

I Mina' Trentai Dos Na Liheslaturan Guåhan
Resolutions Log Sheet

Resolution No.	Sponsor	Title	Date Intro	Date of Presentation	Date Referred	Committee / Ofc Referred	Date Adopted
91-32 (COR)	Frank Blas Aguon, Jr	Relative to recognizing and congratulating the Honorable Maria Paz G. Cortes with her recent promotion to the rank of Foreign Service Officer Class II and her designation as Consul of the Philippine Consulate General in Guam and CNMI; and further express Un Dangkolo Na Si Yu'os Ma'ase ! and Maraming Salamat Po! for her contributions to the island of Guam.	04/03/13 9:04 a.m.	04/12/13 3:00 p.m.			4/11/2013

I MINA'TRENTAI DOS NA LIHESLATURAN GUÅHAN
2013 (FIRST) Regular Session

Resolution No. 91-32 (COR)

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Relative to recognizing and congratulating the Honorable Maria Paz G. Cortes on her recent promotion to the rank of Foreign Service Officer Class II and on her designation as Consul of the Philippine Consulate General in Guam and the CNMI; and to further expressing *Un Dângkolo Na Si Yu'os Ma'åse'* and *Maraming Salamat Po* to her for her exemplary service and contributions to the island of Guam and the region.

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

3 **WHEREAS,** the Honorable Consul Maria Paz G. Cortes was born and raised in
4 Manila, Philippines; her parents are Manuel Cortes and Pacita Gaban Cortes, she has
5 three siblings, and she celebrates her birthday every 2nd of March; and

1 **WHEREAS**, Consul Cortes graduated from Moonwalk Elementary School in
2 Las Piñas, Philippines; and she received her high school diploma from Cornerstone
3 Community Baptist School in Quezon City, Philippines; and

4 **WHEREAS**, Consul Cortes completed her higher education at the University
5 of the Philippines in Diliman, Quezon City, earning a Bachelor of Arts degree in
6 Political Science and a Bachelor of Laws degree; and

7 **WHEREAS**, Consul Cortes is married to Mr. Joseph Lim; and

8 **WHEREAS**, on December 28, 2007, the Consulate General of the Philippines
9 in Guam was pleased to welcome Consul Cortes, who assumed the responsibility of
10 Vice Consul; and

11 **WHEREAS**, Consul Cortes brought to her post on Guam extensive experience
12 in foreign affairs. She began her career serving as a Research Associate at Caritas
13 Manila in 1997, before working as a Staff Associate at the Legal Rights and Natural
14 Resources Center, from 1999 to 2000; and

15 **WHEREAS**, Consul Cortes started her government service when she served as
16 an Executive Assistant IV at the Court of Appeals for the Office of Justice Mercedes
17 Gozo-Dadole. She had also served in the same office as a Court Attorney V, before
18 joining a private law practice with the J. Santiago & H. Cruz Law Office in Makati
19 City, Philippines, where she worked as an Associate Attorney; and

20 **WHEREAS**, in January 2005, Consul Cortes started her foreign service career
21 working as a Special Assistant to the Office of the Undersecretary for Administration.
22 At the same time, she also held the Assistant Board Secretary position of the Board of
23 Foreign Service Administration, until January 2006; and

24 **WHEREAS**, on February 2006, Consul Cortes worked as Principal Assistant
25 with the Office of the Secretary of Foreign Affairs, before working as the Acting

1 Director at the Authentication Division of the Philippines Office of Consular Affairs,
2 from February to December 2007; and

3 **WHEREAS**, while performing the duties of Vice Consul, Consul Cortes served
4 as the Supervising Officer for Consular Services, which include processing passports,
5 visas and notaries, and later to include dual citizenship. She also served as the
6 Supervising Officer for Cultural Diplomacy, and as the Consulate General's Legal
7 Officer and Focal Person for the Overseas Absentee Voting, from 2009 to 2012; and

8 **WHEREAS**, Consul Cortes broadened her portfolio by actively participating in
9 a number of seminars, conferences and international trainings, including the 2006
10 ASEAN Foreign Ministers' Retreat in Bali, Indonesia; the 12th ASEAN Summit in
11 Cebu, Philippines; the 49th ASEAN Ministerial Meeting in Manila, Philippines; and
12 the several trainings on Overseas Absentee Voting; and

13 **WHEREAS**, Consul Cortes is an active member of the University of the
14 Philippines (UP) Law Alumni Association, and a lifetime member of the Integrated
15 Bar of the Philippines; and

16 **WHEREAS**, in August 2007, Consul Cortes was a recipient of the *Gawad*
17 *Mabini – Dakilang Kasugo* Award, which was conferred to her by the Secretary of
18 Foreign Affairs of the Philippines, the Honorable Alberto G. Romulo; and

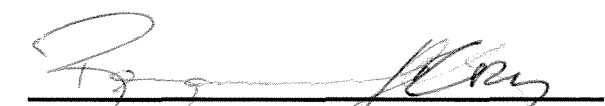
19 **WHEREAS**, on March 5, 2013, Consul Cortes was promoted to the rank of
20 Foreign Service Officer, Class II, and she was designated to serve as Consul of the
21 Philippine Consulate General in Guam, with concurrent jurisdiction over the
22 Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands (CNMI); now therefore, be it

23 **RESOLVED**, that the Committee on Rules of *I Mina Trentai Dos Na*
24 *Lihselaturan Guåhan* does hereby, on behalf of *I Lihselaturan Guåhan* and the people
25 of Guam, recognize and congratulate the Honorable Consul Maria Paz G. Cortes on
26 her latest achievement in being promoted to the rank of Foreign Service Officer, Class

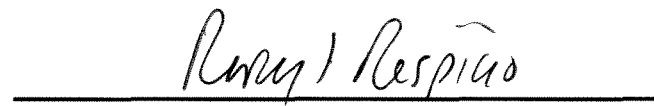
1 II, and designated to serve as Consul of the Philippine Consulate General; and does
2 further express our heartfelt appreciation, *Un Dangkolo na Si Yu'os Ma'ase'* and
3 *Maraming Salamat Po* to her for her exemplary service and contributions to the island
4 of Guam and the region; and be it further;

5 **RESOLVED**, that the Speaker and the Chairperson of the Committee on Rules
6 certify, and the Legislative Secretary attest to, the adoption hereof, and that copies of
7 the same be thereafter transmitted to the Honorable Maria Paz G. Cortes, Consul of
8 the Philippine Consulate General in Guam; to the Honorable Bayani V.
9 Mangibin, Consul General to Guam of the Republic of the Philippines; to the
10 Honorable Benigno “Noynoy” Aquino III, President of the Republic of the
11 Philippines; and to the Honorable Edward J.B. Calvo, *I Maga'lahren Guåhan*.


**DULY AND REGULARLY ADOPTED BY THE COMMITTEE ON RULES OF
I MINA'TRENTAI DOS NA LIHESLATURAN GUÅHAN ON THE 11TH DAY OF
APRIL 2013.**



BENJAMIN J.F. CRUZ
Acting Speaker



RORY J. RESPICIO
Chairperson, Committee on Rules



TINA ROSE MUÑA BARNES
Legislative Secretary



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VOTING SHEET

Resolution No. 91-32 (COR) Frank B. Aguon, Jr., - "Relative to recognizing and congratulating the Honorable Maria Paz G. Cortes with her recent promotion to the rank of Foreign Service Officer Class II and her designation as Consul of the Philippine Consulate General in Guam and CNMI; and further express *Un Dangkolo Na Si Yu'os Ma'åse'* and *Maraming Salamat Po* for her contributions to the island of Guam."

	SIGNATURE	DATE	TO ADOPT	TO NOT ADOPT	TO ABSTAIN
SENATOR RORY J. RESPICIO Chairperson	<i>via email</i>	<i>4/11/13</i>	✓		
SENATOR THOMAS C. ADA Vice-Chairperson	<i>via email</i>	<i>4/11/13</i>	✓		
SPEAKER JUDITH T. WON PAT, Ed.D. Member					
VICE-SPEAKER BENJAMIN J.F. CRUZ Member	<i>via email</i>	<i>4/11/13</i>	✓		
LEGISLATIVE SECRETARY TINA ROSE MUÑA BARNES Member	<i>via email</i>	<i>4/11/13</i>	✓		
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SENATOR DENNIS G. RODRIGUEZ, JR. Member	<i>via email</i>	<i>4/11/13</i>	✓		2013 APR 11 PM 2:30
SENATOR FRANK BLAS AGUON, JR. Member	<i>via email</i>	<i>4/11/13</i>	✓		
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2 **GUÅHAN:**

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12 Philippines; and to the Honorable Edward B. Calvo, *I Maga'lahaen Guahan*.

**DULY AND REGULARLY ADOPTED BY THE COMMITTEE ON RULES
OF *I MINA'TRENTAI DOS NA LIHESLATURAN GUÅHAN* ON THE
_____ DAY OF APRIL 2013.**

JUDITH T. WONPAT, Ed D
Speaker

TINA ROSE MUÑA-BARNES
Legislative Secretary