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1 **BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COMMITTEE ON RULES OF I**
2 ***MINA'TRENTAI SINGKO NA LIHESLATURAN GUÁHAN:***

3 **WHEREAS**, Esperanza was born on November 26,1920 to Mrs. Ambrosia
4 Gaona-Avecilla and Mr. Jose Avecilla in *Bacnotan, La Union, Philippines*. This town
5 is in the northern part of the *Philippines*. She is the second child among four children
6 and finished her education in public schools until high school. She was raised in the
7 Spanish era; thus, her upbringing did not include socializing much like in these modern
8 times; and

9 **WHEREAS**, Esperansa in her late teens, she met and married Benjamin
10 Rimorin-Patacsil who was from *Bauang, LaUnion, Philippines*, which is the 3rd town
11 south of her hometown. As a young sheltered-life-bride, her in-laws taught her the
12 household chores. Once, when she attempted to iron my Dad's shirt, her oldest sister
13 in-law showed her how to sprinkle the shirt since she poured too much water like it was
14 supposed to be washed and eventually, she learned the basics; and

1 **WHEREAS**, Esperansa in 1941, gave birth to their first daughter named Ophelia.
2 My Dad wanted a boy, so they tried again and every other year she had four more
3 daughters named Vilma, Glenda, Fema, and Mildred. Not giving up having a son, she
4 gave birth to the first baby boy named Benjamin, Jr. Then as the years went by, she
5 gave him six more sons, Ambrosio the 2nd (named after paternal grandfather), Benez
6 (derived from Benjamin and Esperanza), Robert, Frumencio, Reginald, and Frederic.
7 She delivered all her children at home, assisted by midwives or a nurse.

8 **WHEREAS**, Esperansa attended to the caring and education of the children
9 while my Dad tended the business. She taught all of us, the 3 R's – reading, writing,
10 and arithmetic (now known as Math). At one point, one of my sisters had a hard time
11 remembering the number 13 as she taught her to count but Esperanza, being the patient
12 and caring Mom, did not give up till my sister got it right. She made it a point to see
13 that we were comfortably and properly dressed as well as being fed before going to, and
14 after arriving from school. She supervised and guided us while doing their homework
15 and school projects. Yes, she took part in disciplining all of us too.

16 **WHEREAS**, Esperansa at the onset of their married life, my Dad's parents gave
17 them funds and started a shoe store business, but it did not go well as expected. My Dad
18 played mahjong and the business dwindled but my Mom was never a "fish wife". Again,
19 my Dad's parents gave him more of his family inheritance, thereby enabling them to
20 establish their rice business. Before I went to the City for college and employment after
21 graduation, I have not heard my parents argue or had spats. Probably, they had some or
22 a few but in a more subtle way.

23 **WHEREAS**, Esperansa did not pursue any college or vocational education but
24 her innate ability enabled her to sew, starting when she sewed my sisters, mine, and our
25 doll's dresses. From then on, she continued sewing for our neighbors and teachers from
26 the local schools as well as for friends' friends. Her sewing augmented the income and

1 sometimes, whoever among the young ones wanted to be cuddled while she was sewing,
2 she accommodated them lovingly. Most of the time, a maid is not available, so we
3 helped her, but she did almost everything in the house and she never complained that
4 she was too tired to attend to the children's needs especially if one or two of them were
5 sick. When the oldest among my brothers got married and had three children, they lived
6 with my parents and again, she helped them take care of his children as they were
7 growing up...It is apparent that she had the genuine love to care for children.

8 **WHEREAS**, Esperansa it was in the mid 90's when the family suffered from
9 deep grief – Glenda, before her 18 th birthday and was in second year college
10 succumbed to the pandemic flu. She suffered another great loss when my Dad died in
11 April 1978. I just moved from Guam to New York in March 1978, ergo, the only ones
12 with her were my three younger sisters and five brothers. I was not there and yet, my
13 Mom had the emotional and physical STRENGTHS to uplift the family's grief. I can
14 fathom how she navigated the right course for the family to move on.

15 **WHEREAS**, Vilma got married, moved to and resided in Guam with her husband
16 and after obtaining her US citizenship, petitioned for both my Mom and Dad. Later, she
17 petitioned my two older brothers and me to migrate there too and my father warned us
18 not to let our Mom earn a living by sewing in Guam. While she lived there, she took
19 care of Vilma's four young daughters. Sometimes, she even took the time to care for
20 the children of Vilma's friends. However, despite my father's advice, she continued
21 sewing and sent her earnings to the Philippines, enabling all my other siblings attain
22 good college education.

23 **Whereas**, Esperansa lived in New York and when my daughter was born, my
24 Mom traveled alone either from Guam or Philippines to NY and vice versa. My Mom
25 is not an extrovert person but is trusting and can have a friendly conversation with
26 strangers. She might not have gone to college, but she was able to hold her own in the

1 English language . . . What is amazing is, she was able to travel to a foreign land without
2 apprehension, but she could not go to Manila by herself. She took care of my baby girl
3 and tried to do every household chore while I worked in the City despite my insistence
4 not to do them. When I brought her around New York, she was in awe and extremely
5 delighted to see the grandeur and while she and my daughter watched the TV show,
6 “The Price Is Right”, she clapped with glee when one wins...

7 **WHEREAS**, Esperansa after six years going back and forth to New York, she
8 returned to Guam where she resided with my other siblings. She continued taking care
9 of my adult siblings by insisting to cook and clean the house. When she developed
10 dementia, my siblings brought her to Saint Dominic’s Senior Care as recommended by
11 a priest ...

12 **WHEREAS**, Now, Esperansa is in a state of mind where she cannot recognize
13 realities. Maybe it is bliss for her (or unfortunate) not knowing that her beloved
14 son, Ambrosio just died recently (RIP). My or our mom may not be a “Careered-
15 Woman” in the modern parlance, but to us, she is the Epitome of a Remarkable
16 Woman. The achievements of us, her children, having been able to finish our
17 college education, having secured jobs, her, having kept our scholastic medals
18 throughout our education, and staying married to our Dad (RIP) proved her
19 mettle as a Wife and as a Mother. It goes without saying, “Mom, we are more than
20 proud of your Achievements as a Mother and a Wife” She is not a perfect person
21 but to us, she is the Best of the Bests.

22 **WHEREAS**, Esperansa has always remained committed to her faith and her
23 spouse. She is a simple woman who helps those in need; and although she has stopped
24 doing the activities she had loved to do when she turned ninety (90) years old, she still
25 continues to have her strength and independence; now therefore, be it

