

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

**Resolution No. 301-30 (COR)**

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**Relative to memorializing and acknowledging the late Carlos P. Taitano for his contributions to the Richard Flores Taitano Micronesia Area Research Center, and to the preservation of *Chamorro* culture and heritage.**

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

3           **WHEREAS**, the late Speaker Carlos P. Taitano was born on March 14,  
4 1917, to the late Jose San Nicolas Taitano and the late Dolores Diaz  
5 Pangelinan in *Hagåtña*; and

6           **WHEREAS**, as a child, the late Speaker Taitano showed early signs of  
7 precociousness, and his education was nurtured by his parents through the  
8 Number One School, Dorn Hall, the Alamacen, Seaton Schroeder, and the  
9 Guam Institute, before his graduation from McKinley High School in  
10 Hawaii; and

11           **WHEREAS**, he earned a Bachelor of Science degree from the  
12 University of Hawaii, and was attending graduate school while working as  
13 a police chemist when the Second World War began; and

14           **WHEREAS**, he served as Infantry Officer and World War II Captain in  
15 the United States Army under Gen. Douglas MacArthur, and as one of the  
16 first three (3) *Chamorros* to be commissioned military officers, he was sent  
17 as part of a special unit assigned to *Tagatay Ridge* to fight for the liberation  
18 of the Philippines; and

19           **WHEREAS**, during his 1946 station at Fort Meade, Maryland, he met  
20 and married Marian Agueda Johnston, and returned home to Guam with  
21 his young bride; and

1       **WHEREAS**, Speaker Taitano later graduated from Georgetown  
2 University School of Law, and became a practicing attorney and successful  
3 businessman; and

4       **WHEREAS**, he effected great change and progress for Guam,  
5 cementing the island’s position in federal affairs, while serving as a  
6 member of the Guam Congress and the Third (3<sup>rd</sup>) Guam Legislature, as  
7 Guam Delegate to the South Pacific Conference, and as the Speaker of the  
8 Eighth (8<sup>th</sup>) Guam Legislature; and

9       **WHEREAS**, the granting of U.S. citizenship to *Chamorros*, and the  
10 democratically-elected government that now serves the people of Guam  
11 were direct results of the historic Guam Congress Walkout he led on March  
12 5, 1949; and

13       **WHEREAS**, his testimony before U.S. Congressional Committees in  
14 1965, during his term as Speaker of the Eighth (8<sup>th</sup>) Guam Legislature, led  
15 to the establishment of the elected offices of Governor of Guam and  
16 Delegate to the U.S. House of Representatives; and

17       **WHEREAS**, being an artist and a patron of the arts, Speaker Taitano  
18 produced and directed “A History of Guam in Songs and Dances” in 1949;  
19 he owned and operated the Micronesian Village Art Gallery from 1957  
20 through 1962; and he conceived and consulted on the production of *Guahu*  
21 *Taotao Tano*, presenting three (3) periods of Marianas history, which was  
22 performed before audiences on Guam in 1984, and at the 1986 Festival of  
23 Pacific Arts in Tahiti; and

1       **WHEREAS**, he envisioned the *Chamorro* performance, *Na'la'la I Taotao*  
2 *Tano*, and choreographed its execution at the Third (3<sup>rd</sup>) Annual Pacific  
3 Islander Festival of Los Angeles, and consulted on cultural authenticity and  
4 presentation at the Festival in 1997; and

5       **WHEREAS**, in 1998, he founded *Pa'a Taotao Tano*, the organization that  
6 administers all *Chamorro* cultural dance groups on Guam, the CNMI, and  
7 California, and served as historian, mentor, and honorary lifetime member;  
8 and

9       **WHEREAS**, he was also the founder of the Guam Territorial Society in  
10 Washington, D.C.; Guam Delegate to the South Pacific Conference in New  
11 Guinea in 1965; consultant and benefactor of the 1998 Pacific American  
12 Foundation Leadership Center of the Charles Drucker School of  
13 Management at Claremont University; Chairman of the Guam Memorial  
14 Hospital Board of Trustees; and President of the Guam Bar Association, the  
15 Rotary Club of Guam, and the Reserve Officers Association of Guam; and

16       **WHEREAS**, the stores of his historical and political knowledge made  
17 him an invaluable resource to the people of Guam, whom are fortunate to  
18 have preserved his manuscripts of Political and Cultural History of the  
19 *Chamorro* People; Status Tensions Between Guam and the United States:  
20 Participant-Observer Accounts; *Hale'-ta* Series – *I Manfayi*: Who's Who in  
21 *Chamorro* History and Issues in Guam's Political Development; Guam  
22 History: Perspectives; and The Commemoration of the One Hundred (100)  
23 Years of U.S. Rule in *Guam* for the U.S. Congressional Record; and

1       **WHEREAS**, the late Speaker Carlos P. Taitano was, at once, making  
2 history and preserving it, his later years brought to him the honor as a  
3 living resource, as his works were constantly referenced and he was  
4 ceaselessly consulted for his knowledge and experience in Guam history,  
5 law, politics, culture, and language, until the day of his tranquil passing on  
6 March 25, 2009, in Los Angeles, California, at the age of ninety-two (92)  
7 years; now, therefore, be it

8       **RESOLVED**, that the Committee on Rules of *I Mina'Trenta Na*  
9 *Lihselaturan Guåhan* does hereby, on behalf of *I Lihselaturan Guåhan* and the  
10 people of Guam, recognize and acknowledge Carlos P. Taitano for his  
11 accomplishments and contributions to the Richard Flores Taitano  
12 Micronesian Area Research Center, and to the preservation of *Chamorro*  
13 culture and history, and does further extend *Un Dångkolo Na Si Yu'os*  
14 *Ma'åse* to the late Speaker Taitano for his many years of dedication to the  
15 island of Guam; and be it further

16       **RESOLVED**, that the Speaker and the Chairperson of the Committee  
17 on Rules certify, and the Legislative Secretary attest to, the adoption hereof,  
18 and that copies of the same be thereafter transmitted to Mrs. Linda Taitano  
19 Reyes, daughter; and to the Honorable Felix P. Camacho, *I Maga'lahren*  
20 *Guåhan*.

DULY AND REGULARLY ADOPTED BY THE COMMITTEE ON RULES  
OF I MINA'TRENTA NA LIHESLATURAN GUÁHAN ON THE 10<sup>TH</sup> DAY OF  
MARCH, 2010.



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JUDITH T. WON PAT, Ed.D.

Speaker



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RORY J. RESPICIO

Chairperson, Committee on Rules



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