

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


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Resolution No. 430-30 (COR)

Introduced by:

FRANK B. AGUON, JR. 

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Relative to recognizing and honoring the life and work of Salvador "Buddy" Lujan Camacho; and to expressing our sincere condolences to the Camacho family for their loss.

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

3 **WHEREAS,** Salvador "Buddy" Camacho was born in Guam on October
4 28, 1932; Buddy was the second (2nd) of nine (9) children born to Ignacio and
5 Maria Camacho; and

6 **WHEREAS,** as a young boy of nine (9), Buddy lived through the
7 Japanese invasion of Guam which occurred on the same day as the attack on
8 Pearl Harbor; along with his family, Buddy endured three (3) years of
9 Japanese occupation, confinement in a concentration camp on the island, and
10 the reinvasion by U.S. Forces in 1944; during the liberation, despite his youth,
11 Buddy aided many G.I.'s on numerous missions using his knowledge of the
12 terrain and his excellent command of English; and

13 **WHEREAS,** after graduation from George Washington High School,

1 Buddy moved to the mainland and attended the University of Colorado in
2 Boulder where he met, and later married, the loving Barbara Smith; and

3 **WHEREAS**, Buddy graduated from college in 1958 with a B.S. in
4 Electrical Engineering; and was commissioned as a second lieutenant in the
5 Army Corps of Engineers; after serving three (3) years in Munich, Germany
6 with the 3rd Engineer Battalion, Buddy joined NASA at the Ames Research
7 Center in Mt. View, California; he pursued his higher education at Stanford
8 University in Palo Alto where he earned a M.S. in Aeronautics and
9 Astronautics and did his graduate work toward a Ph.D in Plasma Physics;
10 and

11 **WHEREAS**, Buddy joined Union Carbide in 1967 as a plasma arc
12 specialist; and in 1971 Buddy and his family moved to Raleigh, North
13 Carolina where he started his own company to promote civilian applications
14 of plasma arc technology; and in 1983 Buddy sold his company to First
15 Mississippi Corporation, where he served as the Vice President of Research
16 and Development, and later, as Chief Scientist; and

17 **WHEREAS**, Buddy was a member of the Army Reserves and later the
18 North Carolina National Guard; in 1981, Buddy graduated from the Army
19 War College in Carlisle, Pennsylvania; and in 1990, Buddy, then Colonel
20 Camacho, retired from his position as deputy brigade commander of the
21 HHC, 30th Engineer Brigade in Charlotte, North Carolina; and

22 **WHEREAS**, eight (8) years later, Buddy was faced with unfortunate

1 circumstances following his heart by-pass surgery in 1998, when he became a
2 victim of memory loss and eventually Alzheimer's Disease; and

3 **WHEREAS**, Buddy passed away peacefully on Wednesday, August 4,
4 2010 at Willington Nursing Center in Knightdale, North Carolina; and in his
5 new life, Buddy now joins his father, mother and two brothers, Jose and
6 Vicente Camacho; and

7 **WHEREAS**, Buddy was a dedicated scientist and army officer, a fun-
8 loving, eternal optimist and a beloved husband, father, grandfather, son,
9 brother, uncle, and friend; and

10 **WHEREAS**, Buddy was the holder of numerous patents and enjoyed
11 many interests including hunting, bridge, tennis, music and dancing; and

12 **WHEREAS**, Buddy is survived by his wife of 52 years, Barbara Smith
13 Camacho; his four (4) sons and their wives: David and Pam, Mark and Kim,
14 Thomas and Beth, Jeffrey and Kelly; along with his eleven (11) precious
15 grandchildren: Kathryn and Kristina of Wake Forest; Carson, Dallas and Race
16 of Raleigh; Caleb, Daniel, Caryn and Rebecca of Swannanoa; and Caden and
17 Tessa of Clayton. Buddy is also survived by his brothers: David and Daniel;
18 his sisters: Winnifreda, Pilar, Leonila and Cecilia; and many loving aunts,
19 uncles, cousins, nieces and nephews in Guam; and

20 **WHEREAS**, Buddy will always be remembered as a pioneer in his field,
21 as a great ambassador of our island, and as a true representation of a strong
22 and inquisitive Chamorro; now, therefore, be it

1 **RESOLVED**, that the Committee on Rules of *I Mina'Trenta Na*
2 *Liheslaturan*, on behalf of the people of Guam, does hereby express this official
3 recognition and honor of the life and work of Salvador "Buddy" Lujan
4 Camacho; and be it further

5 **RESOLVED**, that the Committee on Rules of *I Mina'Trenta Na*
6 *Liheslaturan Guahan*, on behalf of the people of Guam, does hereby offer its
7 sincere condolences to the Camacho family for the loss of their beloved
8 husband, father, grandfather, son, brother, uncle, and our cherished friend;
9 and 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 Mrs. Barbara Smith
13 Camacho; and to the Honorable Felix P. Camacho, *I Maga'lahaen Guåhan*.

**DULY AND REGULARLY ADOPTED BY THE COMMITTEE ON RULES
OF I MINA'TRENTA NA LIHESLATURAN GUÅHAN ON THE ___ DAY OF
AUGUST, 2010.**

JUDITH T. WON PAT, ED. D.
Speaker

RORY J. RESPICIO
Chairperson, Committee on Rules

TINA ROSE MUÑA BARNES
Legislative Secretary