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Relative to recognizing the accomplishments of the late Bertha Acfalle Santiago and to extending sincere condolences to her family on behalf of the people of Guam.

1 **BE IT RESOLVED BY *I MINA'TRENTA NA LIHESLATURAN***
2 ***GUÁHAN*:**

3 **WHEREAS, Bertha Acfalle Santiago was born on March 3, 1957, to the**
4 **Former Mayor of *Malesso*, the Honorable Jose Manalisay Acfalle and his wife,**

1 Jesusa Chargualaf Acfalle. Bertha and her six (6) sisters were all raised in
2 their hometown village of *Malesso*; and

3 **WHEREAS**, on July 21, 1990, Bertha married Jesus Aquiningoc Santiago,
4 and together they have five (5) children: MaryAnn, Junior, Barnaby, Subrina
5 and Susie, and fifteen (15) grandchildren; and

6 **WHEREAS**, prior to the Department of Youth Affairs (DYA) taking over
7 full responsibility of managing and operating the Judge Jose V. Manibusan
8 Cottage Homes Facility in *Talofoto*, Bertha Acfalle Santiago was initially
9 employed with Catholic Social Services, as a Youth Service Officer, from June
10 26, 1988, until November 25, 1988. Due to her hard work and dedication, Mrs.
11 Santiago quickly rose in rank to Assistant Supervisor on November 26, 1988,
12 and successfully held that position until December 31, 1990, when the overall
13 management and operations of the Cottage Homes Facility eventually
14 transferred from Catholic Social Services to the Department of Youth Affairs;
15 and

16 **WHEREAS**, on January 1, 1991, Bertha Acfalle Santiago was officially
17 employed with the Department of Youth Affairs as a Youth Service Worker I.
18 The Department had quickly hired her, realizing and acknowledging Bertha's
19 extensive qualifications and expertise in dealing with at-risk youth, and in
20 recognition of her diligence, outstanding work and dedication, and leadership
21 skills, while still under the auspices of Catholic Social Services; and

1 **WHEREAS**, almost five (5) years into government service, Bertha
2 continued to provide qualitative services to primarily the juvenile offenders
3 within the Youth Correctional and Cottage Homes Facilities, respectively.
4 Bertha was an inspiration to both the youths she served, as well as to her
5 fellow co-workers, and she was well loved and respected by all, not only
6 because of her friendly and outgoing personality, but primarily because of her
7 willingness to always sacrifice for the good of the team; and

8 **WHEREAS**, due to her declining health, on December 17, 1996, Bertha
9 was reassigned from the Division of Special Services to the Division of Youth
10 Development within the Department. Bertha was specifically assigned to the
11 Southern Resource Center, which at that time was located at the old teacher's
12 housing in *Talofof*. When the Southern Resource Center eventually relocated
13 to *Pagachao*, Agat, Bertha assisted the Department with the relocation efforts
14 and continued to work under this same Division until she officially retired
15 from the Department of Youth Affairs (DYA); and

16 **WHEREAS**, Bertha Acfalle Santiago was employed with the
17 Department of Youth Affairs for close to seventeen (17) years of government
18 service as a Youth Service Worker I, before she medically retired on
19 November 16, 2007; and

20 **WHEREAS**, over the years, Bertha's great wealth of knowledge and the
21 extensive specialized skills she had acquired on the job while working with at-
22 risk youth has always been an asset to our Department of Youth Affairs.


1 Bertha assisted the Department in teaching the new generation of Youth
2 Service Workers many important skills, in order to be effective in their
3 capacity and to be successful in their overall job responsibilities; and

4 **WHEREAS**, Bertha Acfalle Santiago was truly a pioneer of positive
5 change during her tenure with the Department of Youth Affairs, and will be
6 sorely missed by her “DYA Family”; now, therefore, be it

7 **RESOLVED**, that *I Mina'Trenta Na Liheslaturan Guåhan* does hereby, on
8 behalf of the people of Guam, recognize the outstanding contributions, legacy
9 and services of the late Bertha Acfalle Santiago, and does extend sincere
10 condolences to her husband, Jesus Aquiningoc Santiago, and to her children:
11 MaryAnn Santiago and Andrew T. Quinata; Junior C. Acfalle; Barnaby J.
12 Acfalle and Tina C. Naputi; Subrina C. Acfalle and Robert S.N. Fonseca; and
13 Susie M. Acfalle and Kriston A. Elliston; and be it further

14 **RESOLVED**, that the Speaker certify, and the Legislative Secretary
15 attest to, the adoption hereof, and that copies of the same be thereafter
16 transmitted to the family of the late Bertha Acfalle Santiago; to the Honorable
17 Madeleine Z. Bordallo, Guam’s Delegate to the United States Congress; and to
18 the Honorable Felix P. Camacho, *I Maga'lahaen Guåhan*.

DULY AND REGULARLY ADOPTED BY *I MINA'TRENTA NA LIHESLATURAN GUÁHAN* ON THIS 14TH DAY OF JULY 2009.



BENJAMIN J.F. CRUZ
Acting Speaker



TINA ROSE MUÑA BARNES
Legislative Secretary