



*I MINA'TRENTAI UNU NA LIHESLATURAN GUÅHAN*  
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Introduced by:

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**RELATIVE TO RECOGNIZING CONGRESSMAN FLORENCIO “JOEBEN” T. MIRAFLORES OF THE LONE DISTRICT OF AKLAN AND EXTENDING A SINCERE UN DANGKOLU NA SI YO’US MA’ASE TO HIM FOR BEING THE GUEST SPEAKER FOR THE 46<sup>TH</sup> ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION AND INDUCTION OF NEW OFFICERS OF THE AKLAN ASSOCIATION OF GUAM.**

1 **BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COMMITTEE ON RULES OF**

2 *I MINA'TRENTAI UNU NA LIHESLATURAN GUÅHAN:*

3 **WHEREAS**, Congressman Florencio “Joeben” T. Miraflores was chosen by  
4 the Aklan Association of Guam to be the guest speaker for their 46<sup>th</sup> Anniversary  
5 and induction of new officers; and

6 **WHEREAS**, Congressman Miraflores, known as “Joeben” to family, friends  
7 and relatives, graduated from the De La Salle University with an Industrial and Management  
8 Engineering degree; and

1           **WHEREAS**, Miraflores was born to Jose C. Miraflores (deceased) and Eusebia T.  
2 Miraflores and is a native son of Ibaday; and

3           **WHEREAS**, he is married to the former Ma. Lourdes V. Martin presently  
4 Municipal Mayor of Ibaday with whom he has three children – Ma. Luisa Angeles, Jose  
5 Enrique and Jose Miguel.; and

6           **WHEREAS**, Aklan Congressman Florencio Tumbokon Miraflores joined the  
7 Congress of the Philippines bringing with him sixteen (16) years of solid experience in local  
8 governance and public service; and

9           **WHEREAS**, For eight years, from 1988 to 1995, he served as Mayor of his  
10 hometown of Ibaday, where, during his incumbency, the town was recognized as the Most  
11 Outstanding Municipal Government in the Province of Aklan; and

12           **WHEREAS**, In 1995, he won as Governor of the Province of Aklan, a position he  
13 held on for three (3) consecutive terms ending in 2004. It was during his term that Aklan  
14 experienced unprecedented economic growth, elevating the province from fifth class to  
15 second class status. This he did by implementing an aggressive development program  
16 anchored on improving the province’s core infrastructure network. However, he knows that  
17 embarking on these ambitious projects requires vast resources and he has to resort to  
18 creative and innovative means of financing these projects; and

19           **WHEREAS**, Congressman Miraflores understood that embarking on these  
20 ambitious projects requires vast resources and he has to resort to creative and innovative  
21 means of financing these projects. During his term, funds were sourced out from the  
22 National Government for the improvement of the Kalibo and Caticlan Airports;  
23 and

24           **WHEREAS**, he was also responsible for the rehabilitation and upgrading of the Dr.  
25 Rafael S. Tumbokon Memorial Hospital to tertiary category under a loan-grant agreement  
26 with the LOGOFIND. Under this agreement, the Provincial Government will have to pay  
27 back only 60% of the total project cost at a fixed interest lower than commercial banks while

1 the remaining 20% is outright grant and the other 20% is equity of the Provincial  
2 Government. By entering into this agreement alone, he has saved the Provincial Government  
3 millions of pesos already. However, by believing in the skills and technical expertise of  
4 local engineers and architects, he further saved the Provincial Government a large sum of  
5 money by undertaking in-house the detailed engineering design as well as the construction  
6 supervision of the whole project; and

7 **WHEREAS**, it was also through his efforts that the Caticlan Jetty Port and  
8 Passenger Terminal were constructed, the funds for which were sourced out through a bond  
9 flotation. It was an innovative idea that no other LGU had used before. Though new and  
10 untested, then Governor Miraflores pursued this scheme to finance the project and it was a  
11 success. This project gave Aklan the distinction of the being the first LGU to successfully  
12 issue provisional funds to fund a local project and this experience is listed as one of the best  
13 practices of LGUs in local financing by the Bureau of Local Government Finance. Since  
14 then, a number of LGUs have followed the Aklan bond flotation model; and

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18 Finance. Since then, a number of LGUs have followed the Aklan bond flotation model; and

19 **WHEREAS**, today the Caticlan Jetty Port and Passenger Terminal is the is  
20 a top revenue earner for the Provincial Government of Aklan; and

21 **WHEREAS**, Miraflores' strong support for tourism helped Boracay Island  
22 win the Kalakbay Award for the best tourism destination of the country in 2001; and

23 **WHEREAS**, he also led Aklan to receive another distinction – the  
24 National Honor Award on Nutrition, the highest award given to a province for being a  
25 Consistent Regional Outstanding Winner in Nutrition (CROWN AWARD) for a number of  
26 years; and

1           **WHEREAS**, during his term as Governor, the Provincial Government  
2 computerized the Real Property Tax Management System (RPTMS) of the Provincial  
3 Assessor’s Office (PAO). Though this project, the Province of Aklan was able to maximize  
4 real property revenue collection through a more efficient way of identifying and recording of  
5 both the delinquent and loyal taxpayers; and

6           **WHEREAS**, in 1998, he was elected Chairman of the Regional Development  
7 Council (RDC) for Region VI, the first time for an Aklanon Governor to chair the regional  
8 body. By the time he ended his term in 2001, the RDC has adopted the twin economic  
9 thrusts of agriculture and tourism development that he advocated; and

10           **WHEREAS**, from chairing the RDC, Mariflores went on to Chair for three (3)  
11 years the Regional Peace and Order Council (RPOC), where he actively participated in  
12 implementing the Peace Agreement between the Government of the Republic of the  
13 Philippines (GRP) and the Rebolusyonaryong Partido ng Manggagawa-Proletarian Army-  
14 Alex Boncayao Brigade (RPM-RPA-ABB) in Western Visayas; and

15           **WHEREAS**, for all his accomplishments, **Florencio “Joeben” T.**  
16 **Miraflores** was recognized by the Asusasyon ng Kumentarista at Anaunser ng Pilipinas –  
17 Manila as the Outstanding Governor in Region VI; and

18           **WHEREAS**, Miraflores is in his third and last term as Congressman of the Lone  
19 District of Aklan. He is the newly designated Chairman of the Committee on Tourism, Vice  
20 Chairman of the Committee on Accounts and a member of the Committee of Energy,  
21 Committee on Appropriations, Committee on Natural Resources Committee on Ways and  
22 Means, Committee on Science and Technology, Committee on Local Government; and  
23 now, therefore be it

24           **RESOLVED**, *I Liheslaturan Guåhan* and the people of Guam, commends  
25 and thanks Congressman Florencio “Joeben” T. Miraflores as the guest speaker for  
26 the 46th Anniversary & Induction of new officers of the Aklan Association of Guam; and be it  
27 further

1           **RESOLVED**, that the Speaker and the Chairman of the Committee on Rules  
2 certify, and the Secretary of the Legislature attest to , the adoption hereof, and that  
3 copies of the same be thereafter transmitted to the, and to the Honorable Edward  
4 J.B. Calvo, *I Maga'lahen Guåhan*.

**DULY AND REGULARLY ADOPTED BY THE COMMITTEE ON RULES  
OF I MINA'TRENTAI UNU NA LIHESLATURAN GUÅHAN ON THE \_\_\_\_\_  
DAY OF JUNE, 2011.**

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**JUDITH T. WON PAT, Ed.D**  
Speaker

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**RORY RESPICIO**  
Chairman, Committee on Rules

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**TINA ROSE MUÑA BARNES**  
Legislative Secretary