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The Honorable Tina Muña Barnes
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Dear Madam Speaker:

I have the honor of transmitting herewith a certified copy of House Resolution 21-10, entitled: **"A House Resolution congratulating our Commonwealth's schoolchildren for their outstanding participation in the 2019 Inacha'igen Fino' Chamorro (Chamorro Language Competition) held on Guam."**, which was duly adopted by the House of Representatives of the Twenty-First Northern Marianas Commonwealth Legislature.

Sincerely yours,

Linda B. Muña
House Clerk

Enclosure

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Twenty-First Legislature
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IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

SECOND SPECIAL SESSION

APRIL 29, 2019

REPRESENTATIVE LUIS JOHN DLG. CASTRO of Saipan, Precinct 1 (*for himself,* Representatives Blas Jonathan "BJ" T. Attao, Sheila J. Babauta, Roman C. Benavente, Ivan A. Blanco, Antonio SN. Borja, Joel C. Camacho, Lorenzo I. Deleon Guerrero, Joseph A. Flores, Joseph Leepan T. Guerrero, Jose I. Itibus, Richard T. Lizama, Donald M. Manglona, Marco T. Peter, Edwin K. Propst, John Paul P. Sablan, Edmund S. Villagomez, Ralph N. Yumul,) introduced the following Resolution in an open and public meeting with an opportunity for the public to comment, and appeared on the House Session Agenda of: April 29, 2019

H. R. No. 21-10

A HOUSE RESOLUTION

Congratulating our Commonwealth's schoolchildren for their outstanding participation in the 2019 Inacha'igen Fino' Chamorro (Chamorro Language Competition) held on Guam

WHEREAS, each year, the island of Guam celebrates the observance of Mes' Chamorro (Chamorro Month); and

WHEREAS, as part of that observance, as well as in celebration of the establishment of its charter, the University of Guam holds the annual Inacha'igen Fino' Chamorro (Chamorro Language Competition) and invites schools from all over the Marianas to compete and participate; and

WHEREAS, the 2019 Inacha'igen Fino' Chamorro (Chamorro Language Competition) was held on the island of Guam from March 11 – 12, 2019 at the University of Guam Lecture Hall and the University of Guam Calvo Fieldhouse; and

WHEREAS, with the theme: "**I Fino' Chamorro: Lina'la, Guinaiya, yan Pås** (The Chamorro Language: Life, Love & Peace)", students from twelve schools throughout the region, five of those schools being from the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands, competed in twenty categories of language proficiency, each testing their abilities with using the Chamorro language; and

WHEREAS, in the two days of competition, for each category our Commonwealth's students participated in, resulted in medals won for their respective schools; and

WHEREAS, the categories our students competed and placed in are as follows: Eskuelan Ilimentåriu (Elementary School): Kagman Elementary School (3rd Place – K1 Umestoria (Storytelling); William S. Reyes Elementary School (1st Place – K-2 & 3-5 Yininga' (Drawing); Eskuelan Talo' (Middle School): Admiral Herbert G. Hopwood Middle School (1st Place – Tinaitai Koru (Choral Reading)); Tinian Jr.-Sr. High School (1st Place – Lålai (Chanting)); Eskuelan Takkilo (High School): Marianas High School (1st Place – Profisienti (Proficiency)/Sinangan (Oratorical Commentary)/Kånta yan Baila (Song & Dance)/ Låhi na Kakanta (Male Singing)/Inintetpeten Kutturan Egge' (Dramatic Interpretation/Skit); 2nd Place – Profisienti (Proficiency)/Kåntan Chamorrita (Chamorrita Style Singing)/Rinisådan Poema (Poetry Reading); 3rd Place – Profisienti (Proficiency)/Palåo'an na Kakanta (Female Singing)); and

WHEREAS, with these feats, the students of these schools have brought pride to their families, their villages, their schools, and our Commonwealth as a whole; and

WHEREAS, because of these respective accomplishments, the Legislature finds each of them worthy of honor and recognition;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the House of Representatives of the Twenty-First Northern Marianas Commonwealth Legislature that we congratulate the students of our Commonwealth who through their desire to grasp the knowledge of the Chamorro language have brought pride to the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands for their outstanding participation and achievements during the 2019 Inacha'igen Fino' Chamorro (Chamorro Language Competition) held on Guam from March 11 – 12, 2019; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Legislature hopes that with these accomplishments, more of our islands' schoolchildren will continue to strive to be proficient in our native languages in all facets of life; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Sponsor of this resolution or the designee of the Speaker of the House shall present a certified original copy of this resolution to each of the principals of the recognized schools and their respective advisors; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Speaker of the House of Representatives shall certify, and the House Clerk shall attest to the adoption of this resolution and thereafter the House Clerk shall transmit a certified copy to the Honorable Ralph DLG. Torres, i Maga'låhen Sankattan na Islas Mariånas CNMI Governor; the Honorable Arnold I. Palacios i Tiñenten Maga'låhen Sankattan na Islas Mariånas CNMI Lieutenant Governor; the Honorable Gregorio Kilili C. Sablan, U.S. Delegate to the United States Congress, 116th

United States Congress; the Honorable Victor B. Hocog, President of the Senate; the Honorable Lourdes A. Leon Guerrero, i Maga'hågan Guahan Governor of Guam; the Honorable Joshua F. Tenorio, i Tiñenten Maga'låhen Guahan Lieutenant Governor of Guam; the Honorable Tina Rose Muna-Barnes, Speaker of I Liheslaturan Guåhan; Thomas Krise, PhD, President of the University of Guam; James D. Sellman, PhD, Dean of the College of Liberal Arts & Social Sciences, University of Guam; mayors of our municipalities and their municipal council chairpersons; Glenn Muna, Commissioner of Education, CNMI Public School System; the CNMI State Board of Education; Jonas M. Barcinas, Program Manager, Chamorro-Carolinian Language Heritage Studies Program, CNMI Public School System; the Resident Executive of Indigenous Affairs; the Secretary of Community & Cultural Affairs and the Executive Director of the Chamorro-Carolinian Language Policy Commission.

Duly adopted on the 29th day of April, 2019

CERTIFIED BY:

BLAS JONATHAN "BJ" T. ATTAO
SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE

ATTESTED BY:

LINDA B. MUÑA
HOUSE CLERK