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

Resolution No. <u>475-</u>31 (LS)

Introduced by:

B.J.F. Cruz

Relative to Commending and Congratulating Francisco Lizama for Being Awarded the Title of Master Carver by the Guam Council of Arts and Humanities Agency

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

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Whereas, Mr. Francisco Lizama, or "Corn Beef", is a proud son of Guam who attended Father Duenas High School and entered military service upon graduation, and received his Bachelor of Arts degree from the University of Guam thereafter; and

Whereas, concurrent to his service, Mr. Lizama has engaged in activities to serve the community not least of which are his contributions to

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Whereas, alongside such contributions, Mr. Lizama has represented

Whereas, alongside such contributions, Mr. Lizama has represented the people of Guam in the rare practice of blacksmithing, having studied as an apprentice under Mr. Jack Lujan; and

Whereas, Mr. Lizama has been a vital force in showcasing the best of Chamoru traditions and culture to the island's visitors through his work; and

Whereas, Mr. Lizama has proven his dedication and commitment to keeping the island's tradition alive through mentoring and financially supporting apprentices in the art of blacksmithing; and

Whereas, some of Mr. Lizama's contributions to keeping the Chamoru cultural tradition alive include hosting an apprenticeship program for the youth of the Huråo Academy, mentoring adult apprentices, hosting exhibits for various local and off-island cultural events such as FestPac and Micronesian Island Fair, and hosting exhibits and educational demonstrations for schools across Guam; and

Whereas, Mr. Lizama's nomination has been recommended by apprentices and other practitioners alike, along with esteemed institutions as varied as the Huråo Academy, the Guam Visitors Bureau, Saint Francis Catholic School and Home Depot, with his accomplishments being recognized by organizations such as the Flame Tree Arts Festival, Infiniti Art Gallery Series, Liberation Day Festivities Executive Committee, and Chamorro Cultural Village; and

Whereas, Mr. Lizama has been recognized as a Goodwill Ambassador for the Arts by the Office of the Governor of Guam; now, therefore be it;

RESOLVED, *I Mina Trentai Na Liheslaturan Guahan*, on behalf of the people of Guam, does hereby commend and congratulate Francisco Lizama for being nominated and being named Master Blacksmith; and be it further

RESOLVED, that the Speaker and the Chairperson of the Committee on Rules certify, and the Legislative Secretary attest to, the adoption hereof, and that copies of the same be thereafter transmitted to Francisco Lizama, Joseph Artero Cameron the President of the Guam Council on Art and

1 Humanities Agency, and to the Honorable Eddie Baza Calvo, I Maga'lahen

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