

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

Resolution No. 208-31 (COR)

Introduced by:

T. R. Muña Barnes
R. J. Respicio
T. C. Ada
V. Anthony Ada
F. F. Blas, Jr.
B. J.F. Cruz
Chris M. Dueñas
Judith P. Guthertz, DPA
Sam Mabini, Ph.D.
Adolpho B. Palacios, Sr.
v. c. pangelinan
Dennis G. Rodriguez, Jr.
M. Silva Taijeron
Aline A. Yamashita, Ph.D.
Judith T. Won Pat, Ed.D.

Relative to commending and congratulating Mrs. Yvonne Cruz Benavente on her retirement from the Department of Public Health and Social Services; and to further extending a most sincere *Un Dångkolo Na Si Yu'os Ma'åse'* to her for her thirty-one (31) years of service to the people of Guam.

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

3 **WHEREAS**, Yvonne Cruz Benavente was born on April 2, 1960; and she is the
4 daughter of David Duenas Cruz and Brigida Camacho Cruz; and

5 **WHEREAS**, Yvonne graduated from George Washington High School in
6 1978; and

1 **WHEREAS**, Yvonne is married to Joseph Benavente, and together they have
2 three (3) children: Brian, Darlene and Michelle; and three (3) grandchildren: Caleb,
3 Ariana and Brianna; and

4 **WHEREAS**, on October 1978, Yvonne started working for the Government of
5 Guam at the Department of Public Works as a CETA worker; and

6 **WHEREAS**, on February 27, 1979, Yvonne started her career at the
7 Department of Public Health and Social Services as a Clerk Helper Trainee with the
8 Division of Public Health Nursing Section, and she was promoted one (1) day later to
9 General Helper; and

10 **WHEREAS**, Yvonne was promoted to Clerk I on December 12, 1979; and
11 seven (7) months later she was promoted to Clerk Typist II. She then laterally
12 transferred to the Division of Public Welfare Assistance Payment Section (now the
13 Bureau of Economic Security); and

14 **WHEREAS**, Yvonne was promoted to Assistance Payment Worker I on May
15 30, 1984; and one (1) year later she was promoted to Assistance Payment Worker II
16 (later reclassified to Eligibility Specialist II on October 1, 1988) where her job was to
17 determine the eligibility of individuals and their families for public welfare benefits;
18 and

19 **WHEREAS**, on August 27, 1990, Yvonne transferred to the Bureau of
20 Management Support and she was promoted to Social Services Field Representative
21 II, and her job was to investigate allegations of fraud and abuse of the Food Stamp and
22 Public Welfare Assistance Programs. On October 1, 1990, her position was
23 reclassified to Public Welfare Investigator II; a position she held until her retirement;
24 and

25 **WHEREAS**, Yvonne was also an active member of the DPHSS Employee
26 Association, and she served as its president from 2007 until her retirement. Under her
27 leadership, the DPHSS Employee Association had a record number of employees sign

1 up for membership, and is credited for holding successful fundraising activities,
2 including basket raffles and lunch plates, which paid for Christmas parties, lunches,
3 door prizes, t-shirts, umbrellas, gas coupons, movie tickets, and birthday cakes for the
4 members; and


5 **WHEREAS**, Yvonne and the DPHSS Employee Association actively
6 participated in the American Cancer Society Relay for Life, the Liberation Day
7 parade, the Labor Day picnic, and other activities in support of DPHSS and its
8 employees; now therefore, be it

9 **RESOLVED**, that the Committee on Rules of *I Mina'Trentai Unu Na*
10 *Liheslaturan Guåhan* does hereby, on behalf of *I Liheslaturan Guåhan* and the people
11 of Guam, commend and congratulate Mrs. Yvonne Cruz Benavente on the occasion of
12 her retirement from the Department of Public Health and Social Services; and does
13 further extend a sincere *Un Dângkolo Na Si Yu'os Ma'åse* to her for her invaluable
14 contributions to the people of Guam for the past thirty-one (31) years; and be it further

15 **RESOLVED**, that the Speaker and the Chairperson of the Committee of Rules
16 certify, and the Legislative Secretary attest to, the adoption hereof, and that copies of
17 the same be thereafter transmitted to Mrs. Yvonne Cruz Benavente; and to the
18 Honorable Edward J.B. Calvo, *I Maga'lahaen Guåhan*.

**DULY AND REGULARLY ADOPTED BY THE COMMITTEE ON RULES OF
I MINA'TRENTAI UNU NA LIHESLATURAN GUÅHAN ON THE 30TH DAY
OF SEPTEMBER 2011.**


BENJAMIN J.F. CRUZ
Acting Speaker


RORY J. RESPICIO
Chairperson, Committee on Rules


TINA ROSE MUÑA BARNES
Legislative Secretary