

I MINA'TRENTA NA LIHESLATURAN GUÅHAN
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Relative to recognizing the accomplishments and dedication of the late Honorable Edward J. Cruz, M.D., former Senator, and to extending sincere condolences to his family on behalf of the people of Guam.

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

3 **WHEREAS,** the late Honorable Edward Justo Cruz was born on May 24,
4 1941, to his proud parents, the late Dolores Lizama Cruz Evangelista and

1 Francisco C. Carbullido, and was called to his eternal reward on Friday,
2 March 20, 2009, at the age of sixty-seven (67) years; and

3 **WHEREAS**, after graduating from Father Duenas Memorial School,
4 Edward J. Cruz moved to Minnesota to attend his first year of college at the
5 College of St. Thomas. From there, he transferred to Foothill College in Los
6 Altos, California, where he received an Associate of Arts Degree in Business
7 Administration; he then attended the University of Santa Clara, where he
8 earned a Bachelor's Degree in Business Administration; and then attended
9 San Jose State College, where he earned a Master's Degree in Cybernetics; and

10 **WHEREAS**, Dr. Cruz's experiences included being a Senior Computer
11 Operator at Lockheed Missiles in Sunnyvale, California, a Systems Analyst at
12 Stanford and, an instructor at Foothills College, California; and

13 **WHEREAS**, it was not until 1971, when Edward J. Cruz returned to
14 Guam and worked at the Guam Memorial Hospital as an Associate
15 Administrator for Business Affairs, that he was inspired to pursue a medical
16 career and become one of the first *Chamorro* surgeons to practice on Guam;
17 and

18 **WHEREAS**, Edward J. Cruz was accepted at the University of Hawaii as
19 a Premedical Post Graduate student, with an emphasis in Biological Science,
20 and from there he attended the Public Health Surgical Residency Program in
21 Louisiana and at Rutgers University, New Jersey, to become a surgeon; and

1 **WHEREAS**, his experiences included serving as the Guam Memorial
2 Hospital Emergency Room Physician; Director of the Emergency Room
3 Department; Medical Director for the Hospital; and from time to time, he
4 served as the Acting Administrator of the Hospital; and

5 **WHEREAS**, prior to his retirement from the government of Guam in
6 1996, Dr. Edward J. Cruz was known for the exceptional and successful
7 operation performed on a patient with aortic aneurysm at the Guam
8 Memorial Hospital; and Dr. Cruz continued to practice his profession as a
9 surgeon until his untimely passing; and

10 **WHEREAS**, as a member of *I Mina'Bente Kuattro Na Lihelaturan Guåhan*
11 (Twenty-Fourth Guam Legislature), Dr. Cruz was tapped by his colleagues to
12 Chair the Committee on Health and Human Services. Under his able
13 leadership, the Committee on Health and Human Services made significant
14 progress in the following areas: providing needed revenues and a financing
15 scheme for the hospital; increasing the benefits of health care programs for
16 subscribers; and making provisions for improving the quality of health care
17 delivery on Guam; and

18 **WHEREAS**, Senator Edward J. Cruz's philosophy in any activity was the
19 "*resolution vs. confrontation*" approach to problems; and

20 **WHEREAS**, as Chairperson of the Committee on Health and Human
21 Services, Senator Cruz began the process of establishing a "Professional Fee
22 Schedule" for the Guam Memorial Hospital to ensure that patient and HMO

1 billings are paid promptly. Through this approach, major issues were
2 addressed by the Committee, which include: the Solid Waste Management
3 Facilities Act; the Health Monitoring and Compensation Act; the Pharmacy
4 Practice Act; the Physician Practice Act; the Community Health Centers Act;
5 the Guam Cancer Registry Program; the Organ Donor Act; the Allied Health
6 Practice Act; and the Healing Arts Act; and

7 **WHEREAS**, two (2) of the most significant items of legislation authored
8 by Senator Edward J. Cruz were the establishment of the “Medical Referral
9 Benefits Bank Act”; and creation of the “Health and Human Services Fund”,
10 which was established to receive monies from the Tobacco Litigation law suit,
11 of which seventy-five percent (75%) was to be used to finance various health
12 care programs and projects, and other educational programs for tobacco
13 prevention, while the remaining twenty-five percent (25%) was to be used to
14 finance advanced technological equipment to persons with disabilities, and
15 other health programs; and

16 **WHEREAS**, as a member of *I Mina’Bente Kuáttro Na Liheslaturan Guåhan*,
17 Senator Edward J. Cruz introduced forty-five (45) bills, thirty-one (31) bills
18 were passed and twenty-five (25) were signed into public laws; and

19 **WHEREAS**, under the able leadership of Senator Edward J. Cruz as
20 Chairperson of the Committee on Health and Human Services, the Committee
21 received and conducted public hearings on all forty-two (42) bills referred to
22 it; thirty (30) bills were passed, twenty-four (24) bills were signed into public

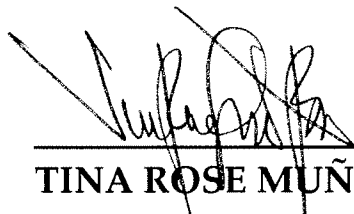
1 laws, two (2) bills were vetoed, and four (4) bills passed during the closing
2 Session of *I Mina'Bente Kuattro Na Liheslaturan Guåhan*; now, therefore, be it

3 **RESOLVED**, that *I Mina'Trenta Na Liheslaturan Guåhan* does hereby, on
4 behalf of the people of Guam, recognize the outstanding contributions, legacy
5 and services of the late Honorable Edward J. Cruz, M.D., former Senator, and
6 extends sincere condolences to the Cruz family; and be it further

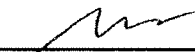
7 **RESOLVED**, that pursuant to the provisions contained in §419 of Title 1
8 of the Guam Code Annotated, *I Mina'Trenta Na Liheslaturan Guåhan* will
9 convene in a State Memorial Service on Friday, March 27, 2009, to honor the
10 accomplishments of the late Honorable Edward J. Cruz, physician and former
11 Senator; and be it further

12 **RESOLVED** that the Speaker certify, and the Legislative Secretary attests
13 to, the adoption hereof, and that copies of the same be thereafter transmitted
14 to his wife, Elisabeth Cruz; to his children, Mario, Victor, Jr., Jonathon,
15 Starsha, Anthony, Serena, Edward Luke, Vincent Tobias, Raymond, and
16 Dolores; to the Honorable Madeleine Z. Bordallo, Member of Congress,
17 United States House of Representatives; to the Honorable Michael W. Cruz, *I*
18 *Segundu Na Maga'lahaen Guåhan*; and to the Honorable Felix P. Camacho, *I*
19 *Maga'lahaen Guåhan*.

DULY AND REGULARLY ADOPTED BY *I MINA'TRENTA NA LIHESLATURAN GUÁHAN* ON THE 27TH DAY OF MARCH, 2009.



TINA ROSE MUÑA BARNES
Acting Speaker



RORY J. RESPICIO
Acting Legislative Secretary