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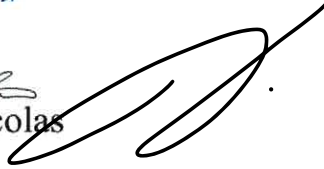
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2023 (FIRST) Regular Session

Bill No. 37-37 (COR)

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1 **BE IT ENACTED BY THE PEOPLE OF GUAM:**

2 **Section 1. Findings and Intent.** *I Liheslatura* finds that Senator Jose “Pedo”
 3 Terlaje first introduced Bill 380-35 (LS) on July 14, 2020 relative to commissioning
 4 an actuarial study to determine the feasibility of allowing public safety personnel to
 5 retire at an earlier age, owing to the physically and mentally taxing nature of the
 6 work. This had been long sought after by many public safety employees, who noted
 7 that most other jurisdictions in the United States offered a separate, lower retirement

1 age for public safety personnel compared other government employees. This also
2 contributed to the attrition rate of public safety employees in the government of
3 Guam, as they sought better pay and benefits in the Hawaii or the mainland.

4 While this did not pass in the 35th Guam Legislature, Senator Jose “Pedo”
5 Terlaje did not give up and introduced Bill 137-36 (COR) on May 6, 2021 for an
6 identical purpose. The bill was incorporated into Public Law 36-107, the fiscal year
7 2022 budget act, and made law. The actuarial study found a financially sound way
8 to accomplish an earlier retirement age for uniformed personnel of the Government
9 of Guam while also providing better retirement accruals for all Government of Guam
10 employees in the Defined Benefit 1.75 plan.

11 Senator Jose “Pedo” Terlaje introduced Bill 346-36 (COR) on October 21,
12 2022, the culmination of years of work in determining a financially feasible solution
13 to this long running problem of benefit parity for our public safety employees with
14 their off-island counterparts. The legislation was passed and signed in to law as
15 Public Law 36-130 on December 27, 2022, the last piece of legislation Senator
16 Terlaje authored. He passed away just one month later on January 30, 2023. *I*
17 *Liheslatura* finds that this important piece of legislation, which Senator Terlaje
18 fought so long and hard for, should appropriately be named after him.

19 **Section 2.** Public Law 36-130 shall be known as the “Senator Jose ‘Pedo’
20 Terlaje Retirement Act”.

21 **Section 3. Effective Date.** This Act shall be effective upon enactment.