

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

Resolution No. 281-30 (COR)

Introduced by:

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Relative to posthumously commending the late John "Johnny" Macuto Vega for his lifetime of service to the people of Guam, and to extending sincere condolences to his family.

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

1 **WHEREAS**, Mr. John “Johnny” Macuto Vega was born on October 27,
2 1930, in Bato Leyte, Republic of the Philippines. He is the son of Fausto and
3 Rufina M. Vega; and is the third (3rd) of seven (7) children, including three (3)
4 brothers: Charlie M. Vega, Nemesio M. Vega, and Justino M. Vega; and three
5 (3) sisters: Jolita V. Tavera, †Aurora V. Cinco, and Estephany V. Villanueva;
6 and

7 **WHEREAS**, John Macuto Vega married Justina Roña Vega, also of Bato
8 Leyte, Philippines, and they were blessed with eight (8) children and their
9 spouses: †Bernadita Vega; Villena Vega and Eleftherios Koumis; John Edward
10 Ngodrii Santos and Charity Alfante; Nathaniel Ngodrii and Julie Santos;
11 Maria Mercedes S. and Terry Debold; Timothy Ngodrii and Mary Santos;
12 James Roña Vega; and Mary Joyce Vega and Enrico Pecson; and

13 **WHEREAS**, he was all the more blessed with thirteen (13)
14 grandchildren: Bobby and Eleni Koumis; John Bryan and John James Santos;
15 Nathaniel and Malcolm Borja; Fred and Elyza Santos, and Tori Debold;
16 Obechou, Orung Uri, and Timson; and Ethan V. Pecson; and

17 **WHEREAS**, civil service through government and community
18 organizations being fundamental to American democracy, “Johnny” Vega
19 dedicated his life to serving the people of Guam from the moment he arrived
20 in 1955; and

21 **WHEREAS**, on a small island like Guam, the work of government
22 employees and community leaders is strongly felt, and critical to the
23 advancement of the community; and

1 **WHEREAS**, as a civil servant in the government of Guam, Mr. Vega was
2 appointed to serve as the Deputy Director of the Department of Labor; and he
3 also held positions at the Offices of Senator Edward Calvo, former Senator
4 Alberto C. Lamorena, and Governor Felix Camacho; and

5 **WHEREAS**, Mr. Vega also served on government boards, including the
6 Alcoholic Beverage Control Board, and the Board of Commissioners of the
7 Guam Housing and Urban Renewal Authority; and

8 **WHEREAS**, his good work was probably most felt in the Filipino
9 community, where he was an active and effective leader for over twenty-five
10 (25) years; and

11 **WHEREAS**, Mr. Vega had served as the President of the Filipino
12 Community of Guam; and he was active in various organizations, including,
13 the Visaya and Mindanao Families Association; the Filipino-American
14 Presidents Club; the Federation of Asian People on Guam; the Leyte-Samar
15 Association; the Liguán Community Association; the Santa Barbara Dededo
16 Parish Council; and the Guam Visaya and Mindanao Association; and

17 **WHEREAS**, he has also served as the Chairman of the Board for the
18 Cebu Association of Guam, as a member of the *Dededo* Municipal Planning
19 Council, and as a member of the Knights of Columbus; and

20 **WHEREAS**, he was recognized eight (8) times by the Filipino
21 Community of Guam for his cooperation and exemplary service, and
22 recognized five (5) times by the Fil-American President's Club for advisory
23 services and guidance; and

1 **WHEREAS**, being designated with a Power of Attorney, Mr. Vega
2 successfully negotiated a fifty (50) year lease of forty (40) acres of land for the
3 establishment of the non-profit and cultural association club houses for the
4 Filipino Community of Guam, and the Federation of Asian and Pacific People
5 on Guam; and

6 **WHEREAS**, as President of the Filipino Community of Guam, Mr. Vega
7 led fundraising efforts that raised more than Two Hundred Seventy-five
8 Thousand Dollars (\$275,000) to render assistance in the aftermath of three (3)
9 of the worst disasters to hit the Republic of the Philippines; and

10 **WHEREAS**, Mr. Vega has facilitated burials for individuals who died on
11 Guam with no surviving relatives; and has also been instrumental in the
12 naturalization of Filipino veterans; and

13 **WHEREAS**, his accomplishments have not gone unnoticed, with Mr.
14 Vega receiving commendations from Filipino elected officials, and community
15 leaders here on Guam; and

16 **WHEREAS**, in 1991, Mr. Vega was awarded the Presidential Award
17 from Philippine President Corazon Aquino; and

18 **WHEREAS**, Mr. Vega tragically passed away on Friday, February 5,
19 2010, at the age of seventy-nine (79) years; and

20 **WHEREAS**, his passing leaves a void that will be felt for many years to
21 come, in both the family he loved and the island he served so selflessly; now,
22 therefore, be it

1 **RESOLVED**, that the Committee on Rules of *I Mina'Trenta Na*
2 *Liheslaturan Guåhan* does hereby, on behalf of *I Liheslaturan Guåhan* and the
3 people of Guam, posthumously commend the late John "Johnny" Macuto
4 Vega for his lifetime of service to the people of Guam, and does extend sincere
5 condolences to his family; and be it further

6 **RESOLVED**, that the Speaker and the Chairperson of the Committee on
7 Rules certify, and the Legislative Secretary attest to, the adoption hereof, and
8 that copies of the same be thereafter transmitted to Mr. John Vega's wife,
9 Justina Roña Vega; to his eldest daughter, Villena Vega Koumis; and to the
10 Honorable Felix P. Camacho, *I Maga'lahren Guåhan*.

**DULY AND REGULARLY ADOPTED BY THE COMMITTEE ON RULES
OF I MINA'TRENTA NA LIHESLATURAN GUÅHAN ON THE 11TH DAY
OF FEBRUARY 2010.**



JUDITH T. WON PAT, Ed.D.

Speaker



RORY J. RESPICIO

Chairperson, Committee on Rules



TINA ROSE MUÑA BARNES

Legislative Secretary