

*I MINA'TRENTAI UNU NA LIHESLATURAN GUÁHAN*  
2012 (SECOND) Regular Session

2012 MAY -1 AM 9:54

Resolution No. <sup>404</sup>31 ( LS )

Introduced by:

Judith T. Won Pat, Ed.D.  
T. R. Muña Barnes  
B. J.F. Cruz  
v. c. pangelinan

**Relative to recognizing and congratulating President Ma Ying-jeou on his re-election as President of the Republic of China (Taiwan)**

1 **BE IT RESOLVED BY *I MINA'TRENTAI UNU NA LIHESLATURAN***  
2 ***GUÁHAN*:**

3 **WHEREAS,** Ma Ying-jeou was born in Hong Kong on July 13, 1950, and  
4 moved to Taiwan a year later and has lived here ever since as the only male  
5 child in a family of five children; and

6 **WHEREAS,** Ma's father, Ma Ho-ling, was originally from Hengshan  
7 County in Hunan Province on the mainland. From his early years, the elder  
8 Ma was deeply involved in patriotic activities, joining the Youth Army and  
9 fighting in the Second Sino-Japanese War (1937-1945); and

10 **WHEREAS,** throughout his lifetime, Ma's father Ma Ho-ling dedicated  
11 himself to his government and country having served in various positions

1 and capacities in the KMT Party and government after the war against Japan  
2 in 1945 until his death at the age of 85 in 2005; and

3 **WHEREAS,** Ma Yingjeou's mother, Chin Houhsiu, having also devoted  
4 her life to the government, is now a retired civil servant; and

5 **WHEREAS,** in 1977, Ma Ying-jeou married the former Chow Mei-ching.  
6 Together they have two daughters, Ma Weichung and Ma Yuan-chung; and

7 **WHEREAS,** Ma Ying-jeou graduated from Taiwan's foremost academic  
8 institution, National Taiwan University, in 1972 receiving a bachelor's degree  
9 from the College of Law; and

10 **WHEREAS,** Ma Ying-jeou earned a Master of Laws (LL.M.) degree from  
11 New York University in 1976 and a Doctor of Juridical Science (S.J.D.) degree  
12 from Harvard Law School in 1981, specializing in law of the sea and  
13 international economic law; and

14 **WHEREAS,** Ma Ying-jeou became the deputy director of the First  
15 Bureau of the Presidential Office and in this post he served as President  
16 Chiang Ching-kuo's English interpreter and secretary; and

17 **WHEREAS,** he ~~was~~ concurrently served as deputy secretary general of  
18 the KMT's Central Committee. In 1986, he was assigned by President Chiang  
19 the heavy task of researching the possibility of lifting martial law, relaxing  
20 restrictions on cross strait contacts (e.g. by permitting residents in Taiwan to  
21 visit their mainland relatives), and reforming the parliament; and

1           **WHEREAS,** on October 7, 1986, President Chiang granted an interview  
2 to Katherine Graham, publisher of The Washington Post. During the  
3 interview Chiang announced that Taiwan would act as soon as possible to lift  
4 martial law and the ban on forming new political parties. This event marked  
5 a momentous turning point in Taiwan's democratic development; and

6           **WHEREAS,** as the president's English secretary at the time, Ma Ying-  
7 jeou was witness to this historic milestone in Chinese Civilization,  
8 Subsequently, in 1988, Ma Ying-jeou was appointed Chairman of the  
9 Research, Development, and Evaluation Commission of the Executive Yuan.  
10 Concurrently, he was also assigned to form a Mainland Affairs Task Force  
11 and subsequently became the body's executive secretary; and

12           **WHEREAS,** three years later, Ma Ying-jeou was appointed to the newly  
13 established Mainland Affairs Council, becoming its first-ever vice chairperson  
14 while concurrently serving as a KMT representative at-large in the Second  
15 National Assembly; and

16           **WHEREAS,** in 1993, Ma Ying-jeou was appointed Minister of Justice, in  
17 which position he launched an aggressive campaign to fight against  
18 corruption and drugs, investigated allegations of vote-buying ; and

19           **WHEREAS,** on May 20, 2008, Ma Ying-jeou was inaugurated President  
20 of the Republic of China (ROC). During the presidential election, Ma Ying-  
21 jeou campaigned on a platform to revive Taiwan's fledgling economy and  
22 restore the core values of benevolence, righteousness, diligence, honesty,

1 generosity, and industriousness. On election day Ma Ying-jeou secured a  
2 landslide victory with a total of 7.65 million ballots, or 58.5 percent of the  
3 vote. This election represented Taiwan's second peaceful transfer of political  
4 power, marking a milestone in the island's democratic development

5       **WHEREAS**, on January 14, 2014, President Ma Ying-jeou was re-elected  
6 as the thirteenth (13<sup>th</sup>) term president, with 6.89 million ballots, or 51.6 percent  
7 of the vote; and now therefore be it

8       **RESOLVED**, that *I Mina' Trentai Unu Na Liheslaturan Guåhan* does hereby,  
9 on behalf of the people of Guam, recognize and congratulate President Ma  
10 Ying-jeou on his re-election as President of the Republic of China (Taiwan);  
11 and be it further

12       **RESOLVED**, that the Speaker certify, and the Legislative Secretary attest to,  
13 the adoption hereof; and that copies of the same be thereafter transmitted to  
14 President Ma Ying-jeou; and to the Honorable Edward J.B. Calvo, *I Maga'lahren*  
15 *Guåhan*.

**DULY AND REGULARLY ADOPTED BY *I MINA'TRENTAI UNU NA LIHESLATURAN GUÅHAN* ON THE     DAY OF MARCH 2012.**

---

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

---

**TINA ROSE MUNA BARNES**  
**Legislative Secretary**