

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
369-32 (COR)	Dennis G. Rodriguez, Jr.	Relative to recognizing and commending the Students, Administration, Faculty and Staff of Simon A. Sanchez High School's Leave Your Mark Project for your hard work, determination, commitment and passion to bring positive change to your school community and to further extending an Un Dangkolo na Si Yu'os Ma'ase' for being advocates of learning and for your contributions to the legacy of Simon A. Sanchez High School.	4/28/14 9:20 a.m.	05/20/14			05/01/14

I MINA'TRENTAI DOS NA LIHESLATURAN GUÅHAN
2014 (SECOND) Regular Session

Resolution No. 369-32 (COR)

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Relative to recognizing and commending the students, administration, faculty and staff of Simon A. Sanchez High School (SSHS) for their hard work, determination, commitment and passion to bringing positive change to their school community through the “Leave Your Mark Project”; and to further extending *Un Dångkolo Na Si Yu’os Ma’åse’* to the SSHS Sharks family for being advocates of learning and for their contributions to the legacy of Simon A. Sanchez High School.

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

3 **WHEREAS,** the Simon Sanchez High School (SSHS) students of Gretchen
4 Andres’ English 12 class took on the challenge to apply the skills they learned in

1 writing, reading, research and communication to develop ideas that they can use to
2 solve issues and problems that affect their school or village community; and in that
3 same year, the “Leave Your Mark Project” was born; and

4 **WHEREAS**, the inaugural project entailed the repair of the school’s tennis
5 courts, that had not been used for over ten years, by soliciting the assistance of
6 businesses and private partners for funding and materials. The tennis courts were
7 repaired and are still being used by the SSHS Shark family today; and

8 **WHEREAS**, in 2009, the English 12 class was concerned with the lack of
9 programs that would assist them in identifying careers after graduation, thus, the first
10 Career Festival was organized and executed by the SSHS students; and

11 **WHEREAS**, the Career Festival allowed invited guests from different
12 businesses and community organizations to provide insight of the various careers and
13 programs available for the students; and

14 **WHEREAS**, the Career Festival proved successful in the participation of the
15 students throughout Simon Sanchez High School as they engaged with questions and
16 wonder of the different professions available; and

17 **WHEREAS**, in the first quarter of School Year 2013-2014, the SSHS Shark
18 Family was faced with challenges in the various vandalism and burglary incidents at
19 their school; and

20 **WHEREAS**, these unlawful activities affected the student body, requiring
21 students to congregate in the school’s gymnasium for hours to allow the Guam Police
22 Department to conduct their investigations; and

23 **WHEREAS**, this prompted the “Leave Your Mark Project” members to take on
24 the task of making their campus safer and more secure. Thus, in a joint mission of the
25 “Leave Your Mark Project,” in conjunction with the school’s Sister Hotel, the Hotel
26 Nikko Guam; and through the assistance of Mr. Joe Blas, the hotel’s Assistant General

1 Manager, they were able to provide the school with a volunteer security guard every
2 evening to patrol and monitor the campus as an interim precaution to prevent further
3 break-ins; and

4 **WHEREAS**, the “Leave Your Mark Project” took the security issue of their
5 school further in the collaboration and sponsorship by various businesses and private
6 donations to purchase a closed circuit television system, which is still providing a
7 sense of safety and security for the SSHS Sharks; and

8 **WHEREAS**, in 2013, the “Leave Your Mark Project” students felt that there
9 was a dire need for expanded communications between the school and the community
10 in order to build pride and improve communication; and the next “Leave Your Mark
11 Project” was to install a school marquee along Marine Corps Drive in *Yigo*. In their
12 research, the students found that the marquee would cost Ten Thousand Dollars, and
13 they further used their skills to present their plan to numerous companies and
14 government agencies to build support and raise monies in order to ensure the
15 completion of the project by the end of the school year; and

16 **WHEREAS**, this “Leave Your Mark Project” was successfully completed with
17 the support of various businesses, private donors and alumni, and the school’s
18 marquee was installed displaying information and messages about the school to the
19 community; and

20 **WHEREAS**, with the different problems and issues faced by the Simon
21 Sanchez High School Sharks family, including the lack of sports facilities, inadequate
22 ProStart classrooms, the lack of properly air-conditioned classrooms where
23 temperatures sometimes reached eighty-five degrees Fahrenheit, non-working
24 restroom facilities and leaking roofs, the determination of the Sharks family to engage
25 in community discussions to improve the physical state of their campus has shown in
26 their ability to win championships in various sports, and championships in island-wide

1 ProStart competitions, which has led a Simon Sanchez High School team to win in the
2 National Prostart Competition; and

3 **WHEREAS**, the result of these issues led to the “Walk in the Shoes of a Shark
4 Challenge,” where elected leaders were invited to participate and experience, first-
5 hand, the state of the school’s learning conditions; and

6 **WHEREAS**, since then, they have had numerous meetings with Governor
7 Eddie Calvo; Department of Education Superintendent, Mr. Jon Fernandez; Attorney
8 General Leonard Rapadas; members of the Guam Legislature; our village mayors; and
9 parents, teachers, and students of the school community, pleading with them the need
10 for a new campus. In addition, they have used the media to further introduce and
11 bring community attention to the issues affecting the school; and

12 **WHEREAS**, as a result of the SSHS students’ important plea for an improved
13 school, it was decided that the school would be shut down for one week to make
14 important renovations and improvements, where the school community has seen
15 positive changes such as cooler classrooms and cleaner restrooms; and

16 **WHEREAS**, with the experience of the hardships in the fight for a new and
17 improved school, the students are learning the true meaning and value of ownership;
18 and the students displayed bravery and courage in providing oral testimony for Bill
19 218-32 and Bill 225-32 in support of the renovation and reconstruction of the school
20 during the public hearing, where almost one hundred students participated; and

21 **WHEREAS**, since December 2013, the members of the “Leave Your Mark
22 Project” have taken ownership of their restrooms and hallways, making it their own by
23 beautifying restrooms in their campus by adding flower arrangements and mirrors
24 provided and maintained by the students; and further maintaining ownership by
25 cleaning their restrooms by wiping the counters, picking up trash, and sweeping the
26 floors daily; and

1 **WHEREAS**, as a way to maintain a continuum of pride, the SSHS students
2 continue to voice their plea and mission to teach and inspire other students to take
3 pride in their school, and initiated the next step of the “Leave Your Mark Project” this
4 year called, "Project Inspire"; and

5 **WHEREAS**, “Project Inspire” was a presentation designed by SSHS students
6 in the English 12 class to speak about their experiences and the importance of
7 ownership in all English 9 and 10 classes. The goal, with these efforts, is to inspire
8 students to respect their school by keeping it clean. Presentations were conducted
9 from January 30 to February 3, 2014. Furthermore, the SSHS students are continuing
10 in their mission to teach others to respect and take pride in their school by scheduling
11 to meet with the 8th graders of the SSHS feeder school, the F.B. Leon Guerrero
12 Middle School. As a result of the presentations, students have come forward to
13 volunteer to keep restrooms and hallways clean; now therefore, be it

14 **RESOLVED**, that the Committee on Rules of *I Mina'Trentai Dos Na*
15 *Liheslaturan Guåhan* does hereby, on behalf of *I Liheslaturan Guåhan* and the people
16 of Guam, recognize and commend the students, administration, faculty and staff of
17 Simon A. Sanchez High School for their hard work, determination, commitment and
18 passion to bringing positive change to the school community through the “Leave Your
19 Mark Project”; and does further extend *Un Dångkolo Na Si Yu'os Ma'åse'* to the
20 SSHS Sharks family for being advocates of learning, and for their contributions to the
21 legacy of Simon A. Sanchez High School; and be it further

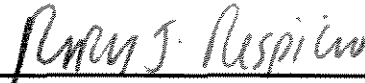
22 **RESOLVED**, that the Speaker and the Chairperson of the Committee on Rules
23 certify, and the Legislative Secretary attest to, the adoption hereof, and that copies of
24 the same be thereafter transmitted to Mrs. Gretchen Andres, English 12 Teacher,
25 Simon A. Sanchez High School; to the members of the “Leave Your Mark Project” of
26 Simon A. Sanchez High School; to Mrs. Carla Masnayan, Principal, Simon A.

- 1 Sanchez High School; and to the Honorable Edward J.B. Calvo, *I Maga'lahen*
- 2 *Guåhan*.

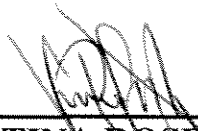
**DULY AND REGULARLY ADOPTED BY THE COMMITTEE ON RULES OF
I MINA'TRENTAI DOS NA LIHESLATURAN GUÅHAN ON THE 2ND DAY OF
MAY 2014.**



JUDITH T. WON PAT, Ed.D.
Speaker



RORY J. RESPICIO
Chairperson, Committee on Rules



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	SIGNATURE	DATE	TO ADOPT	TO NOT ADOPT	TO ABSTAIN
SENATOR RORY J. RESPICIO Chairperson					
SENATOR THOMAS C. ADA Vice-Chairperson	evote	5/1/14	✓		
SPEAKER JUDITH T. WON PAT, Ed.D. Member	evote	5/1/14	✓		
VICE-SPEAKER BENJAMIN J.F. CRUZ Member					
LEGISLATIVE SECRETARY TINA ROSE MUÑA BARNES Member	evote	5/1/14	✓		
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SENATOR DENNIS G. RODRIGUEZ, JR. Member	CV	5/1/14	✓		
SENATOR FRANK BLAS AGUON, JR. Member	evote	5/1/14	✓		
SENATOR MICHAEL F.Q. SAN NICOLAS Member	evote	5/1/14 5/1/14	✓		
SENATOR V. ANTHONY ADA Minority Member					
SENATOR ALINE YAMASHITA Minority Member	evote	5/1/14	✓		

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Staff Contact Person: Joe Mesngon

Date: 5/2/14

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