

I MINA' TRENTA I UNU NA LIHESLATURAN GUÅHAN
2011 (First) Regular Session

Resolution No. 103-31(COR)

Introduced by:

B.J.F. Cruz



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Relative to recognizing, commending and congratulating Jose Pangelinan Lujan (Atdot) for his significant contributions to Guam's culture through his exceptional carpentry skills and to celebrate and commemorate the renovation and restoration of the 1911 Historic Jose P. Lujan house in Hagåtña by the Guam Preservation Trust.

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

3 **WHEREAS**, Jose Pangelinan Lujan (Atdot) was born on July 16, 1891, in
4 San Ignacio, Hagåtña, and died on June 10, 1969. He was the son of Salvador Diaz
5 Lujan and Luisa Blas Pangelinan. Señor Lujan was a carpenter and cabinet-maker
6 of high repute; and

7 **WHEREAS**, Señor Lujan was an industrious teenager who entered the
8 Carpentry Apprentice Program at the Navy Yard in Hagåtña in 1907. Four years
9 later, at age of 20, he completed his first building called the Jose P. Lujan House;
10 and

11 **WHEREAS**, in constructing the house, Señor Lujan, carried much of the
12 stone used for the walls from the Agana seashore. The overall massing of the
13 structure columns is significant with its steeply pitched roof shape. The ifil
14 hardwood members are wonderful examples of precise lumbering sizes and their
15 extreme uniformity holds fast to the vintage architecture of early 20th century; and

1 **WHEREAS**, Señor Lujan used the classic “mamposteria” technique of the
2 Spanish colonial period to allow air to flow in and out. For flooring, stairwell,
3 balcony and shutters, Señor Lujan used the strong native ifil hardwood. He
4 included indoor plumbing, an innovation just coming into vogue; and

5 **WHEREAS**, The Lujan House is one of the few remaining pre-war houses
6 in Hagåtña to offer island residents a glimpse of life in old Hagåtña. One of the
7 first modern structures built in the American Era, it was a center of lively social
8 activity. The general store on the first floor was a natural gathering place and
9 Señor Lujan and his bride, Dolores Untalan Cruz, and other families lived in the
10 Lujan House; and

11 **WHEREAS**, in 1928 the Guam Institute, founded by Nievas M. Flores in
12 1922, moved to the Lujan House. Students paid a monthly fee of \$1.00 to attend
13 this private school. Among the notable leaders to graduate from this school were
14 Governor Ricardo J. Bordallo, Bishop Felixberto C. Flores and Judge Cristobal
15 Duenas; and

16 **WHEREAS**, Throughout his life, Señor Lujan elevated his master carpentry
17 skills to an exacting standard of building design and construction. In the 1930s, he
18 was the first Chamorro to advance to the head of his department at the U.S. Navy
19 Public Works Center; and

20 **WHEREAS**, Señor Lujan built many homes and businesses and was
21 instrumental in the construction of many of the island's churches including the
22 1911 Santa Cruz Church in Anigua, the 1939 St. Joseph's Church in Inarajan, the
23 1939 San Dionicio Church in Umatac, and the 1951 Our Lady of the Blessed
24 Sacrament in Agana Heights. Many of these structures are still standing; and

25 **WHEREAS**, After World War II, Señor Lujan worked at the U.S. Navy
26 Public Works Center until retirement from his position as foreman in 1952. Señor
27 Lujan died on June 10, 1969; and

1 **WHEREAS**, After one hundred years, Señot Lujan's first building is among
2 those still standing. The Jose P. Lujan House serves the community as a meeting
3 place and headquarters to the Guam Preservation Trust. The traditional
4 architectural features and construction techniques that the young Chamorro
5 employed have withstood the natural disasters of earthquakes and typhoons,
6 bombings of World War II and the bulldozers of reconstruction, and ravages of
7 time that included decades of disuse and neglect; and

8 **WHEREAS**, The Jose P. Lujan House is listed on the National and Guam
9 Registers of Historic Sites as the Jose P. Lujan House and Guam Institute. The
10 Jose P. Lujan House is an enduring testament to the undying hard work and
11 innovative thinking of Señot Lujan. The Jose P. Lujan House, like the Plaza De
12 Espana and the original Guam Legislature Building, is reminder of the undying
13 Chamorro culture and spirit that lives on in residents today and for generations to
14 come; now therefore, be it

15 **RESOLVED**, that the Committee on Rules of *I Mina'Trentai Unu Na*
16 *Lihe slaturan Guåhan* does hereby, on behalf of *I Lihe slaturan Guåhan* and the
17 people of Guam, recognize, congratulate and highly commend Jose Pangelinan
18 Lujan (Atdot) for his timeless construction of the Jose P. Lujan House and the
19 Guam Preservation Trust for their tireless effort toward completing the renovations
20 to 1911 Historic Jose P. Lujan house in Hagåtña; and be it further

21 **RESOLVED**, that the Speaker and the Chairperson of the Committee of
22 Rules certify, and the Legislative Secretary attest to, the adoption hereof, and that
23 copies of the same be thereafter transmitted to the Guam Preservation Trust; and to
24 the 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 GUAHAN ON THE
14TH DAY OF JULY, 2011.**

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Speaker

RORY J. RESPICIO
Chairperson, Committee on Rules

TINA ROSE MUÑA BARNES
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