

I MINA'TRENTA NA LIHESLATURAN GUÅHAN
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Resolution No. 9 (COR)

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Relative to recognizing the outstanding contributions, accomplishments, legacy and services of the late Gregory Andrew Matanane, and to extending sincere condolences to his family, on behalf of *I Liheslaturan Guåhan* and the people of Guam.

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

3 **WHEREAS**, the late Gregory (Greg) Andrew Matanane was born on
4 May 9, 1958, to his proud parents, the late Rosalia Topasna and Edward
5 Matanane, and was called to his eternal reward on Saturday, January 3, 2009,
6 at the age of fifty (50) years; and

7 **WHEREAS**, during his early and formative years, Greg attended and
8 graduated from George Washington Senior High School in 1976. His greater
9 education though was through his *Chamorro* cultural upbringing. At the age of
10 sixteen (16), Greg's first employment was with the Guam Reef Hotel. The
11 island's tourism industry had just begun. As a young man, he found
12 employment that nurtured his commitment that work builds responsibility
13 and ownership to our community. The Department of Parks and Recreation
14 was Greg's education institution. Having been with the Department for
15 twenty-eight (28) years, his work experience outweighed any formal
16 education; he learned the real world and from real situations. From a Ground
17 Worker position, Greg attained the position of Deputy Director evidenced by
18 his work ethics, human bonds, dedication and commitment; and

19 **WHEREAS**, as an employee of the Department of Parks and Recreation,
20 Greg's service to the overall development of island sports was integral to his
21 philosophy that sports built character, responsibility, leadership and
22 sportsmanship. Having four (4) children, Greg's philosophy that sports was

1 an instrumentality of good citizenship led him to be faithfully active with
2 their sports activities; and

3 **WHEREAS**, Greg was also a member of the Young Men’s League of
4 Guam, the island’s oldest fraternity for men established in 1917. In 1993, Greg
5 coached the Mangilao Girls Softball team. He escorted the team to Japan for a
6 Friendship Softball Tournament and the following year, the Japan team
7 visited Guam for a softball tournament. From 1995 to 1998, Greg coached the
8 Mangilao Rookies Baseball team and from 1998 to 2000, he organized and
9 escorted the Mangilao Major and Minor Babe Ruth teams for off-island
10 competitions in the United States; and

11 **WHEREAS**, Greg was brought up with a strong background of his
12 cultural heritage. Greg was a *Chamorro* in every sense of the word, with how
13 he approached and defined *friendship*, how he resolved situations, how he
14 raised his *family*, and how he built his house with an extended kitchen that
15 allowed his families and friends to gather and celebrate *i espritun dinana*.
16 Greg was always mindful that there is a tomorrow. *If there is not enough, it’s*
17 *okay, tomorrow will bring a better day, na utas i guinaha’ta*. Greg was always
18 there for everyone. *Le’an yan yo’asi na taotao*; now, therefore, be it

19 **RESOLVED**, that the Committee on Rules of *I Mina’Trenta Na*
20 *Liheslaturan Guåhan* does hereby, on behalf of the people of Guam, recognize
21 the outstanding contributions, legacy and services of the late Gregory Andrew
22 Matanane, and does extend its sincere condolences to his wife, Gloria Lola

1 Cruz; to his children and grandchildren, Gregory Andrew Matanane, Jr.
2 (*Gi'Anni* and Thomas), Maila Cruz Matanane and Saia Taumoefolau (*Mele*),
3 Mateo Cruz Matanane and Roke Cruz Matanane; to his brothers, sisters and
4 spouses, David and Josefa Garrido Matanane, James and Remy Torres
5 Matanane, Anita and Daniel Muna, Virginia and Jacob Akana, Victoria
6 Matanane, Jovita and John Mafnas, George and Maria Miranda Matanane,
7 Mary Duenas Matanane, and Mary Blas Perez. Awaiting Greg in his new life
8 are his parents, Edward Matanane and Rosalia Topasna, and his brothers,
9 Anselm and Thomas; and be it further

10 **RESOLVED**, that the Committee on Rules of *I Mina'Trenta Na*
11 *Liheslaturan Guåhan*, does hereby on behalf of *I Liheslaturan Guåhan* and the
12 people of Guam, remember the late Gregory Andrew Matanane, does
13 recognize his many contributions towards the betterment of the island and
14 his many years of tireless and unselfish service, and does extend sincere
15 condolences to his family; and be it further

16 **RESOLVED**, that the Speaker and the Chairperson of the Committee on
17 Rules certify, and the Secretary of the Legislature attest to, the adoption
18 hereof, and that copies of the same be thereafter transmitted to the his wife,
19 Gloria *Lola* Cruz; to his children and grandchildren, Gregory Andrew
20 Matanane, Jr. (*Gi'Anni* and Thomas), Maila Cruz Matanane and Saia
21 Taumoefolau (*Mele*), Mateo Cruz Matanane and Roke Cruz Matanane; and to
22 the Honorable Felix P. Camacho, *I Maga'lahren Guåhan*.

DULY AND REGULARLY ADOPTED BY THE COMMITTEE ON RULES
OF *I MINA'TRENTA NA LIHESLATURAN GUÅHAN* ON THE 12TH DAY OF
JANUARY, 2009.



JUDITH T. WON PAT, Ed.D

Speaker



RORY J. RESPICIO

Chairperson, Committee on Rules



TINA ROSE MUÑA BARNES

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