

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

Resolution No. 30-153 (COR)

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Relative to recognizing and memorializing the accomplishments and dedication of the late Honorable Vicente "Ben" Salas San Nicolas, Retired Mayor of the Municipality of *Chalan Pago / Ordot*, and to extending humble and 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 Honorable Vicente “Ben” Salas San Nicolas was
4 born on February 28, 1935, to Francisco Taijeron San Nicolas and Pilar Lujan
5 Salas, and along with his siblings was initially raised in the capital city of
6 *Hagåtña*; and

7 **WHEREAS**, after World War II, the San Nicolas family relocated to their
8 paternal roots of *Chalan Pago*; the young Vicente graduated with the George
9 Washington Junior / Senior High School Class of 1956; and

10 **WHEREAS**, in the spring of 1957, Vicente, who had just turned twenty-
11 two (22), met the love of his life, the former Teresita “Terry” Divera Ignacio
12 (Corpuz) and on November 22, 1958, Ben and Terry were joined in Holy
13 Matrimony and together, they were blessed with a total of eleven (11)
14 children, seven (7) girls and four (4) boys: Philomena Theresa, Germaine
15 Marie, Vincent Francis, Stephanie Christine, Peregrine Blaise, Ursulyn Angela,
16 Dymphnia Pauly, Sophia Yolaine, Wilbert Joseph, Apolline Justine, and their
17 youngest, Ledwynn Elphide; and

18 **WHEREAS**, Vicente San Nicolas spent seventeen (17) years providing
19 for his burgeoning family as a civil service employee of the former Ship
20 Repair Facility (SRF), where he began in 1958 as a Clerk I. Ben worked his
21 way through the ranks of Clerks I, II and III, at SRF, the Navy Supply Depot,
22 and the U.S. Naval Communications, eventually becoming the Plant Property

1 Clerk, and as he climbed the civil service ladder he earned the Superior
2 Achievement Award, the Outstanding Performance Award, and the Superior
3 Performance in Recognition of Contribution Award; and

4 **WHEREAS**, in January 1975, at the insistence of prominent *Chalan Pago /*
5 *Ordot* villagers, including then-Judges Francisco Lujan, Joaquin Manibusan,
6 Sr., and Joaquin Perez, the San Nicolas home became a house of public service
7 with the nomination of Vicente Salas San Nicolas to the post of Commissioner,
8 currently titled as Mayor, of the Municipality of *Chalan Pago / Ordot* by then
9 Commissioner Francisco C. Carbullido; and

10 **WHEREAS**, the Honorable Mayor Vicente “Ben” Salas San Nicolas,
11 with the support of his wife, Teresita, and their children and families, served
12 the municipality of *Chalan Pago / Ordot* with distinction over the course of
13 twenty-two (22) years, handily besting, by significant margins, all candidates
14 in each subsequent Mayoral Election, including, the Elections of 1976, 1980,
15 1984, 1988, and 1992. Mayor San Nicolas ably retired in 1997; and

16 **WHEREAS**, Mayor San Nicolas served the island with sincerity as a
17 man committed to home, community and faith, and was a dutiful husband,
18 doting father, diligent public servant, and faithful parishioner; and

19 **WHEREAS**, Mayor San Nicolas was active in many professional and
20 volunteer organizations, including: from 1960 to 1980, the Holy Name Society,
21 with stints as President, and he was the recipient of the Outstanding
22 Performance Award; from 1965 to the Present, Knights of Columbus; from

1 1965 to 1990, Catholic Charities Appeal, with stints as President, and he was
2 the Recipient of a Certificate of Meritorious Service; in 1985, Workers
3 Compensation College – Trainee; in 1987, Babe Ruth Prep League, Treasurer;
4 from 1990 to 1991, Babe Ruth League, Inc., Umpire Consultant; in 2001,
5 Amateur Softball Association Umpire; from 2001 to 2008, Guam Sports
6 Official Association, Treasurer. Additionally, he had volunteered through the
7 years with the Jerry Lewis Telethon and Muscular Dystrophy Association;
8 military commands; the Legislative Committee on Federal, Foreign & Legal
9 Affairs; the American Cancer Society; the George Washington High School;
10 the American Red Cross; the Micronesia Games; and as a Little League
11 Baseball Umpire; and

12 **WHEREAS**, Mayor San Nicolas leaves behind a proud San Nicolas clan,
13 which spans three (3) generations, including, his eleven (11) children and their
14 spouses, twenty-nine (29) grandchildren, and eleven (11) great-grandchildren.
15 The families include: **Philomena** and Frank Bamba: *Richard and Cheryl*
16 *(Christian, Rico, Camille, Ryelee), Jason and Kevin; Germaine and John Ash:
17 *Brandon and Leslie (Aiden), Ryan and Kacy (Cameron, Trinity Sanford, and*
18 *Christopher); Vincent* and Carmelleta: *Jon Derek and Catherine (Isaiah, Caitlyn,*
19 *Josaiah), Brandon, Dionne and Alejandro (Amarea, Layla, Ashley Renee, and*
20 *Vincent Scott); Stephanie* and Peter Finona: *Steven, Renee; Peregrine* and
21 *Josephina: Blaize; Ursulyn* and Andry Harrigan: *A'shon, Aaron, and Aidan;*
22 **Dymphnia** and Alvin San Nicolas: *Leah Miche', Alijah, †Azriel Therese, Ariana,**

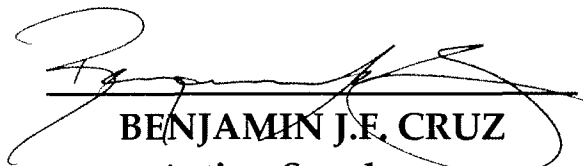
1 *Calvin, Aubrienne, and Amanda; Sophia: Erin, Sia, and Samyra; Wilbert,*
2 **Apolline, and Ledwynn** and Petunia: *Leandra Marie*; now, therefore, be it

3 **RESOLVED**, that the Committee on Rules of *I Mina'Trenta Na Liheslaturan*
4 *Guåhan* does hereby, on behalf of *I Liheslaturan Guåhan* and the people of
5 Guam, recognize and memorialize the outstanding contributions, legacy and
6 services of the late Honorable Vicente "Ben" S. San Nicolas, retired Mayor of
7 the municipality of *Chalan Pago / Ordot*, and does extend sincere condolences
8 to the San Nicolas family; and be it further

9 **RESOLVED**, that pursuant to the provisions contained in §419 of Title 1
10 of the Guam Code Annotated, *I Mina'Trenta Na Liheslaturan Guåhan* will
11 convene in a State Memorial Service on Tuesday, July 14, 2009, to honor the
12 accomplishments of the late Honorable Vicente "Ben" S. San Nicolas, retired
13 Mayor of the municipality of *Chalan Pago / Ordot*; and be it further

14 **RESOLVED**, that the Speaker and the Chairperson of the Committee on
15 Rules certify, and the Legislative Secretary attest to, the adoption hereof, and
16 that copies of the same be thereafter be transmitted to his wife, Teresita Divera
17 Ignacio (Corpuz) San Nicolas; to each of their eleven (11) children; to the
18 Honorable Ms. Carol Tayama, President of the Mayors Council of Guam; to
19 the Richard F. Taitano Micronesia Area Research Center, University of
20 Guam; to the Honorable Madeleine Z. Bordallo, Member of the United States
21 Congress, (D-Guam); and to the Honorable Felix P. Camacho, *I Maga'lahren*
22 *Guåhan*.

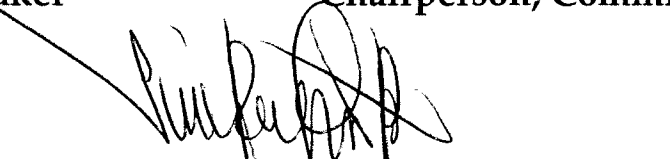
DULY AND REGULARLY ADOPTED BY THE COMMITTEE ON RULES
OF *I MINA'TRENTA NA LIHESLATURAN GUÅHAN* ON THIS DAY 13TH
DAY OF JULY 2009.



BENJAMIN J.F. CRUZ
Acting Speaker



RORY J. RESPICIO
Chairperson, Committee on Rules



TINA ROSE MUNA BARNES
Legislative Secretary