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

WHEREAS, it is the sense of the Guam Legislature to recognize and honor those distinguished citizens of this great island who have devoted themselves to
faithfully serving the best interests of their community and the needs of its residents; and

WHEREAS, attendant to such concern, and in full accord with its long-standing traditions, the Guam Legislature is justly proud to honor Mr. John Michael Weisenberger on the occasion of his retirement after serving as an Assistant Attorney General for Guam, to be celebrated on Friday, December 12, 2014; and

WHEREAS, in 1970, Mr. John Michael Weisenberger received his Bachelor of Science in Accounting degree from Wayne State University in Detroit, Michigan; and he obtained his Juris Doctor Cum Laude degree from Wayne State University in 1974; and

WHEREAS, before making Guam his home, John was an accountant for the Wayne Center for the Retarded, from September 1974 to September 1975; and from September 1975 to September 1976, he also served as the Executive Director for the Association for the Jewish Retarded in Detroit, Michigan; and

WHEREAS, John was licensed to practice law in Michigan in 1974, and he has been an active member of the Guam Bar Association since he obtained his license to practice law on Guam in 1977; and

WHEREAS, in April 1991, John began his government of Guam career working at the Office of the Attorney General (OAG), where he served as the Assistant Attorney General for the Family Division, until February 2001; and

WHEREAS, John had also served as the island’s first Public Guardian, after being appointed by the Honorable Chief Justice Benjamin J.F. Cruz in January 2001; and he served in that office for seven (7) years until 2008, when he returned to his duties at the OAG; and

WHEREAS, John then served as the Assistant Attorney General for the Civil Division, first serving in this capacity from August 2008 until June 2010, when he
was appointed to serve as the interim Attorney General of Guam until the AG-Elect Leonardo M. Rapadas was sworn in on January 3, 2011; and he then returned to his position as an Assistant Attorney General for the Civil Division in January 2011, where he stayed until September 2014; and

WHEREAS, in October 2014, John became the Deputy Attorney General in the Civil Litigation and Solicitors Division, the last post from which he retires after twenty-three (23) years of government of Guam service; and

WHEREAS, John’s dedication to serving the people, including the less fortunate and the disabled, led him to become a Charter Member of the Guam Special Olympics in 1977; to serve as the Legal Counsel for the Guam Special Olympics Board of Directors from 1977 to 1983; to work as a social work instructor for the University of Guam from 1980 to 1981; and to serve as a Charter Member of the Guam Association of Social Workers in 1978, serving on its Board of Directors in 1981, and again in 2001, at which time he undertook the role of Historian; and

WHEREAS, after co-founding the Guam Legal Services Corporation (GLSC) in 1979, John served on the Board of Directors through 1981; and for many years, from 1981 to 1991, John assisted many island residents as an attorney with the GLSC; he also served as an Advocate and the Director of the Advocacy Office for Handicapped People from 1977 to 1981, during which he opened the Guam Protection and Advocacy Program; and

WHEREAS, in 1981, John co-founded Guma’ Mami, Inc., a private nonprofit organization that provides a variety of services and support for adults with intellectual/cognitive disabilities and adults with psychiatric disabilities, and their families; and served on its Board of Directors through 1987; and
WHEREAS, John also has experience serving in the role of Accountant and Executive Director of numerous non-profit organizations that assist persons with disabilities, and their families; and

WHEREAS, in addition to his extensive and diverse work experience, John also dedicated his time to the church community while serving as a board member of Catholic Social Service from 1995 to 2001; and he was a Board of Trustees member from 1997 to 2001, and again from 2010 to the present; and

WHEREAS, John received numerous accolades and awards throughout his lifetime, including, “Social Worker of the Year” from the Guam Association of Social Workers in 1981; “Outstanding Adult Volunteer” from the First Lady’s Outstanding Volunteer Awards in 1988; the Commissioner’s Award for Outstanding Contribution to Prevention of Child Abuse and Neglect by the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services in 1998; and the “Employee of the Year” Award from the Department of Law, government of Guam, in 1998; and in 2012, he was also appointed by the Most Reverend Anthony Sablan Apuron, OFM Cap., D.D., Archbishop of Agaña, to serve on the Archdiocesan Finance Council; and

WHEREAS, on behalf of the people of Guam, this Legislature joins John’s family, including his wife, Elizabeth Ann Mandell; and their four (4) children - David, John and his wife Brianne, Luke and Pia in celebrating John’s lifelong dedication to public welfare and civic engagement; and

WHEREAS, after forty (40) years of steadfast service and committed public involvement, especially in assisting the indigent and the disabled, John Weisenberger will be remembered for his honesty, integrity, keen sense of duty, and the ability to show a unique grasp of human problems in his official acts; and
WHEREAS, it is the sense of the Guam Legislature that when individuals of such noble aims and accomplishments are brought to our attention, they should be celebrated and recognized throughout the island; now therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that I Mina'Trentai Dos Na Liheslaturan Guåhan does hereby, on behalf of the people of Guam, recognize and congratulate Mr. John Michael Weisenberger on his retirement after forty (40) years of government and private service in the field of law; and does further express our heartfelt appreciation and extend Un Dângkolo Na Si Yu'os Ma'åse' to John for the outstanding contributions he has made as an attorney and community service advocate; 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 Mr. John Michael Weisenberger; 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 9TH DAY OF DECEMBER 2014.

BENJAMIN J.F. CRUZ
Acting Speaker

RORY J. RESPICIO
Acting Legislative Secretary