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Bill No. 85 (COR)

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**AN ACT ADD A NEW § 849.4 TO ARTICLE 1 OF
CHAPTER 8 OF TITLE 1 OF THE GUAM CODE
ANNOTATED, TO NAME THE OLD
LEGISLATIVE/ISLAND COURT BUILDING THE
“SPEAKER CARLOS PANGELINAN TAITANO
BUILDING,” AND TO PROVIDE FOR AN
APPROPRIATE DISPLAY OF MEMORABILIA OF
SPEAKER TAITANO AND OTHER EARLY GUAM
PIONEERS WITHIN THE BUILDING.**

BE IT ENACTED BY THE PEOPLE OF GUAM:

Section 1. Legislative intent. Former Speaker Carlos Pangelinan Taitano passed away in California on March 25, 2009 at the age of 92. Former Speaker Taitano was an early pioneer leader on Guam, and forged a new representative Guam government with the help of other early leaders.

Speaker Taitano was a World War II veteran, a practicing attorney and early President of the Guam Bar Association. He was a senator in the Guam Congress, as well as a senator and speaker of the Guam Legislature after it was formed. Speaker Taitano staged the 1949 walkout of the Guam Congress that resulted in the U.S.

1 Congress passing the Organic Act of Guam, creating a territorial government
2 including an elected legislature. He was instrumental in getting later U.S legislation
3 passed creating an elected governor. He was the only Chamorro personally present at
4 the signing of the Organic Act of Guam by President Harry S. Truman.

5 Section 2. Naming of old Legislative/Island Court Building. A new § 849.4.
6 is added to Article 1 of Chapter 8 of Title 1 of the Guam Code Annotated to read:

7 “§ 849.4. The Speaker Carlos Pangelinan Taitano Building. The old
8 Legislative/Island Court Building is named the ‘Speaker Carlos Pangelinan Taitano
9 Building’ and there shall be placed appropriately within the building a memorial
10 display concerning former Speaker Taitano and other early Guam pioneers.”