulate Eileen Meno
3 for being nominated and being named Master of Chamorro Dance; and be it
4 further

5 **RESOLVED**, that the Speaker and the Chairperson of the Committee
6 on Rules certify, and the Legislative Secretary attest to, the adoption hereof,
7 and that copies of the same be thereafter transmitted to Eileen Meno, Joseph
8 Artero Cameron the President of the Guam Council on Art and Humanities
9 Agency, and to the Honorable Eddie Baza Calvo, *I Maga'lahen Guåhan*.