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Relative to recognizing and honoring Mrs. Irene F. Laygo as she celebrates the 101st year of her life; and to further commending her as a “2013 Senior Citizens’ Month Centenarian.”

BE IT RESOLVED BY I MINA’TRENTAI DOS NA LIHESLATURAN

GUÅHAN:

WHEREAS, Mrs. Irene Fernandez Laygo was born on September 20, 1912, in San Fabian, a municipality in the province of Pangasinan, Philippines; and she is the daughter of Federico and Marciano Fernandez; and

WHEREAS, while attending Lingayen High School in Pangasinan, Philippines, she met and fell in love with Lawrence E. Laygo, Sr.; and she
eventually joined hands in marriage with her high school sweetheart on June 20, 1934, at the San Fabian Catholic Church in Pangasinan, Philippines. Together, the couple was blessed with seven children: †Irene, Lawrence Jr., Elpidio, Felicitas, Jaime, Cristeta and Angel; and

WHEREAS, when Irene’s husband moved to Guam in 1948 to find work, she was left with her seven children to care for and raise on her own. As a way to support her children, she opened a small store, called a sari-sari, in the Philippines, where she also sold tobacco by traveling from town to town. Although she and her husband were apart, Irene’s husband would take a yearly vacation to the Philippines to live with his family for a while; and

WHEREAS, eventually, Irene moved to Guam in September 1968 to join her husband. While on Guam, she no longer had to work as she became a full-time mother to her children. She dedicated herself to her family and sacrificed as much as she could to provide her children with the best opportunities, and which eventually led her children to become professionals, such as chemical and professional engineers, registered nurse, businesswoman, teacher, social worker, and medical technician; and

WHEREAS, when Irene’s children started their own families, she became the primary babysitter for all of her grandchildren, even those who lived in the United States, as Irene and her husband spent a year in Los Angeles, California, to help care for their grandchildren. Her children view their mother as a loving mother who gives of her time to take care of everyone; and

WHEREAS, throughout the years, Irene and her husband continued to work to create a compassionate, welcoming family, where everyone is treated with dignity and respect. On September 18, 2004, Irene and her husband celebrated their 70th Wedding Anniversary. Her family planned and coordinated a big
celebration, which included a presentation of a Legislative Resolution to the couple from the 27th Guam Legislature, and a Proclamation from Governor Felix Camacho proclaiming September 18, 2004, as “Lawrence and Irene Laygo, Sr., Day” in recognition of their 70th Wedding Anniversary; and

WHEREAS, as they both grew older, Irene and her husband took up residency at the St. Dominic’s Senior Care Home. Irene was married to Lawrence for 73 years, until his passing on August 17, 2006, at the age of 92. Their long life together is attributable to the love they had for each other, as well as for their deep faith in God; and

WHEREAS, aside from taking care of her children and grandchildren, Irene enjoyed planting vegetables, such as eggplant, string beans and kang kong; and she loved to eat fish and vegetables. She enjoyed dancing with her husband, especially at the Astumbo Senior Center, as they were devoted participants rising early each morning to prepare themselves for participation at the Senior Center. Irene also enjoyed attending the Senior Center, as she participated in various activities, such as playing cards, dancing, and going out to hotels. One year, she was the Senior Center’s representative for the Rai Yan LaRaina event, where she was crowned as a “Princess” in the royal court; and

WHEREAS, today, Irene continues to be well-cared for at St. Dominic’s Senior Care Home. She loves eating peas, pancit and puto, and she looks forward to the weekly visits from her daughter and son-in-law as they always bring her these treats to enjoy. Today, Irene is blessed with 19 grandchildren, 10 great grandchildren, and two great-great-grandchildren; now therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that I Mina’Trentai Dos Na Liheslaturan Guåhan does hereby, on behalf of the people of Guam, recognize and honor Mrs. Irene F. Laygo
as she celebrates the 101st year of her life; and does further commend her as a
“2013 Senior Citizens Month Centenarian”; and be it further
RESOLVED, that the Speaker certify, and the Legislative Secretary attest
to, the adoption hereof, and that copies of the same be thereafter transmitted to
Mrs. Irene F. Laygo; and to the Honorable Edward J.B. Calvo, I Maga’lahen
Guåhan.

DULY AND REGULARLY ADOPTED BY I MINA’TRENTAI DOS NA
LIHESLATURAN GUÅHAN ON THIS 30TH DAY OF APRIL 2013.

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JUDITH T. WON PAT, Ed.D.      TINA ROSE MUÑA BARNES
Speaker                  Legislative Secretary