

I MINA'TRENTA NA LIHESLATURAN GUÅHAN
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Resolution No. 187-30 (COR)

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Relative to honoring the memory and legacy of the late Eraño G. Manalo, who had served as the Executive Minister of the Iglesia Ni Cristo, a worldwide religious organization founded in the Philippines.

1 **BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COMMITTEE ON RULES OF I**
2 **MINA'TRENTA NA LIHESLATURAN GUÁHAN:**

3 **WHEREAS,** Eraño G. Manalo also known as “Ka Erdy” was born on
4 January 2, 1925, the fifth (5th) child of Felix Y. Manalo and Honorata de
5 Guzman; and

6 **WHEREAS,** his father Felix, who is the founder of the Iglesia Ni Cristo,
7 named him Erano from a reversal and elision of the term “New Era”, which
8 his father used to describe what he felt was “a new Christian era” as the
9 religious group was established; and

10 **WHEREAS,** Ka Erdy initially studied law but left his studies to become
11 a minister of the Iglesia Ni Cristo. He started attending the church’s
12 ministerial classes at the age of sixteen (16) and was ordained as a minister by
13 the age of twenty-two (22); and

14 **WHEREAS,** he held various positions in the church, including, being
15 the general treasurer of the Iglesia Ni Cristo and circulation manager of the
16 *Pasugo* magazine (now known as *God’s Message*). During this time, he wrote a
17 sixty-four (64) page booklet entitled *Christ-God: Investigated-False*; and

18 **WHEREAS,** in 1947, Eraño Manalo became the General Treasurer of the
19 church and married Cristina Villanueva on January 17, 1955, with whom he
20 has six (6) children; and

1 **WHEREAS**, in 1953, Eraño Manalo was elected as the successor to Felix
2 Manalo by provincial ministers, and in 1957 he became the District Minister of
3 Manila; and

4 **WHEREAS**, Ka Erdy demonstrated the church’s responsiveness to the
5 needs of the poor. He initiated agrarian reforms in 1965 by establishing the
6 first model land reforms at resettlement farms in Palayan City, Nueva Ecija,
7 Philippines; and

8 **WHEREAS**, as early as 1967, four (4) years after assuming his
9 leadership, Ka Erdy set his vision on overseas mission and global expansion.
10 On July 27, 1968, he established the first congregation of the church overseas
11 in Honolulu, Hawaii. Other congregations were established in San Francisco
12 and Los Angeles in California; and

13 **WHEREAS**, Iglesia Ni Cristo was registered with the government of
14 Guam on March 17, 1969, marking the continuing growth and increase in the
15 number of members of the church in Guam;

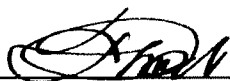
16 **WHEREAS**, Ka Erdy’s leadership witnessed the construction of the \$1.2
17 million church, an impressive house of worship in *Harmon* with a six hundred
18 (600) seating capacity, dedicated to God on March 19, 1994, and which serves
19 as the spiritual sanctuary for the more than one thousand (1,000) worshipers
20 on Wednesday, Thursday and Sunday; now, therefore, be it

21 **RESOLVED**, that the Committee on Rules of *I Mina’Trenta Na*
22 *Liheslaturan Guåhan* does hereby, on behalf of *I Liheslaturan Guåhan* and the

1 people of Guam, honor the memory and legacy, of Eraño de Guzman Manalo
2 and does extend its sincerest *Dangkolo Na Si Yu'os Ma'åse* to him for his
3 spiritual leadership and his role through Iglesia Ni Cristo in spreading
4 brotherly and sisterly love among all people; and be it further

5 **RESOLVED**, that the Speaker and the Chairperson of the Committee on
6 Rules certify, and the Legislative Secretary attest to, the adoption hereof, and
7 that copies of the same be thereafter transmitted to the Guam Ministry of
8 Iglesia Ni Cristo; to his successor, his son, Eduardo Manalo; to Olivia Palala,
9 Consul General of the Philippines and to the Honorable Felix P. Camacho, *I*
10 *Maga'lahaen Guåhan*.

**DULY AND REGULARLY ADOPTED BY THE COMMITTEE ON RULES
OF I MINA'TRENTA NA LIHESLATURAN GUÅHAN ON THE 4TH DAY OF
SEPTEMBER 2009.**



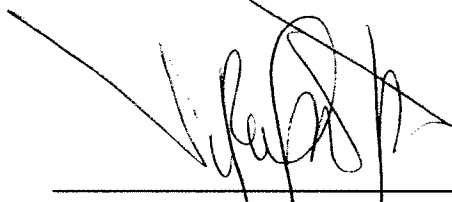
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