

**I MINA'TRENTA NA LIHESLATURAN GUÅHAN**  
**2009 (FIRST) Regular Session**

**Resolution No. 21 (COR)**

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**Relative to recognizing and memorializing the life of the late Honorable Juan Lujan Pangelinan (Kotla), former Commissioner (Mayor) of Agaña Heights, and to extending sincere condolences to his family on behalf of the people of Guam.**

1        **BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COMMITTEE ON RULES OF I**  
2        ***MINA'TRENTA NA LIHESLATURAN GUÅHAN:***

3        **WHEREAS, Tun Juan Lujan Pangelinan (*familian Kotla*), former**  
4        **Commissioner (Mayor) of Agaña Heights, was called by our Heavenly Father**

1 to his eternal rest on January 23, 2009, at the age of eighty-six (86), having  
2 lived a long and noteworthy life; and

3 **WHEREAS**, Tun Juan was born on May 18, 1922, one of eight (8)  
4 children born to †Francisco Borja Pangelinan and †Natividad Pangelinan  
5 Lujan; and

6 **WHEREAS**, on July 5, 1944, during the Japanese occupation of Guam,  
7 and just sixteen (16) days before the Liberation of our island by American  
8 forces, Tun Juan and †Dolores (Lole) Haniu Untalan were married, in total  
9 conflict with the demands of a Japanese General, and at the risk of being  
10 beheaded or killed; and

11 **WHEREAS**, following the end of World War II, Tun Juan worked as a  
12 machinist for a U.S. Military officer, and was also a part-time taxi driver; and

13 **WHEREAS**, Tun Juan also had a home delivery service, delivering  
14 water, meat and Coca-Cola to people, earning him the nicknames, "*Juan*  
15 *Hanom*", "*Juan Katne*" and "*Juan Coke*"; and

16 **WHEREAS**, in 1952, Tun Juan had the distinction of being elected as the  
17 first and only successful "write-in" candidate for village Commissioner, and  
18 he honorably served his village of Agaña Heights as its Commissioner for  
19 sixteen (16) years, from 1952 to 1968; and

20 **WHEREAS**, Commissioner Pangelinan also had the distinction of being  
21 the founder of the Agaña Heights Drum & Bugle Corps, Majorettes and

1 Armed Drill Team, and under his leadership, Agaña Heights was the first  
2 village on Guam to construct school bus shelters for students; and

3 **WHEREAS**, following the devastation of Super Typhoon Karen in 1962,  
4 Commissioner Pangelinan coordinated an Agaña Heights “Tent City” for  
5 village families to have temporary shelter, and he was also a member of  
6 Helping Hands of Guam, which predated the Section Eight and Food Stamp  
7 programs, to assist the most needy in our community; and

8 **WHEREAS**, in 1962, Tun Juan co-founded a family neighborhood store,  
9 Lole’s Retail Store, also known as *Kotla’s Store*; he later developed the “Villa  
10 *Kotla*” subdivision in *Paasan*, Agaña Heights; and in 1976, he co-founded  
11 *Kotla’s Wash & Dri*, a family-run laundromat; and

12 **WHEREAS**, Tun Juan was a very community-oriented individual,  
13 having memberships in the Young Men’s League of Guam (YMLG); the  
14 Agana Heights Holy Name Society; the Agana Heights Association; the  
15 Agana Heights May Fair Fundraising Committee; and he was well-known in  
16 the community as the provider of free funeral “hearse” service with his  
17 private station wagon; and

18 **WHEREAS**, after sixteen (16) years as the Commissioner of Agana  
19 Heights, Tun Juan Lujan Pangelinan began a new career as a staff member in  
20 the Guam Legislature, where he served the people of Guam for another eight  
21 (8) years, retiring from the Government of Guam in 1976 after thirty (30) years  
22 of service to his community and island; and

1           **WHEREAS**, Tun Juan had a passion for studying and chronicling his  
2 family genealogy, and published the hardbound family genealogy books:  
3 "Familian Kotla" and "Familian Haniu", and had two (2) other books in  
4 progress: "Familian Lujan" and "Familian Untalan"; and

5           **WHEREAS**, Tun Juan is survived by his children: **Frank** and (Pep &  
6 Angie), **Toni** and Dave Sanford, **Tita** and Frank Castro, **Loling** and Harold  
7 Field, **John** and June, **Gerianne** Pangelinan, and **Joe** and Marie; and

8           **WHEREAS**, Tun Juan's twenty (20) grandchildren are: *Viola* and Tony,  
9 †*Frank J., John Thomas, Nicolas, Tony* and Chris, *Jerry* and Angy, *David, Lollie*  
10 and Dennis, *Mike, Karen* and Rick, *Kelly, John Vince, Jason* and Eugenia, *Nessa*  
11 and Craig, *Giana-Nicole, Gerard* and *Audria, Jonathon, Amannie, Gennell, Joann;*  
12 and eighteen (18) great grandchildren: Anthony, Andrew, Anesha, Anson,  
13 Reese, Austin, Meilani, Aunikah, Kristene, Erika, Sawyer, Bill, Ralph, Lauryn,  
14 Javen, Crysandra, Jordan, and Trinity; and


15           **WHEREAS**, Tun Juan's siblings are: †William (Dory) and †Dorothy and  
16 †Sedra; †Salvador (Do') and †Josefa; Serafina (Ninang) and †Jesus Fejeran;  
17 †Maria (Tita) and †Jose Cruz; †Francisca; Sister Mary Alma, RSM; Luisa (Ling)  
18 and Antonio Manalisay; now, therefore, be it


19           **RESOLVED**, that the Committee on Rules of *I Mina'Trenta Na*  
20 *Liheslaturan Guåhan*, on behalf of *I Liheslaturan* and the people of Guam, does  
21 hereby fondly and lovingly remember the late Honorable Tun Juan Lujan  
22 Pangelinan (*Kotla*), former Commissioner of Agaña Heights for his many

1 years of tireless and unselfish service to his community and people; and be it  
2 further

3 **RESOLVED**, that the Speaker and the Chairperson of the Committee on  
4 Rules certify, and the Legislative Secretary attest to, the adoption hereof, and  
5 that copies of the same be thereafter transmitted to the Family of the late  
6 Honorable Tun Juan Lujan Pangelinan (*Kotla*); and to the Honorable Felix P.  
7 Camacho, *I Maga'lahen Guåhan*.

**DULY AND REGULARLY ADOPTED BY THE COMMITTEE ON RULES  
OF I MINA'TRENTA NA LIHESLATURAN GUÅHAN ON THIS 29<sup>th</sup> DAY  
OF JANUARY, 2009.**

  
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**JUDITH T. WON PAT, Ed.D**  
Speaker

  
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**RORY J. RESPICIO**  
Chairperson, Committee on Rules

  
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**TINA ROSE MUÑA BARNES**  
Legislative Secretary