

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

Resolution No. 22-31(COR)

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Relative to recognizing and commending Alejandro (Alex) Baet Gagaring for his achievements and hard work during his 2009 and 2010 term as the President of the Filipino Community of Guam; and to extending a sincere *Un Dångkolo Na Si Yu'os Ma'åse* to him for his invaluable contributions to the island of Guam.

1 **BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COMMITTEE ON RULES OF I**
2 ***MINA'TRENTAI UNU NA LIHESLATURAN GUÁHAN:***
3 **WHEREAS, Alejandro Baet Gagaring, also known to his friends as Alex, was**
4 **born on November 25, 1965, in Paete, Laguna, Philippines. He is the son of Pastor**

1 Balquedra Gagaring and Gertrudes Madrideo Baet Gagaring; he is the eldest of three
2 (3) children, and his siblings are Maria Grace Gagaring and Joann Baet Joshua; and

3 **WHEREAS**, Alex Gagaring has been a resident of Guam since June 1975, and
4 he has worked in various industries in Guam, including the airline industry; in the
5 food and beverage industry; in politics; and in the life and health insurance industry,
6 always focusing in sales, training and recruiting over the past twenty-five (25) years.
7 He is currently serving as a Staff Assistant and Senior Liaison with the Office of Lt.
8 Governor Ray Tenorio; and

9 **WHEREAS**, Alex Gagaring has been drawn to volunteer work since his early
10 teens. In 1983, Alex was one of the founding members of the BASTA Youths, a
11 program under the Batangas and Southern Tagalog Association of Guam (BASTA).
12 Alex later served the Association as its Corresponding Secretary in 1990. In early
13 January of 1991, Alex formed a choir group that volunteered to sing at the weekly
14 Masses at St. Anthony's Church in *Tamuning*. Alex still leads the choir to this day,
15 and they just recently celebrated their 20th year of music ministry at St. Anthony's. In
16 1999, Alex was the Charter 3rd Vice President of the Guam IFIL Lions Club, and he
17 became the Club's President in 2000, while serving as the Lions Club District 204's
18 Assistant Secretary. Alex was also a Charter Board of Director of the Laguna
19 Association when it was formed in 2000, and he eventually became the Club's Vice
20 President in 2005, and President in 2006 and 2007. The Filipino Community of Guam
21 (FCG) elected Alex Gagaring as their Secretary for 2007 and 2008, serving under then
22 President Rene Quintans. Alex Gagaring was elected in mid-November 2008 to serve
23 as President of the Filipino Community of Guam for 2009 and 2010; and

24 **WHEREAS**, Alex Gagaring's term as President of the Filipino Community of
25 Guam was "colorful", as it was predicted and described by his predecessor. The FCG,
26 along with *I Mina'Trenta Na Liheslaturan Guåhan* (the 30th Guam Legislature),

1 mourned the loss of Former Philippine President Corazon Aquino with a memorial
2 ceremony at *I Liheslaturan Guåhan* (the Guam Legislature). A few weeks later, this
3 was followed by two (2) devastating storms, *Ondoy* and *Peping*, which struck the
4 Philippine Islands just a few days apart of each other. Through Alex Gagaring’s
5 leadership, the Filipino Community of Guam and generous residents of Guam
6 mobilized to assist the victims of the storms. With the help of Guam’s community
7 and businesses, the FCG was able to raise more than One Hundred Thousand Dollars
8 (\$100,000), which was distributed through the GMA7 Foundation, the ABS-CBN
9 Foundation, the Philippine National Red Cross and the *Ayuda* Foundation. Alex
10 Gagaring and the Filipino Community of Guam were recognized by Amang
11 Rodriguez General Hospital in Marikina, Metro Manila for their contributions to the
12 worst hit hospital in the Philippines as medicines and life-saving hospital equipment
13 arrived at the devastated hospital. The Filipino Community of Guam helped the
14 victims of the storms as many containers of clothing, beddings, non-perishable food
15 and medicine for victims of the storms were distributed throughout the devastated
16 areas. In December 2009, the “Christmas Parol” was revived in the form of a contest
17 that showcased the lanterns in different designs and materials. On June 11, 2010, the
18 Guest Keynote Speaker during the Philippine Independence Celebration was CNN’s
19 2009 Hero of the Year, Efren Penaflorida, who taught his audience that the power of
20 one can make a difference. The Filipino Community of Guam also started the
21 “Eskwelahang Munti” pilot program in the latter half of 2010. This “small school”
22 was a series of classes that taught children from six (6) to sixteen (16) years old, and
23 rewarded the children for their hard work in learning about Philippine language,
24 history, culture, art and dance. The Filipino Community of Guam has also assisted
25 numerous individuals in Guam who sought their assistance for medical purposes and
26 humanitarian needs; and the Filipino Community of Guam had donated to various

1 causes, including the American Red Cross, the American Cancer Society, Erica's
2 House, Sanctuary, Inc., Guam Animals In Need and Catholic Social Services during
3 Alex's term; now, therefore, be it

4 **RESOLVED**, that the Committee on Rules of *I Mina'Trentai Unu Na*
5 *Liheslaturan Guåhan* does hereby, on behalf of *I Liheslaturan Guåhan* and the people
6 of Guam, recognize and commend Alex Gagaring for his achievements and hard work
7 during his 2009 and 2010 term as the President of the Filipino Community of Guam;
8 and does further extend *Un Dångkolo Na Si Yu'os Ma'åse* to him for his many
9 invaluable contributions to the island of Guam; and be it further

10 **RESOLVED**, that the Speaker and the Chairperson of the Committee on Rules
11 certify, and the Legislative Secretary attest to, the adoption hereof, and that copies of
12 the same be thereafter transmitted to Alex Gagaring, 2009 and 2010 President of the
13 Filipino Community of Guam; to the Honorable Bayani S. Mercado, Consul General
14 of the Republic of the Philippines; and to the Honorable Edward J.B. Calvo, *I*
15 *Maga'lahaen Guåhan*.

**DULY AND REGULARLY ADOPTED BY THE COMMITTEE ON RULES OF
I MINA'TRENTAI UNU NA LIHESLATURAN GUÅHAN ON THE 18TH DAY
OF FEBRUARY 2011.**



JUDITH T. WON PAT, Ed.D.
Speaker



RORY J. RESPICIO
Chairperson, Committee on Rules



TINA ROSE MUÑA BARNES
Legislative Secretary



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