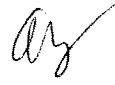


I MINA'TRENTAI UNU NA LIHESLATURAN GUÅHAN
2011 (FIRST) REGULAR SESSION

Resolution No. 53-31 (COR)

Introduced by:

A.A. Yamashita, PhD 

**RELATIVE TO RECOGNIZING AND CONGRATULATING MRS.
ANUNCIA REYES SALAS ON THE OCCASION OF HER 100th
BIRTHDAY AND FOR SERVING AS AN EXEMPLARY EXAMPLE OF
CHAMORRO RESILIENCE, MOTHERLY STRENGTH AND
HUMANITY THROUGHOUT HER LIFETIME.**

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

3 **WHEREAS,** Mrs. Anuncia Reyes Salas was born 25 March 1911 in the district of Julale
4 in the capital of Hagåtña, Guam to Mr. Antonio Crisostomo Reyes and Mrs. Ana Quitugua
5 Merfalen Reyes, whose other children are Dolores, Vicente, Maria, Jesus and Jose; and

6 **WHEREAS,** Mrs. Salas (known as Tan Anuncia) married Mr. Juan Leon Guerrero
7 Balajadia and together they had 10 children and 1 reared child: Priscilla Reyes Balajadia,
8 Rosario Balajadia Toves, Concepcion Balajadia Duenas, Priscilla Balajadia Cruz, Maria
9 Balajadia Garcia, Ana Balajadia Baulgo, Barbara Balajadia Baking, Lourdes Balajadia Pablo,
10 Perpidina Reyes Balajadia, Joseph Reyes Balajadia, and Rufina Taijeron Megofna (reared
11 daughter); and lived in Hagåtña before moving to Tiyan, Barrigada in 1941 after the invasion of
12 enemy Japanese troops during World War II;

13 **WHEREAS,** like many other Guam families who struggled throughout war, as a means
14 of survival, Tan Anuncia and her husband moved their family to their ranch in Tiyan, Barrigada
15 where they raised livestock, grew vegetables and fished to provide sustenance for their growing
16 family, and were occasionally accosted by Japanese soldiers who, towards the end of the war,
17 would force the family to marched to the Mata concentration camp in the southern village of
18 Talofofa;

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1 **WHEREAS**, during the war while fishing with her reared daughter in San Antonio district, now
2 known as East Agana, Tan Anuncia heard crying coming from a nearby house where she found a
3 baby, only a few weeks old, left alone, and after waiting several hours, the infant's mother
4 returned and told Tan Anuncia to take the baby because she did not want it, so Tan Anuncia and
5 her family cared for the baby who would later die at the Mata concentration camp;

6 **WHEREAS**, when her husband, Juan, died in 1952, Tan Anuncia was left as the sole
7 provider for her eleven surviving children, doing odds and ends such as selling home-made
8 doughnuts, laundering clothes, fishing and planting vegetables to provide for her children— to
9 keep them clean, clothed, fed, healthy and happy;

10 **WHEREAS**, Tan Anuncia remarried Juan Benavente Salas in 1963, who adored and
11 loved her and cared for her children;

12 **WHEREAS**, Tan Anuncia was a renown *suruhana*, who took care of all – but especially
13 infants – and always had at least \$20.00 to give a mother in need, and allowed anyone to take
14 what they needed from her herb garden, was chosen to be honored as a Master Suruhana by the
15 Guam Council of Arts and Humanities, but declined stating that her reward will given to her by
16 God, who gave her the gift of healing;

17 **WHEREAS**, Tan Anuncia is an endearing spirit who – throughout the past 100 years –
18 was and is always independent, happy, religious, generous woman who never complained about
19 her hardships; and

20 **WHEREAS**, Tan Anuncia has a legacy of 31 grandchildren, 86 great-grandchildren and
21 30 great-great-grandchildren ; now, therefore, be it

22 **RESOLVED**, that the Committee on Rules, on behalf of *I Mina'trentai Unu Na*
23 *Liheslaturan Guåhan* and the people of Guam does hereby, recognize and congratulate Mrs.
24 Anuncia (Tan Anuncia) Reyes Salas on the occasion of her 100th birthday and for being an
25 exemplary example of Chamorro resilience, motherly strength and humanity throughout her
26 lifetime; and be it further

27 **RESOLVED**, that the Speaker and the Chairperson of the Committee on Rules certify,
28 and the Secretary of the Legislature attests to, the adoption hereof and that copies of the same be
29 thereafter transmitted to Mrs. Anuncia (Tan Anuncia) Reyes Salas; and to the Honorable Eddie
30 Baza Calvo, *I Maga'lahren Guåhan*.

**DULY AND REGULARLY ADOPTED BY THE COMMITTEE ON RULES OF I
MINA'TRENTAI UNU NA LIHESLATURAN GUÁHAN ON THE ___ DAY OF _____
2011.**

JUDITH T. WON PAT, ED.D.
Speaker

RORY J. RESPICIO
Chairperson, Committee on Rules

TINA ROSE MUÑA BARNES
Secretary of the Legislature



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21 March 2011

Memorandum

To: All Senators
From: Senator Aline A. Yamashita, PhD
Subject: Resolution Presentation to Anuncia Reyes Salas

Hafa adai. Please join me in presenting a Resolution to Mrs. Anuncia Reyes Salas, upon her 100th birthday celebration.

When: Saturday, March 26, 2011

Where: St. Dominic Senior Care Home

Time: 1:30 P.M.

I look forward to your participation.

cc: Sergeant-At-Arms/Protocol/AV
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