

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
275-32 (COR)	Dennis G. Rodriguez, Jr.	Relative to commending and congratulating Rebecca Takano-Garcia, Jose Garcia, Carlos and Rosemarie Takano and Designers Direct Furniture on the occasion of the Grand Opening of their new location and to further extending an Un Dångkolo na Si Yu'os Ma'åse' for their commitment to excellence in service and for providing 'Fabulous furniture at affordable prices' for all the people of Guam.	11/13/13 10:29 a.m.	11/15/13 10 a.m.			11/14/13

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

Resolution No. 275-32 (COR)

Introduced by:

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Relative to commending and congratulating Rebecca Takano-Garcia, Jose Garcia, Carlos and Rosemarie Takano, and Designers Direct Furniture, on the occasion of the Grand Opening of the new Designers Direct Furniture location; and to further extending *Un Dângkolo Na Si Yu'os Ma'âse'* for their commitment to excellence in service, and for providing “*fabulous furniture at affordable prices*” to the people of Guam.

1 **BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COMMITTEE ON RULES OF**
2 **I MINA'TRENTAI DOS NA LIHESLATURAN GUÁHAN:**
3 **WHEREAS,** in 1992, Designers Direct Furniture began its business venture
4 on Guam, at first selling furniture out of shipping containers; and

1 **WHEREAS**, founded by Kathy Sorensen, Designers Direct was established
2 to fill a niche, with only one other designer furniture store on Guam; and

3 **WHEREAS**, with the steady progress of its business, Designers Direct
4 opened its first store in Hagåtña, where it began building relationships with many
5 local residents, while creating a great customer base and a loyal following; and

6 **WHEREAS**, coming from generations of retailers on Guam, Rebecca
7 Takano-Garcia and her husband, Jose Garcia, wanted to get into owning and
8 operating their own business; and

9 **WHEREAS**, from the 1950s to the 1970s, Rebecca Takano-Garcia's
10 grandparents, Carlos and Julia Takano, had provided retail services at the Takano
11 Gift Store; and

12 **WHEREAS**, Rebecca's parents, Carlos and Rosemarie Takano, had owned
13 and operated the Carl Rose Duty Free Store, from the 1960s through the 1980s;
14 and in the 1990s, they opened Nina Ricci, a French luxury brand boutique located
15 in the Tumon Sands Plaza; and

16 **WHEREAS**, in 1997, Rebecca Takano-Garcia and Jose Garcia had the
17 franchise rights and opened a Gianfranco Ferrer Boutique, an Italian luxury brand;
18 but in 2005, they closed the shop due to the decline in tourist spending; and

19 **WHEREAS**, in 2008, Kathy Sorensen wished to retire in Hawaii; and
20 knowing of Kathy Sorensen's wishes to sell her furniture business, Rebecca
21 Takano-Garcia and Jose Garcia decided that they wanted to get back into the retail
22 business, and after many negotiations, the Designers Direct Furniture business
23 became theirs; and

24 **WHEREAS**, since 2008, Rebecca Takano-Garcia and Jose Garcia have
25 provided quality services and furniture products to the people of Guam; and

1 **WHEREAS**, on November 15, 2013, Rebecca Takano-Garcia, Jose Garcia,
2 and Carlos and Rosemarie Takano will celebrate the Grand Opening of the new
3 Designers Direct location in Tamuning; and

4 **WHEREAS**, the new Designers Direct Furniture store will continue to
5 feature the latest designs in furniture and home accessories, and will continue to
6 provide its customers with quality service, including the 3-D computerized layouts,
7 special orders for those ‘hard to find’ items, and complimentary house
8 appointments; and

9 **WHEREAS**, Designers Direct Furniture is committed to assisting the
10 people of Guam with a wide range of furniture to fit any budget, from furniture
11 purchases to people on a tight budget to high-end design furniture; and

12 **WHEREAS**, as a locally owned and operated business on Guam, Designers
13 Direct Furniture currently employs eighteen (18) individuals; and

14 **WHEREAS**, the Designers Direct Furniture vendors are all companies that
15 are founded in the United States of America, including, Ashley Furniture;
16 Klaussner; Jofran; Emerald; and Elements; and

17 **WHEREAS**, Designers Direct Furniture is a big supporter of the
18 community, which has been shown in its various donations to Guma’Māmi; the
19 Salvation Army; Habitat for Humanity; Project Minagof; the Make a Wish
20 Foundation; the Guam Memorial Hospital Volunteers Association, and the Guam
21 Memorial Hospital; the Historic Inalåhan Foundation; and the island’s Senior
22 Citizens Centers; and

23 **WHEREAS**, Designers Direct Furniture has been in business on Guam for
24 twenty-one (21) years, and it hopes to continue serving the people of Guam by
25 providing more great furniture in its efforts to make their homes a better place to
26 live in; now therefore, be it

1 **RESOLVED**, that the Committee on Rules of I Mina'Trentai Dos Na
2 Liheslaturan Guåhan does hereby, on behalf of I Liheslaturan Guåhan and the
3 people of Guam, commend and congratulate Rebecca Takano-Garcia, Jose Garcia,
4 Carlos and Rosemarie Takano, and Designers Direct Furniture, and their staff and
5 families, on the occasion of the Grand Opening of the new Designers Direct
6 Furniture location; and does further extend Un Dångkolo Na Si Yu'os Ma'åse' for
7 their commitment to excellence in service, and for providing "fabulous furniture at
8 affordable prices" to the people of Guam; and be it further

9 **RESOLVED**, that the Speaker and the Chairperson of the Committee on
10 Rules certify, and the Legislative Secretary attest to, the adoption hereof, and that
11 copies of the same be thereafter transmitted to Mrs. Rebecca Takano-Garcia, Mr.
12 Jose Garcia, and Mr. and Mrs. Carlos and Rosemarie Takano; and to the Honorable
13 Edward J.B. Calvo, I Maga'lahren Guåhan.

**DULY AND REGULARLY ADOPTED BY I MINA'TRENTAI DOS NA
LIHESLATURAN GUÅHAN ON THE 14TH DAY OF NOVEMBER 2013.**



JUDITH T. WON PAT, Ed.D.
Speaker



THOMAS C. ADA
Acting Chairperson, Committee on Rules



TINA ROSE MUÑA BARNES
Legislative Secretary



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VOTING SHEET

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	SIGNATURE	DATE	TO ADOPT	TO NOT ADOPT	TO ABSTAIN
SENATOR RORY J. RESPICIO Chairperson	<i>e-vote</i>		<i>11-14-13</i>		
SENATOR THOMAS C. ADA Vice-Chairperson					
SPEAKER JUDITH T. WON PAT, Ed.D. Member					
VICE-SPEAKER BENJAMIN J.F. CRUZ Member	<i>e-vote</i>		<i>11-13-13</i>		
LEGISLATIVE SECRETARY TINA ROSE MUÑA BARNES Member	<i>e-vote</i>		<i>11-13-13</i>		
SENATOR VICENTE (Ben) C. PANGELINAN Member	<i>e-vote</i>		<i>11-14-13</i>		
SENATOR DENNIS G. RODRIGUEZ, JR. Member	<i>[Signature]</i>	<i>11-14-13</i>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>		
SENATOR FRANK BLAS AGUON, JR. Member					
SENATOR MICHAEL F.Q. SAN NICOLAS Member					
SENATOR V. ANTHONY ADA Minority Member	<i>e-vote</i>		<i>11-13-13</i>		
SENATOR ALINE YAMASHITA Minority Member	<i>e-vote</i>		<i>11-13-13</i>		

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Staff Contact Person: *Amanda Shelton*

Date: *11-14-13*

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Date: *11/14/13*

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