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Relative to recognizing the late Honorable Paul McDonald Calvo, the third elected Governor of Guam, for his dedication to the island of Guåhan, and expressing condolences to his family on his passing, on behalf of the people of Guåhan.

1 **BE IT RESOLVED BY THE *I MINA'TRENTAI SIETTE NA***
2 ***LIHESLATURAN GUÅHAN:***

3 **WHEREAS, the Honorable Paul McDonald Calvo, the third elected governor of**
4 **Guam, was born on July 25, 1934, in Hagåtña, Guam, as the eldest of three sons to the**
5 **late Eduardo “Jake” Torres Calvo and the late Veronica Mariano McDonald Calvo; and**

1 **WHEREAS**, the late Honorable Paul McDonald Calvo attended Agana Heights
2 Elementary School, studied for two years at George Washington High School on Guam,
3 completed his secondary education at the Peacock Military Academy in San Antonio,
4 Texas, and further advanced his academic pursuits at the University of Santa Clara in
5 California, where he earned a Bachelor of Science degree in Commerce in 1958; and

6 **WHEREAS**, the late Honorable Paul McDonald Calvo and Rosa Herrero Baza,
7 daughter of the late Antonio and Dolores Herrero Baza, entered into matrimony on July
8 28, 1956, which was officiated by the late Father Kieran Hickey, OFM Cap, at St. Jude
9 Thaddeus Catholic Church in Sinajana, Guam, and throughout their 68 years together,
10 their journey reflected a deep mutual respect and unwavering support for one another,
11 demonstrating the enduring bonds, strength, and graces of the Sacrament of Matrimony;
12 and

13 **WHEREAS**, the late Honorable Paul McDonald Calvo and Mrs. Rosa Baza
14 Calvo exemplified the life-giving love of family through their legacy of faith, their
15 commitment to the teachings of the Catholic Church, and their dedication to acts of
16 charity and service, which not only served as a guiding light but instilled deeply-rooted
17 values in their eight children and families: Vera Calvo and Fabian Garces; Kathy Calvo
18 and Andre Leon Guerrero; Paul Calvo, Jr. and Shelly Vargas; Eddie Calvo and Christine
19 Sonido; Barbara Calvo and Mark Damron; Marie Calvo and Mike Benito; Reyna Calvo;
20 and Clare Calvo, who continued their legacy of faith, compassion, and unity through
21 their twenty-four grandchildren and twenty-six great-grandchildren; and

22 **WHEREAS**, the late Honorable Paul McDonald Calvo and Mrs. Rosa Baza
23 Calvo, epitomized the spirit, strength, and resilience of Guam's greatest generation, as
24 they endured and witnessed unspeakable atrocities during the Japanese occupation of
25 Guam from December 11, 1941, to July 21, 1944, and often shared their stories of
26 survival with their family to inspire understanding and remembrance of the past, such
27 as the late Honorable Paul enduring beatings in school and Mrs. Rosa's forced march
28 to the Manenggon concentration camp, who recalled the moment the U.S. Marines

1 guided them out of the Manenggon concentration camp to safety amidst the horrors of
2 war, and highlighted their unwavering patriotism and commitment to justice; and

3 **WHEREAS**, the late Honorable Paul McDonald Calvo, a man of faith, integrity,
4 dedication, hard-work, ambition, and self-discipline, was deeply influenced by the
5 legacy of his father, Eduardo “Jake” Calvo, who, upon his passing in 1963, entrusted
6 considerable business interests to his sons: Paul, who became president and chairman
7 of Calvo’s Insurance, Eduardo, and Thomas “Jerry” paving the way for the success of
8 Calvo’s Enterprises, a testament to the honor of his father's trust and the weight of his
9 legacy; and

10 **WHEREAS**, the late Honorable Paul McDonald Calvo began his political career
11 as a senator of *I Mina’ Ocho na Liheslaturan Guåhan* in 1964 under the Territorial Party
12 of Guam, which later evolved into the Republican Party of Guam in 1966 and secured
13 his place in politics with the highest number of votes in his first election and hit the
14 ground running as the Vice-Chairman of the Committee on Crime and Corruption and
15 as a member of the Committee on Rules, Committee on Economic Development, and
16 the Committee on Water and Utilities; and was re-elected by the people of Guam in
17 1970 and 1972 as senator, taking on key roles as Minority Leader in *I Mina’ Onse na*
18 *Liheslaturan Guåhan* and *I Mina’ Dosse na Liheslaturan Guåhan*, and Chairman of the
19 Committee on Finance and Taxation; and

20 **WHEREAS**, the late Honorable Paul McDonald Calvo was a trailblazer in the
21 business community and a dedicated public servant whose unwavering commitment to
22 the people of Guam shaped his tenure as past Chairman of the Territorial Party of Guam
23 and past State Chairman and a founding member of the Republican Party of Guam,
24 where he advanced our shared values and always took a principled stance with every
25 role he accepted, from the Guam delegation to the GOP Presidential Nominating
26 Conventions in 1972, 1976, and 1980, to his recognition in ‘Who's Who in American
27 Politics,’ and to his historic endorsement of Governor Ronald Reagan for the
28 Presidency in 1980, which was a testament to his profound influence and impact on
29 Guam's political landscape; and

1 **WHEREAS**, the late Honorable Paul McDonald Calvo was a true statesman, a
2 beacon of unwavering dedication and selfless service to our people and our island, who
3 would always tell you what is true, even if it is not popular, and his life of public service
4 was a testament to the values of humility, courage, and integrity, and his legacy
5 continues to inspire us all because he embodied the essence of greatness, and understood
6 the weight of responsibility that accompanies leadership, as he often proclaimed, "From
7 everyone who has been given much, much will be demanded; and from the one who
8 has been entrusted with much, much more will be asked."

9 **WHEREAS**, the late Honorable Paul McDonald Calvo, a champion of Guam's
10 economic growth, development, and prosperity, assumed office as the third elected
11 Governor of Guam from 1979 to 1983, and fearlessly confronted the government of
12 Guam's deficit, effecting a monumental reduction of \$27 million in his first year in
13 office, and spearheaded groundbreaking advancements in Guam's infrastructure,
14 overseeing the modernization and reconstruction of our communications network,
15 improvements to roads and village streets, and enhancements to our power grid, water
16 supply, and wastewater systems; and

17 **WHEREAS**, the late Honorable Paul McDonald Calvo assumed his role as the
18 first commander-in-chief of the Guam National Guard on December 24, 1980, and led
19 the official establishment of its command headquarters on July 21, 1981, with the
20 dedication and commitment of thirty-two charter members who bravely answered the
21 call to safeguard our island and nation; and

22 **WHEREAS**, the late Honorable Paul McDonald Calvo advocated for strategic
23 investments that would serve as the bedrock for unlocking economic opportunities and
24 fostering competitiveness necessary to rebuild Guam's economy, through his visionary
25 initiatives which include the establishment of a robust tuna-fishing fleet, the
26 development of a thriving garment manufacturing industry, and the construction of
27 hotels, were all aimed at revitalizing Guam's economy, instilling unwavering
28 confidence in investors and the private sector, and cultivating enduring partnerships

1 between the private sector, the government of Guam, and our beloved island
2 community; and

3 **WHEREAS**, the late Honorable Paul McDonald Calvo was actively involved in
4 various regional organizations in Micronesia, where he served three terms as Chairman
5 of the Association of Chief Executives of the Pacific Basin, which included the
6 Governors of Guam, the Commonwealth of the Northern Marianas, Ponape, Kosrae,
7 Yap, Chuuk, as well as the Presidents of the Republic of Palau, the Marshall Islands,
8 and Nauru. ; and was a charter Member and Vice Chairman of the Pacific Basin
9 Development Council, which included the Governors of Hawaii, American Samoa, the
10 Commonwealth of the Northern Marianas, and Guam; and

11 **WHEREAS**, the late Honorable Paul McDonald Calvo, after his term as
12 governor, continued to be influential in Guam's politics under the Republican Party
13 because he believed that Guam's future rested on a foundation of responsibility,
14 character, and family commitment, and required him to continue to lead as President
15 and Chairman of Calvo Enterprises Inc., he led a diverse group of businesses providing
16 essential services and employing hundreds of local residents, including Calvo's
17 Insurance Underwriters, Pacific Construction Company, Mid-Pacific Liquor
18 Distributing Company, Pepsi Cola Bottling Company of Guam, Payless Supermarkets,
19 Market Wholesale Inc., KUAM, Calvo Finance Company, and Calvo Realty
20 Management; and

21 **WHEREAS**, the late Honorable Paul McDonald Calvo was also an active
22 member of several fraternal, civic and business associations, encompassing the Elks
23 Lodge, Rotary Club of Guam, Guam Jaycees, Young Men's League of Guam, Knights
24 of Columbus, Holy Name Society, Guam Chamber of Commerce, Civilian Advisory
25 Council for Andersen Air Force Base, Republican Inner Circle, the *Hagåtña*
26 Restoration and Redevelopment Board and the *Dulce Nombre de Maria Hagåtña*
27 *Cathedral-Basilica* church choir; and

28 **WHEREAS**, the late Honorable Paul McDonald Calvo was celebrated for his
29 exceptional public service, remarkable contributions, and significant lifetime

1 achievements to the community, and in 2004, was conferred an honorary Doctor of
2 Humane Letters by the University of Guam and honored as the Guam Chamber of
3 Commerce's 2007 Laureate, in recognition of his exceptional business acumen and
4 invaluable contributions to the business sectors, further cementing his place among the
5 distinguished members of the Guam Business Hall of Fame; and

6 **WHEREAS**, the late Honorable Paul McDonald Calvo had spent much of his
7 time actively helping the People of Guåhan through his contributions in numerous civic,
8 community and religious activities; and, now therefore be it

9 **RESOLVED**, that *I Mina'trentai Siette Na Liheslaturan Guåhan*, on behalf of *I*
10 *Liheslaturan Guåhan* and the People of *Guåhan*, hereby recognize, honor, and
11 remember the late Honorable Paul McDonald Calvo, former Senator and former
12 Governor of Guam, and commemorate his extraordinary legacy of service as a dedicated
13 leader, visionary statesman, and steadfast servant of the people of Guam, who was
14 celebrated for his unwavering integrity, impactful contributions to our community, and
15 dedication to public service, which continues to inspire future generations to uphold the
16 values he embodied throughout his remarkable life; and express our heartfelt
17 condolences to his family on his passing, on behalf of the people of Guåhan; and be it
18 further

19 **RESOLVED**, that the Speaker, and the Legislative Secretary attest to the
20 adoption hereof, and that copies of same thereafter transmitted to Mrs. Rosa Baza Calvo
21 and to the Honorable Lourdes A. Leon Guerrero, *I Maga'hågan Guåhan*.

DULY AND REGULARLY ADOPTED BY **OF**
***I MINA'TRENTAI SIETTE NA LIHESLATURAN GUÅHAN* ON THE** **DAY**
OF OCTOBER 2024.

THERESE M. TERLAJE
Speaker

AMANDA L. SHELTON
Legislative Secretary