

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

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Resolution No. 561-31(COR) *de*

Introduced by:

**Dennis G. Rodriguez, Jr.**  
**Aline A. Yamashita, Ph.D.**

**Relative to posthumously recognizing and commending Dr. Ernesto Mercader Espaldon and extending a warm *Un Dangkolo Na Si Yu'us Ma'ase* for his commitment and dedicated work serving the people of Guam throughout his professional years in the healthcare community.**

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

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

**WHEREAS**, Dr. Ernesto Mercader Espaldon was born on November 11, 1926 and passed away on August 4, 2006. He was married to Dr. Leticia Espaldon on May 31, 1952 and together they had six (6) children, Arlen, Vivian, James, Diane, Karen and Ernesto; and

**WHEREAS**, Dr. Ernesto Mercader Espaldon graduated from the University of Santo Tomas Medical School in 1954 and completed his residency and training at the University of Oklahoma Medical Center from 1954 until 1959. He completed his specialty training in Cosmetic Surgery at St. Louis Hospital in Missouri and passed the American Board of Cosmetic Surgery. He received additional training on cosmetic reconstruction at Washington Barnes Hospital and was a diplomat and fellow in the American College of Surgeons; and

1           **WHEREAS**, in 1962, Dr. Espaldon was recruited to Guam after Typhoon  
2 Karen hit the island. He then established his clinic at the GCIC Building in Agana;  
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4           **WHEREAS**, Dr. Ernesto Mercader Espaldon practiced as a surgeon  
5 throughout the United States and the Philippines. In 1963, he started his biannual  
6 “Aloha Mission” He was also given the title of Doctor with the “Heart of Gold”  
7 when recognized in the book *Profiles in excellence of Filipino Achievers in the*  
8 *United States*. In addition, Dr. Ernesto Mercader Espaldon was the first Filipino  
9 Physician delegate to the House of Delegates of the American Medical Association  
10 and served for three terms (3); and

11           **WHEREAS**, Dr. Ernesto Mercader Espaldon served as a consultant of the  
12 United States Navy Regional Medical Center of Guam. He was also the president  
13 of the Guam Medical Staff of Guam Memorial Hospital in 1965 and served as a  
14 senator in the Guam Legislature, where is introduced bills to address health issues  
15 on the island; and be it further

16           **RESOLVED**, the Committee on Rules of *I Mina'Trentai Una Na I*  
17 *LiheSlaturan Guåhan*, does hereby, on behalf of *I LiheSlaturan Guåhan* and the  
18 people of Guam, posthumously recognize and commend Dr. Ernesto Mercader  
19 Espaldon and extend a sincere *Un Dångkolo Na Si Yu'os Ma'åse* for his  
20 commitment and dedicated work serving the people of Guam throughout his  
21 professional years in the healthcare community; and be it further

22           **RESOLVED**, that the Speaker and the Chairperson of the Committee on  
23 Rules certify, and the Secretary of the Legislature attest to the adoption hereof, and  
24 that copies of the same be thereafter transmitted to the family of the late Dr.  
25 Ernesto Mercader Espaldon; and to the Honorable Edward J.B. Calvo, *I*  
26 *Maga'lahaen Guåhan*.

**DULY AND REGULARLY ADOPTED BY THE COMMITTEE ON RULES  
OF *I MINA'TRENTAI UNU NA LIHESLATURAN GUÁHAN* ON THE \_\_\_\_\_  
DAY OF OCTOBER, 2012.**

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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**