

**I MINA'TRENTA NA LIHESLATURAN GUÅHAN
2010 (SECOND) Regular Session**

Resolution No. 266-30 (COR)

Introduced by:

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Relative to recognizing and honoring the late John B. Rulmal; to extending a most sincere *Un Dângkolo Na Si Yu'os Ma'åse* to him for his contributions to our island; and to further extending condolences to his family on behalf of *I Liheslaturan Guåhan* and the people of Guam.

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

3 **WHEREAS,** John B. Rulmal passed away on December 28, 2009, at the
4 age of sixty-eight (68), and during his lifetime was an inspiration as an
5 advocate for the higher education of *Ulithi* youth; and

6 **WHEREAS,** John B. Rulmal was born in *Falalop, Ulithi*, on November 30,
7 1941, and was married to his best friend, Teresa Gloria Tomai Rulmal. He has
8 a son, John Rulmal, Jr.; a daughter, Maryann Tangidey Rulmal Maluchmai; a
9 son-in-law, Dominic R. Maluchmai; and a grandson, Jalen Seralmal
10 Maluchmai; and

11 **WHEREAS,** John B. Rulmal graduated from Xavier High School in
12 Chuuk on June 6, 1964, and then attended San Jose Seminary in the
13 Philippines before graduating from the University of Guam on May 20, 1972;
14 and

15 **WHEREAS,** John B. Rulmal, a devout man of faith, was ordained a
16 Roman Catholic Deacon on May 28, 1977. He was instrumental in converting
17 the Bible into *Ulithian*, and established the first prayer groups in the Outer
18 Islands. A firm believer that everyone should have a place of worship, he
19 built churches on *Falalop, Ulithi*, and *Falalop, Woleai*; and

20 **WHEREAS,** John B. Rulmal served on Guam as the Trust Territory
21 Pacific Island Student Services Coordinator for the Northern Mariana Islands,
22 Palau, Yap, Pohnpei, Kosrae, Chuuk, and the Marshall Islands, from 1969 to

1 1972. Working and attending classes himself, John was successful in
2 encouraging and influencing the youth of *Ulithi* to pursue their post-
3 secondary education at the University of Guam and the Guam Community
4 College. Later in life, he sought to ensure quality of education by serving on
5 the Board of Regents at the College of Micronesia; and

6 **WHEREAS**, John B. Rulmal was also a respected leader in his
7 community as he served in the following capacities: member of the Trust
8 Territory Island Student Services Coordinator Micronesian Claims
9 Commission; appointed Yap's District Administrator's Representative; first
10 representative of Yap State Governor to the outer Islands; and member of
11 Yap's first Constitutional Convention; and

12 **WHEREAS**, John B. Rulmal, a proud son of *Ulithi*, played a pertinent
13 role in the development of the island's first power plant and first airport
14 runway, and the in establishment of dispensaries and water catchments. With
15 that same pride, he assisted the United States Coast Guard and United States
16 Navy in their mission on the island, culminating in being recognized as an
17 Honorary Navy Captain by the United States Navy Sea Bees; and

18 **WHEREAS**, John B. Rulmal had an entrepreneurial spirit that was
19 instrumental in the establishment of the only Mobil Bulk Plant and the only
20 hotel on *Ulithi*; and

21 **WHEREAS**, John B. Rulmal was a trusted friend and inspirational
22 advisor, whose wisdom was often sought out by many in his community,

1 especially the youth. He was known for establishing community-based
2 activities that preserved the cultural and spiritual traditions of his community;
3 and

4 **WHEREAS**, John B. Rulmal, while serving as a representative to the
5 governor of Yap in 1989, started the practice of sending a *Ulithi* student to live
6 with a family on Guam while they attend high school or college. He inspired
7 the youth of *Ulithi* to pursue an education and indirectly educated the host
8 families in *Ulithi* culture and tradition. The program has grown over the last
9 twenty (20) years in student participants and host families; now, therefore, be
10 it

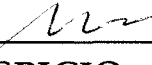
11 **RESOLVED**, that the Committee on Rules of *I Mina'Trenta Na*
12 *Liheslaturan Guåhan* does hereby, on behalf of *I Liheslaturan Guåhan* and the
13 people of Guam, honor the memory and legacy of the late John B. Rulmal;
14 does extend its sincerest *Un Dångkolo Na Si Yu'os Ma'åse* to him for his
15 advocacy and support for quality in Guam's post-secondary institutions of
16 higher learning and for his contributions to our island; and does further
17 extend condolences to his family; and be it further

18 **RESOLVED**, that the Speaker and the Chairperson of the Committee on
19 Rules certify, and the Legislative Secretary attest to, the adoption hereof, and
20 that copies of the same be thereafter transmitted to his wife, Teresa Gloria
21 Tomai Rulmal and his family; and to the Honorable Felix P. Camacho, *I*
22 *Maga'lahren Guåhan*.

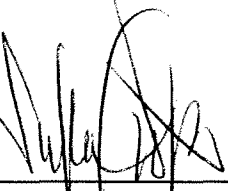
DULY AND REGULARLY ADOPTED BY THE COMMITTEE ON RULES I
MINA'TRENTA NA LIHESLATURAN GUÁHAN ON THE 8TH DAY OF
JANUARY 2010.



JUDITH T. WON PAT, Ed.D.
Speaker



RORY J. RESPICIO
Chairperson, Committee on Rules



TINA ROSE MUÑA BARNES
Legislative Secretary