I MINA TRENTA NA LIHESLATURAN GUAHÅN 2010 (SECOND) Regular Session

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Resolution No. 492-30(COR)

Introduced by:

J. V. Espaldon

F. B. Blas, J.

Relative to recognizing, honoring and congratulating Mr. Noe F. Bilgera on his retirement (by age), and for dedicating over twenty-three (23) years of government service to the people of Guam, and to extending a sincere *Un Dångkulo Na Si Yu'os Ma'åse* to him for the outstanding contributions he made in improving the quality of life of government employees for the betterment of our island community.

BE IT RESOLVED THAT THE COMMITTEE ON RULES OF I MINA TRENTA NA LIHESLATURAN GUÅHAN:

WHEREAS, Noe F. Bilgera was born on November 30, 1945, in Bacnotan, La Union, Philippines. He is the son of Julio Tadeo Bilgera and Benilda Fontanilla Bilgera, and is youngest of three (3) brothers; and

WHEREAS, Noe F. Bilgera is married to Annie Orejudos Bilergia and they are blessed with three (3) sons, Neil Bernard, Nolan and Christian; all who are Noe's greatest accomplishment; and

WHEREAS, Noe grew up in Bangued, Abra, and attended Colegio Del Sagrado Corazon for Elementary and High School. He went on to attend Far Eastern University in Manila from 1962 to 1966. After completing college, Noe successfully passed the Philippine CPA Board in 1970 and obtained his professional license in October 1971.

Additionally, Noe passed the Central Bank of the Philippines competitive entrance examination but did not work there because he decided to relocate to Guam; and

WHEREAS, while in the Philippines, Noe worked for Bacnotan Cement Industries in 1969 as an Accountant; he then went on to work for Guzman Bocaling & Co. (CPA Firm) as an external auditor from January 1969 to June 1976. Noe decided to relocate to Guam on June 19, 1976.

WHEREAS, Noe's journey to Guam was the start of his life as a resident of Guam. He worked for Rainbow Market Inc., as an Accountant in October 1976 to June 1981 and then moved to Thrifty Market Inc., as an Accountant/General Manager from June 1981 to April 1983. From September 1984 to 1987, Noe worked for Gibson's as an Accounting Manager. Noe worked as an accounting instructor at the International Business College (IBC) from 1983 to 1990, as well as doing business as an insurance agent from 1978 to 1990 and providing bookkeeping services for the Philippine Merchandize supplier in 1983; and

WHEREAS, Noe began his public service journey with the Government of Guam, Guam Housing Corporation (GHC), on September 10, 1987 working as an Accountant II under the Accounting Section. On March 16, 1989, Noe was promoted to the position of Accounting Manager overseeing the accounting operations of the Guam Housing Corporation. During his employment with GHC, Noe was able to achieve Unqualified Annual Financial Audits, recover over \$225,000 with future value of approximately \$990,000 at maturity from a locally operated bank. He received the Supervisor of the Quarter for 3-years, Supervisor of the Year, and was nominated for Top Supervisor for the Magnificent Seven Awards; and

WHEREAS, Public Law 26-35, transferred several Guam Housing Corporation employees to the Department of Administration. On October 24, 2001, Noe was laterally transferred to the Division of Accounts, Department of Administration, in his capacity as Accounting Manager.

WHEREAS, during his employment with the Division of Accounts, Department of Administration, Noe was instrumental in the reduction of Federal Questioned Costs under previous administrations from \$51 Million down to \$7 Million; he was directly involved in the establishment of the reconciliation framework between the Department of Administration and the Attorney General's Office – Child Support Enforcement Division (CSED), the eventual identification of over \$3 Million unclaimed child support checks for future reissuance and guided the CESD staff in their duties and responsibilities relative to accounting affecting the DOA Division of Accounts; and

WHEREAS, During his public and government career, Noe was a member of the Philippine Institute of Certified Public Accountants (PICPA), the Guam Association of Government Accountants, and served as a member and past president of the La Union Filipino Association of Guam; and

WHEREAS, Noe F. Bilgera has selflessly dedicated many years of his life in public service for Guam and her people, now therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that the Committee on Rules of I Mina Trenta Na Liheslaturan Guåhan does hereby on behalf of I Liheslaturan Guahan and the people of Guam, recognize, honor and congratulate Mr. Noe F. Bilgera on his retirement (by age), and for dedicating over twenty-three (23) years of government service; and does further extend a sincere Un Dångkulo Na Si Yu'os Ma'åse to him for the outstanding contributions he

made in improving the quality of life for the betterment of our island community; 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 thereafter transmitted to Mr. Noe F. Bilgera; and to the Honorable Felix P. Camacho, I Maga'lahen Guåhan.