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<td>RELATIVE TO RECOGNIZING AND HONORING †MRS. MARIA NAPUTI MANTONONA AS SHE CELEBRATES HER ONE HUNDRED AND THIRD (103rd) YEAR OF LIFE AND FURTHER COMMENDING HER AS A “2013 SENIOR CITIZENS MONTH CENTENARIAN.”</td>
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Relative to recognizing and honoring Mrs. Maria Naputi Mantanona as a “2013 Senior Citizens Month Centenarian.”

BE IT RESOLVED BY I MINA'TRENTAI DOS LIHESLATURAN GUÅHAN:

WHEREAS, Maria Fejeran Naputi was born on May 9, 1910, in the village of Inarajan; and is the daughter of Maria Fejeran and Vicente Paulino Naputi; and

WHEREAS, Maria married Pedro Meno Mantanona on February 26, 1926, and being together for 61 beautiful years, they raised 12 children - seven sons and five daughters; and
WHEREAS, Ama, as she is fondly called by family members and all who know her, is the eldest of 12 siblings. She has one surviving sister, Antonia Naputi Reyes, who is 88 years old and resides in the village of Talofofo; and

WHEREAS, being the eldest child, a lot of responsibilities were placed on Tan Ama, which included having to look after her siblings, the upkeep of the family home, laundry, sewing, and preparing meals. She learned to cook and sew from her grandmother, who was her teacher and mentor; and the memories of her grandmother impacted her relationship with her family, as she devoted her entire life to caring for them; and

WHEREAS, Tan Ama loved to cook, sew, and tend to her garden. She did all her cooking the traditional way, cooking over a wood-burning stove. She is well-known for her delicious Chamorro cake; and

WHEREAS, Tan Ama’s favorite food dish is fish cooked in any manner, as she is not too keen on eating red meat. Among her other favorite dishes, includes atuli (soup made of corn), gollai āpan lemmai (breadfruit cooked in coconut milk), taro, bananas, and eating lots of vegetables; and

WHEREAS, as a seamstress, Tan Ama had no need to buy clothing for her family, as she sewed all of their clothes; and

WHEREAS, although her mobility is very limited today, Tan Ama loves being outdoors. In her stronger days, she loved gardening, which included planting vegetables and flowers. Her favorite flower is the pink Flores Rosa;

WHEREAS, Tan Ama is a member of the Inarajan Christian Mothers organization. As a devoted Catholic, praying the novena every three months and cooking a feast afterwards was her way of bringing the family together, a tradition she has passed on to her children and grandchildren; and

WHEREAS, Tan Ama’s longevity is attributed to living a simple life, being a devoted wife, a loving and caring mother, and a God-fearing woman; and
WHEREAS, Tan Ama also enjoyed singing. She loved to sing novena songs when the Eucharistic Ministers visited her house to give her the Eucharist. Her favorite songs were San Jose Patronon Mami and Abe Nanan Yu’os; and

WHEREAS, Tan Ama’s devotion to her faith and her dedication to her family is evident today, as she is blessed with 68 grandchildren, 153 great grandchildren, 165 great-great grandchildren, and six great-great-great grandchildren; and

WHEREAS, on March 13, 2013, Tan Ama was called to be with our Heavenly Father; and she will continued to be loved by her family; 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. Maria Naputi Mantanona as a “2013 Senior Citizens Month Centenarian”; and does further extend a warm Un Dångkolo Na Si Yu’os Ma’åse’ to her for her contributions to the island of Guam; 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 the family of †Mrs. Maria Naputi Mantanona; 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 THE 30TH DAY OF APRIL, 2013.

JUDITH T. WON PAT, Ed.D.
Speaker

TINA ROSE MUÑA BARNES
Legislative Secretary