I MINA'TRENTAI UNU NA LIHESLATURAN GUÅHAN 2011 (FIRST) Regular Session

Resolution No. 93-31 (COR)

Introduced by:

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Relative to recognizing and honoring Mrs. Maria Naputi Mantanona as she celebrates her One Hundred First (101st) Birthday on May 9, 2011; to commending her on her many accomplishments and invaluable contributions to the people of Guam; and to further congratulating her as a "2011 Senior Citizens' Month Centenarian".

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

3 WHEREAS, Maria Fejeran Naputi was born in the village of *Inarajan* on May

4 9, 1910; and she is the daughter of †Maria Fejeran and †Vicente Paulino Naputi; and

WHEREAS, Maria married Pedro Meno Mantanona on February 26, 1926, and
 together they raised twelve (12) children - seven (7) sons and five (5) daughters; and
 they were married for sixty-one (61) years; and

WHEREAS, "Ama", as she is fondly known by family members and all who
know her, is the eldest of twelve (12) siblings. She has one (1) surviving sister,
Antonia Naputi Reyes, who is eighty-seven (87) years old and resides in the village of *Talofofo;* and

8 WHEREAS, being the eldest child, a lot of responsibilities were placed on *Tan* 9 Ama, which included having to look after her siblings, the upkeeping of the family 10 home, doing laundry, sewing clothes, and preparing family meals. She learned to cook 11 and sew from her grandmother, who was her teacher and mentor, and the memories of 12 her grandmother made an impact on her relationship with her family, devoting her 13 entire life to caring for her family; and

WHEREAS, *Tan* Ama loved to cook, sew, and garden. She did all her cooking
the traditional way, cooking on a wood-burning stove. She is well-known for her
delicious Chamorro cakes; and

WHEREAS, her favorite food dish is fish cooked in any manner, as she is not
too keen on eating red meat. Among her other favorite dishes, she enjoys *atuli* (soup
made of corn), *gollai åpan lemmai* (breadfruit cooked in coconut milk), taro, bananas,
and eating a lot of vegetables; and

WHEREAS, as a seamstress, *Tan* Ama had no need to buy clothing for her
family, sewing all of their clothes; and

WHEREAS, although her mobility is very limited today, *Tan* Ama still loves
being outdoors. In her younger days, she loved growing vegetables and flowers. Her
favorite flower is the pink *Flores Rosa*;

1 WHEREAS, *Tan* Ama is a member of the *Inarajan* Christian Mothers 2 Organization. As a devoted Catholic, praying the novena every three (3) months and 3 cooking a feast afterwards was her way of bringing the family together, a tradition she 4 has passed on to her children and grandchildren; and

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WHEREAS, *Tan* Ama's longevity is attributed to living a simple life, being a devoted wife, a loving and caring mother, and a God-fearing woman; and

7 WHEREAS *Tan* Ama's devotion to her faith and her dedication to her family 8 is evident today, as she is blessed with sixty-one (61) grandchildren, one hundred 9 eighty-three (183) great grandchildren, one hundred sixteen (116) great-great 10 grandchildren, and one (1) great-great-great grandchild; and

WHEREAS, *Tan* Ama's family is looking forward to celebrating her one
 hundred first (101st) birthday on May 9th, 2011; now, therefore, be it

13 **RESOLVED,** that the Committee on Rules of *I Mina'Trentai Unu Na* 14 *Liheslaturan Guåhan*, does hereby, on behalf of *I Liheslaturan Guåhan* and the 15 people of Guam, recognize and honor Ms. Maria Naputi Mantanona on her One 16 Hundred First (101st) Birthday on May 9, 2011; does commend her for her many 17 accomplishments and invaluable contributions to the people of Guam; and does 18 further congratulate her as a "2011 Senior Citizens' Month Centenarian"; and be it 19 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 Ms. Maria Naputi Mantanona and to the Honorable Edward J.B. Calvo, *I Maga'lahen Guåhan*.

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DULY AND REGULARLY ADOPTED BY THE COMMITTEE ON RULES OF *I MINA'TRENTAI UNU NA LIHESLATURAN GUÅHAN* ON THE 3RD DAY OF MAY 2011.

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