

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

Resolution No. 197-30 (COR)

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Relative to remembering and memorializing the late Reverend Father Antonio Rivera Perez, S.S., on his legacy as a Catholic Spiritual Leader, Seminary Educator, and Presbyter; to recognizing his family for their contributions to the Archdiocese of *Agaña*; and to offering condolences to his family.

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

3 **WHEREAS,** Reverend Father Antonio Rivera Perez, S.S., lovingly
4 known as *Pale' Tony*, a Catholic Spiritual Leader of the Archdiocese of *Agaña*
5 and a member of the Society of Saint-Sulpice, passed away into the loving
6 hands of the Creator on Saturday, September 12, 2009, at the age of fifty-seven
7 (57) years; and

8 **WHEREAS,** *Pale' Tony* was born in *Barrigada*, one of the eight (8)
9 children of the late Francisco B. and Isabel R. Perez; and

10 **WHEREAS,** *Pale' Tony* was ordained as Priest for the Archdiocese of
11 *Agaña* on July 5, 1977, and was assigned to the parishes of San Vicente and San
12 Roke Catholic Church in *Barrigada*, the *Dulce Nombre de Maria Cathedral*
13 *Basilica*, and the Father Dueñas Memorial School and Minor Seminary; and

14 **WHEREAS,** after serving for several years in the Archdiocese of *Agaña*,
15 *Pale' Tony's* discernment led him to teach the *Chamorro* language at St.
16 Joseph's College in Palo Alto, California, and at St. Patrick's Seminary in
17 Menlo Park, California, whereby he discerned his calling as a Priest to the
18 vocation of seminary leader, spiritual director, and educator; and

19 **WHEREAS,** *Pale' Tony*, with the approval and blessing of Archbishop
20 Anthony S. Apuron, OFM Cap., DD, was released to join the Society of Saint-
21 Sulpice, a Diocesan Order of Priests dedicated to the education and formation

1 of young men for the Catholic Priesthood. *Pale'* Tony became the first
2 *Chamorro* Priest to enter into this international society of priests; and

3 **WHEREAS**, *Pale'* Tony embodied the resiliency of the *Chamorro* people
4 in continuing with his educational pursuits and earning a doctorate in Sacred
5 Theology from the Catholic University in Louvain, Belgium, and then was
6 immediately assigned to the faculty of St. Mary's Seminary and University in
7 1997, where he has taught for the past twelve (12) years; and

8 **WHEREAS**, in the Spring of 2009, *Pale'* Tony was elected by the Society
9 of Saint-Sulpice, Province of the United States, Provincial Assembly, as fourth
10 (4th) Consulter of the U.S. Province of the Society of Saint-Sulpice, which is a
11 leadership position to help guide the Society; and

12 **WHEREAS**, after joining the Society of Saint-Sulpice, *Pale'* Tony still
13 longed to return to his beloved homeland of Guam, where he contributed
14 greatly to the education of the faithful in the Archdiocese of *Agaña* by
15 instructing and guiding them in sacred theology, liturgical studies, scripture,
16 and systematic and philosophical theology; and becoming a liturgical
17 consultant for the Archdiocese; and

18 **WHEREAS**, the family of *Pale'* Tony has also contributed to the
19 educational, cultural, and spiritual foundation of the people of Guam in the
20 various positions within the government and religious communities; and

21 **WHEREAS**, the late Reverend Father Antonio Rivera Perez, S.S., will
22 long be remembered and admired by his students, family and friends, and all

1 whom he has touched with his kind and gentle spirit for his unshakable
2 Catholic faith, and his devotion to the faithful within the Archdiocese of
3 *Agaña*, St. Patrick's Seminary and University in Menlo Park, California; and St.
4 Mary's Seminary and University in Baltimore, Maryland; now, therefore, be it

5 **RESOLVED**, that the Committee on Rules of *I Mina'Trenta Na*
6 *Liheslaturan Guåhan* does hereby, on behalf of *I Liheslaturan Guåhan* and the
7 people of Guam, grieve over the loss of Reverend Father Antonio Rivera
8 Perez, S.S., and does offer its condolences and sympathies to his family; and
9 be it further

10 **RESOLVED**, that the Speaker and the Chairperson of the Committee on
11 Rules certify, and the Legislative Secretary attest to, the adoption hereof, and
12 that copies of the same be thereafter transmitted to the Most Reverend
13 Anthony S. Apuron, OFM Cap, DD, Archbishop of *Agaña*; to the Very
14 Reverend Ronald D. Witherup, S.S., Superior General of the Society of Saint-
15 Sulpice; to the Very Reverend Thomas R. Ulshafer, S.S., Provincial of the U.S.
16 Province of the Society of Saint-Sulpice; to the family of the late Reverend
17 Father Antonio Rivera Perez, S.S.; and to the Honorable Felix P. Camacho, *I*
18 *Maga'lahaen Guåhan*.

DULY AND REGULARLY ADOPTED BY THE COMMITTEE ON RULES OF *I MINA'TRENTA NA LIHESLATURAN GUÁHAN* ON THE 21TH DAY OF SEPTEMBER 2009.



JUDITH T. WON PAT, Ed.D.
Speaker



RORY J. RESPICIO
Chairperson, Committee on Rules



TINA ROSE MUÑA BARNES
Legislative Secretary