I MINA'TRENTA NA LIHESLATURAN GUÅHAN 2009 (FIRST) Regular Session

Resolution No. 29 (LS)

As amended on the Floor.

Introduced by:

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Relative to requesting Congresswoman Madeleine Z. Bordallo to introduce legislation in the United States House of Representatives to rename the Guam Main Facility (GMF) Post Office in Barrigada to the "Juan C. Pablo Post Office" to honor his achievements and service to the United States Postal Service and the people of Guam.

- 1 BE IT RESOLVED BY I MINA'TRENTA NA LIHESLATURAN
- 2 GUÅHAN:
- 3 WHEREAS, the United States Post Office has a long history on Guam,
- 4 and for over one hundred (100) years, Chamorros and non-Chamorros on Guam

- 1 have served as dedicated public servants, serving as postal employees and
- 2 Postmasters on Guam; and
- 3 WHEREAS, records indicate that Atanasio Taitano Perez, James H.
- 4 Underwood, John J. Underwood, Thomas Santos, and Juan Pablo served as
- 5 Postmasters on Guam by direct appointment of the United States government
- 6 between 1901 and 1973; and
- WHEREAS, the U. S. Post Office reorganized in 1971, with the selection
- 8 of postmasters since that year being governed by the merit system; and Juan
- 9 Pablo in 1973 became the first *Chamorro* to be promoted to the position of
- 10 Postmaster on Guam by application of the merit system; and
- 11 WHEREAS, the late Mr. Juan C. Pablo dedicated his life to an
- 12 outstanding career in service to the United States Postal Service, starting
- 13 employment after successfully competing for his position within the merit
- 14 system; and
- 15 WHEREAS, his superiors recognized his management potential and
- 16 continually challenged him with increasing responsibilities, and he
- 17 successfully met each challenge with outstanding performance; and
- 18 WHEREAS, Mr. Pablo was further recognized and finally given the
- 19 reins to manage the local postal operations with an appointment and
- 20 promotion to Officer in Charge on June 30, 1973; and
- 21 **WHEREAS,** on September 29, 1973, Mr. Juan C. Pablo became the first
- 22 Chamorro whose exemplary tenure and service under the postal merit system
- 23 earned him the position, and he was designated Postmaster of the Guam Main
- 24 Facility; and

WHEREAS, during his tenure as Postmaster of the Guam Main Facility,

2 Mr. Pablo continually and successfully advocated for more resources needed

3 to improve the postal service for the people of Guam; and

WHEREAS, due in large part to his advocacy, the postal service agreed to allocate funds for the construction of one of the most modern and advanced post office facility of its time, to meet the increasing population and customer needs; and

WHEREAS, aside from being Postmaster of the Guam Main Facility, Mr. Pablo contributed his management experience generously to his municipality of Barrigada in service as a member of the municipal council; and

WHEREAS, he extended his civic service to the parish of San Vicente/ San Roke parish council, where he was part of the core of the faithful that raised the money and built the present day San Vicente Church; and

WHEREAS, for his achievements and contribution, the People of Guam wish to bestow a fitting and lasting recognition; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that *I Mina'Trenta Na Liheslaturan Guåhan* does hereby, on behalf of the people of Guam, petition Congresswoman Madeleine Z. Bordallo to initiate the process to memorialize Mr. Juan C. Pablo's contributions the United States Postal Service and the people of Guam by naming the Guam Main Facility in Barrigada after the late Juan C. Pablo; and be it further

RESOLVED, that the Speaker certify, and the Legislative Secretary attests to, the adoption hereof, and that copies of the same be thereafter transmitted to Mrs. Ana G. Pablo, wife; to Ms. Patricia Pablo, daughter; to Mr.

- 1 John Pablo, son; to Ms. Doris Pablo, daughter; and to Mr. Paul J. Pablo, son; to
- 2 the Honorable Madeleine Z. Bordallo, Guam's Delegate to the U.S. Congress;
- 3 and to the Honorable Felix P. Camacho, I Maga'lahen Guåhan.

DULY AND REGULARLY ADOPTED BY I MINA TRENTA NA LIHESLATURAN GUÅHAN ON THE 3RD DAY OF APRIL, 2009.

JUDITH T. WON PAT, Ed.D. Speaker

TINA ROSE MUÑA BARNES Secretary of the Legislature