

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

Resolution No. 21 (COR)

Introduced by:

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**Relative to recognizing and memorializing the life of former Commissioner (Mayor) of Agaña Heights Tun Juan Lujan Pangelinan (Kotla) and to extend sincere condolences to his family on behalf of the people of Guam.**

**BE IT RESOLVED BY I MINA'TRENTA NA LIHESLATURAN GUÅHAN:**

**WHEREAS,** Tun Juan Lujan Pangelinan, *familian (Kotla)*, the former Commissioner (Mayor) of Agaña Heights, was called by our Heavenly Father to his eternal rest on January 23, 2009, at the age of 86, having lived a long and noteworthy life; and

**WHEREAS,** Tun Juan was one of eight children born to †Francisco Borja Pangelinan and †Natividad Pangelinan Lujan, on May 18, 1922; and

**WHEREAS,** on July 5, 1944, during the Japanese occupation of Guam, and just 16 days before the Liberation of our island by American forces, Tun Juan and †Dolores (Lole) Haniu Untalan were married, in total conflict with the demands of a Japanese General and at the risk of being beheaded or killed; and

**WHEREAS,** following the end of World War II, Tun Juan worked as a machinist for a U.S. Military officer and was also a part time taxi driver; and

**WHEREAS,** Tun Juan also had a home delivery service, bringing water, meat and Coca-Cola to people, earning him the nicknames "*Juan Hanom, Juan Katne and Juan Coke*, and

**WHEREAS**, in 1952, Tun Juan had the distinction of being elected as the first and only successful “write-in” candidate for village Commissioner, and he served his village of Agaña Heights as its Commissioner for 16 years, from 1952 to 1968; and

**WHEREAS**, Commissioner Pangelinan had the distinction of founding the Agaña Heights Drum & Bugle Corps, Majorettes and Armed Drill Team, and Agaña Heights was the first village to construct school bus shelters for students; and

**WHEREAS**, following the devastation of Super Typhoon Karen in 1962, Commissioner Pangelinan Coordinated an Agaña Heights “tent city” for village families to take shelter, and he was also a member of Helping Hands of Guam, which predated the Section Eight and Food Stamp programs, to assist the most needy in our community; and

**WHEREAS**, in 1962, Tun Juan co-founded a family neighborhood store, Lole’s Retail Store, also known as *Kotla’s* Store, and later developed the “Villa *Kotla*” subdivision in *Paasan*, Agaña Heights, and in 1976 co-founded *Kotla’s* Wash & Dri, a family-run laundromat; and

**WHEREAS**, Tun Juan was a very community-oriented individual, having memberships in the Young Men’s League of Guam (YMLG), Agana Heights Holy Name Society, Agana Heights Association, Agana Heights May Fair Fundraising Committee, and he was well-known in the community as the provider of free funeral “hearse” service with his private station wagon; and

**WHEREAS**, after 16 years as Commissioner, Tun Juan Lujan Pangelinan began a new career as a staff member in the Guam Legislature, where he served the people of Guam for another eight years, retiring from the Government of Guam in 1976 after 30 years of service to his community and island; and

**WHEREAS**, Tun Juan had a passion for studying and chronicling his family genealogy, and published the hardbound family genealogy books "*Familian Kotla*" and "*Familian Haniu*," and had two other books in progress: "*Familian Lujan*" and "*Familian Untalan*"; and

**WHEREAS**, Tun Juan is survived by his children Frank & (Pep & Angie), Toni & Dave Sanford, Tita & Frank Castro, Loling & Harold Field, John & June, Gerianne Pangelinan, and Joe & Marie; and

**WHEREAS**, Tun Juan's 20 grandchildren and 16 great grandchildren are: Viola & Tony, †Frank J., John Thomas, Nicolas, Tony & Chris, Jerry & Angy, David, Lollie & Dennis, Mike, Karen & Rick, Kelly, John Vince, Jason & Eugenia, Nessa & Craig, Giana-Nicole, Gerard & Audria, Jonathon, Amannie, Gennell, Joann; and Anthony, Andrew, Anesha, Anson, Reese, Austin, Meilani, \*Aunikah, Kristene, Erika, Sawyer, Bill, Ralph, Lauryn, Javen, Crysandra, Jordan, and Trinity; and

**WHEREAS**, Tun Juan's siblings are: †William (Dory) & †Dorothy & †Sedra, †Salvador (Do') & †Josefa, Serafina (Ninang) & †Jesus Fejeran, †Maria (Tita) and †Jose Cruz; †Francisca, Sister Mary Alma, RSM, Luisa (Ling) & Antonio Manalisay; now therefore be it

**RESOLVED**, that the Committee on Rules of *I Mina' Trenta Na Liheslaturan Guåhan*, on behalf of the people of Guam, does hereby fondly and lovingly remember former Commissioner of Agaña Heights Tun Juan Lujan Pangelinan (*Kotla*) for his many years of tireless and unselfish service to his community and people; and be it further

**RESOLVED**, that the Speaker and the Chairperson of the Committee on Rules certify, and the Legislative Secretary attest to the adoption hereof, and that copies of the same be transmitted to the Family of former Commissioner of Agaña Heights Tun Juan Lujan Pangelinan (*Kotla*); and to the Honorable Felix P. Camacho, *I Maga'lahaen Guåhan*.