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Resolution No. 120-32 (LS)

Introduced by:

0. Joseph B. Rodriguez, Jr.

Salud V. Rigo, Jr.

WHEREAS, Rita Calvo Artero was born on June 7, 1913, in Hagåtña, Guam; and was the second child of the six children of Gregorio Leon Guerrero Calvo and Maria Rosario Aceeza. Her father was a businessman from Hagåtña and at that time was the only shoemaker on Guam. Later, the government approached Mr. Calvo and asked to purchase his property in Hagåtña and he then lived on a property in the village of Yigo; and

WHEREAS, on March 22, 1945, Rita Calvo Artero married Jesus Cruz Artero from Hagåtña, and they were blessed with four children: G. Pascoal Calvo Artero, Edithinda Calvo Artero-Ada, Edward Calvo Artero and R. Patrick Calvo Artero. Rita also accepted the responsibility and embraced her widowed husband’s nine children from his previous marriage and helped raise them; and

WHEREAS, Rita has been the matriarch of her family, and also of her husband’s side of the family. She also stepped up to take the role of “The Elder” or “Mother Figure” to not only her brothers and sisters, but also to all her nephews and nieces whose parents had passed on. She never hesitated to give lovingly of herself in her dedication to serving her family and her community, most especially to serving the Lord. Her love and unselfish dedication to serving the Lord sets her apart; and

WHEREAS, Rita has served not only the community through different organizations she is affiliated with, but she also served the Catholic Church through different ministries, especially the Santa Lourdes Parish and Santa Maria Kamaleles. She has been involved in serving the Church since she was 15 years of age. She also served as a deacon for Santa Lourdes parish and the community of Yigo; and

WHEREAS, Rita, along with her husband, Jesus C. Artero, were charged to serve as the primary caretakers of the Yigo Santa Lourdes Church years before a priest was permanently assigned to the parish, and even after that, Rita, with the help of her family and other parishioners, was in charge of cleaning the Church and the priest’s vestments, coordinating the arrangement of flowers, the senate of Santa Loucides, the Christmas kneel, and the construction and set-ups for the Corpus Christi celebration; and

WHEREAS, Rita has been the President of the Christian Mothers in the Parish of Yigo for many years. She was also very supportive of the other officers of those organizations and the Legion of Mary. She was also an active member of Government of Guam Association of Retired Persons (GGARP); and

WHEREAS, during Catholic week celebrations, Rita read to school children and did a storytelling hour about the history of the ancient Chamorro, while dressed in a Chamorro matafa. She also visited Andersen Air Force Base (AAFB) with a group of her friends to share in the Chamorro week celebrations, and to display and teach certain crafts, such as coconut weaving of different assortment; and

WHEREAS, Rita’s kindness was also extended to ministering to the poor, the sick, the hungry, the imprisoned, and the youth. She and her husband, with the grace of the Lord, also converted a lot of people within their community and their families into Christianities as Catholics, and became main sponsors to them; and

WHEREAS, Rita has touched the lives of many people from different walks of life with love, compassion, and gentleness. To all who have had the privilege of knowing and experiencing the warmth of her presence, they feel that they have been touched by a servant of the Lord; and

WHEREAS, Rita Calvo Artero not only has a passionate love for the Lord, but she also has a profound love for our Blessed Mother, and she continues to serve and celebrate the Eucharist daily; and

WHEREAS, Rita’s love of God and her community, her organic diet, and her own herbal garden contributed to her long life. Today, Rita is blessed with 13 children, 25 grandchildren, and 66 great grandchildren whom she loves; now therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that I Minatretan Dåi Na Lihealsuran Guåhan does hereby, on behalf of the people of Guam, recognize and honor Mrs. Rita Artero Calvo as she celebrates the 100th year of her life, and on being a “2013 Senior Citizens Month Centenarian”; and does further extend a warm “Un Påñåkko No Si Yt’Se Måh’” 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 Mrs. Rita Calvo Artero; and to the Honorable Edward J.B. Calvo, I Magå‘ñå’na Guåhan.

Duly and regularly adopted by I Minatretan Dåi Na Lihealsuran Guåhan on the 30th Day of April, 2013.

Judith T. Won Pat, Ed.D.
Speaker

Tina Roke Muna Barnes
Legislative Secretary
and at that time was the only shoemaker on Guam. Later, the government approached Mr. Calvo and asked to purchase his property in Hagåtña; and he then lived on a property in the village of Yigo; and

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RESOLVED, that I Mina’Trentai Dos Na Liheslaturan Guåhan does hereby, on behalf of the people of Guam, recognize and honor Mrs. Rita Artero
Relative to recognizing and honoring Mrs. Rita Calvo Artero as she celebrates her 100th year of 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, Rita Calvo Artero was born on June 7, 1913, in Hagåtña, Guam; and was the second child of the six children of †Gregorio Leon Guerrero Calvo and †Maria Rosario Acosta. Her father was a businessman from Hagåtña,
Calvo as she celebrates the 100th year of her life, and on being 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 Mrs. Rita Calvo Artero; 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
Resolution No. 120-32 (LS)

Introduced by: Dennis G. Rodriguez, Jr.
T.R. Muña Barnes
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Michael F. Q. San Nicolas
Aline A. Yamashita, Ph.D.

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**WHEREAS,** on March 22, 1945, Rita Calvo Artero married †Jesus Cruz Artero from Hagāña, and they were blessed with four children: G. Pascual Calvo Artero, Edelfrida Calvo Artero-Ada, Edward Calvo Artero and R. Patrick Calvo Artero. Rita also accepted the responsibility and embraced her widowed husband’s nine children from his previous marriage and helped raised them; and

**WHEREAS,** Rita has been the matriarch of her family, and also of her husband’s side of the family. She also stepped up to take the role of “The Elder” or “Mother Figure” to not only her brothers and sisters, but also to all her nephews and nieces whose parents had passed on. She never hesitated to give lovingly of herself in her dedication to serving her family and her community, most especially to serving the Lord. Her love and unselfish dedication to serving the Lord sets her apart; and

**WHEREAS,** Rita has served not only the community through different organizations she is affiliated with, but she also served the Catholic Church through different ministries, especially the Santa Lourdes Parish and Santa Maria Kamalen. She has been involved in serving the Church since she was 13 years of age. She also served as a *techa* for Santa Lourdes parish and the community of Yigo; and

**WHEREAS,** Rita, along with her husband, Jesus C. Artero, were charged to serve as the primary caretakers of the Yigo Santa Lourdes Church years before a priest was permanently assigned to the parish, and even after that. Rita, with the help of her family and other parishioners, was in charge of cleaning the Church and the priest’s vestments, coordinating the arrangement of flowers, the *carosa* of Santa Lourdes, the Christmas *belen*, and the construction and set ups for the Corpus Christi celebration; and
WHEREAS, Rita has been the President of the Christian Mothers in the Parish of Yigo for many years. She was also very supportive of the other officers of those organizations and the Legion of Mary. She was also an active member of Government of Guam Association of Retired Persons (GGARP); and

WHEREAS, during Chamorro week celebrations, Rita read to school children and did a storytelling hour about the history of the ancient Chamorros, while dressed in a Chamorro mestiza. She also visited Andersen Air Force Base (AAFB) with a group of her friends to share in the Chamorro week celebrations, and to display and teach certain crafts, such as coconut weaving of different assortments; and

WHEREAS, Rita’s kindness was also extended to ministering to the poor, the sick, the hungry, the imprisoned, and the youths. She and her husband, with the grace of the Lord, also converted a lot of people within their community and their families into Christianity as Catholics, and became main sponsors to them; and

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RESOLVED, that I Mina’Trentai Dos Na Liheslaturan Guåhan does hereby, on behalf of the people of Guam, recognize and honor Mrs. Rita Artero
Calvo as she celebrates the 100th year of her life, and on being a “2013 Senior Citizens Month Centenarian”; and does further extend a warm Un Dåŋkolo 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 Mrs. Rita Calvo Artero; 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
Resolution No. 120-32 (LS)

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Aline A. Yamashita, Ph.D.

Relative to recognizing and honoring Mrs. Rita Calvo Artero as she celebrates her one hundredth (100th) year of life; and to further commending her as a “2013 Senior Citizens Month Centenarian.”

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

WHEREAS, Rita Calvo Artero was born on June 7, 1913, in Hagåtña, Guam; and was the second child of the six children of †Gregorio Leon Guerrero Calvo and †Maria Rosario Acosta. Her father was a businessman from Hagåtña, and at that time was the only shoemaker on Guam. Later, the government approached Mr. Calvo and asked to purchase his property in Hagåtña; and he then lived on a property in the village of Yigo; and
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DULY AND REGULARLY ADOPTED BY I MINA’TRENTAI DOS NA LIHESLATURAN GUÅHAN ON THE 29TH DAY OF APRIL 2013.

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JUDITH T. WON PAT, Ed.D. TINA ROSE MUÑA BARNES
Speaker Legislative Secretary
Resolution No. 120-32 (LS)

Introduced by:  
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Tina Rose Muña Barnes  
Judith T. Won Pat, Ed.D.  
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LIHESLATURAN GUÅHAN:

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WHEREAS, Rita’s love of God and her community, her organic diet, and her own herbal garden contributed to her long life. Today, Rita is blessed with thirteen (13) children, twenty-five (25) grandchildren, and sixty-six (66) great grandchildren whom she loves; 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. Rita Artero Calvo as she celebrates the one hundredth (100th) year of her life, and on being a “2013 Senior Citizens Month Centenarian” and does further extend a warm Un Dangkolo Na Si Yu’os Ma’a’se’ to her for her contributions to the island of Guam; and be it further
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DULY AND REGULARLY ADOPTED BY I MINA'TRENTAI DOS NA LIHESLATUREN GUÅHAN ON THE _____ DAY OF MAY, 2013

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JUDITH T. WON PAT, Ed.D.
Speaker

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TINA ROSE MUÑA BARNES
Legislative Secretary
Resolution No. 120-32(LS)

Introduced by: Dennis G. Rodriguez, Jr.
Tina R. Muna-Barnes
Judith T. Won Pat, Ed.D.

RELATIVE TO RECOGNIZING AND HONORING MRS. RITA CALVO ARTERO AS SHE CELEBRATES HER ONE HUNDREDTH (100TH) YEAR OF LIFE AND FURTHER COMMENDING HER AS A “2013 SENIOR CITIZENS MONTH CENTENARIAN.”

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COMMITTEE ON RULES OF I MINA'TRENDAI DOS LIHESLATURAN GUÁHAN:

WHEREAS, Rita Calvo Artero was born on June 7, 1913 in Hagatna, Guam, to her proud parents Gregorio Leon guerrero Calvo and Maria Rosario Acosta. Rita is the second eldest of six (6) children. Her father was a businessman from Hagatna and was the only shoemaker on Guam. Later, the government approached Mr. Leon Guerrero to purchase his property in Hagatna, and instead lived in a property in the village of Yigo; and

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WHEREAS, Rita has been the matriarch of her family and also to her husband’s side of the family. She also stepped up to take the role of “The
“Elder” or “Mother Figure” to not only her brothers and sisters, but also to all her nephews and nieces as they lose their parents by death. She never hesitated to give so lovingly of herself to the dedication of serving her family and her community, most especially to serving the Lord. Her love and unselfish dedication to serving the Lord sets her apart; and

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WHEREAS, her love of God and community, her organic diet, and her own herbal garden contributed to her long life. To this day, Rita is blessed with a total of thirteen (13) children, twenty five (25) grandchildren, and sixty six (66) grand children of whom she loves; and now therefore, be it

RESOLVED, I Liheslaturan Guåhan and the people of Guam, recognize and honor Mrs. Rita Artero Calvo as a “2013 Senior Citizens’ Month Centenarian” and extend a warm Un Dangkolo Na Si Yu’os Ma’ase’ for her contributions to the island of Guam; and be it further

RESOLVED, that the Speaker of I Liheslaturan Guåhan and the Chairman of the Committee on Rules certify, and the Secretary of the Legislature attest to, the adoption hereof, and that copies of the same be
thereafter transmitted to; the family of Mrs. Rita Calvo Artero; and to the Honorable Edward J. B. Calvo, I Maga'lahen Guåhan.

DULY AND REGULARLY ADOPTED BY THE COMMITTEE ON RULES OF I MINA'TRENTAI DOS NA LIHESLATURAN GUÅHAN ON THE ____ DAY OF MAY, 2013

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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