

I MINA'TRENTA NA LIHESLATURAN GUÅHAN
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Relative to extending condolences to the family of the late former Speaker Carlos P. Taitano on the occasion of his passing, and memorializing his many unique achievements in the political, economic, and cultural development of Guam.

- 1 **BE IT RESOLVED BY *I MINA'TRENTA NA LIHESLATURAN***
2 ***GUÅHAN*:**
3 **WHEREAS, former Speaker Carlos P. Taitano was born on March 14,**
4 **1917, the son of the late Jose San Nicolas Taitano and the late Dolores Diaz**

1 Pangelinan of *Hagåtña*, and peacefully passed away at the age of ninety-
2 two(92) years at midnight on March 25, 2009, in California; and

3 **WHEREAS**, former Speaker Taitano’s life encompassed almost a
4 century of important events on Guam and in the world, and he was a
5 participant at the forefront of Guam’s birth and growth as an American
6 government and was also an advocate for cultural preservation; and

7 **WHEREAS**, former Speaker Taitano was an active participant at events
8 on Guam up until his last days, and was an invaluable resource for historical
9 perspective, advice, and consultation on current Guam matters for public
10 officials, academicians, and cultural groups; and

11 **WHEREAS**, as a child, former Speaker Taitano attended the Number
12 One School (later the Governor Leary School), Dorn Hall, the Almacén, Seaton
13 Schroeder, and the Guam Institute, before graduating from McKinley High
14 School in Hawaii, and then continued his education at the University of
15 Hawaii, where he received his Bachelor of Science Degree; and

16 **WHEREAS**, he was in graduate school and working as a police chemist
17 when the Second World War began; and

18 **WHEREAS**, with the nation at war and Guam in enemy hands, Speaker
19 Taitano joined the U.S. Army under Gen. Douglas MacArthur and became one
20 of the first three (3) *Chamorros* to be commissioned military officers; and

1 **WHEREAS**, he participated in the liberation of the Philippines and was
2 sent as part of a special unit assigned to Tagaytay Ridge as part of the
3 liberation effort; and

4 **WHEREAS**, following an assignment to the post-war Manila Army
5 headquarters and Fort Ruger in Hawaii, he was stationed in 1946 at Ft. Mead,
6 Maryland, where he married Marian Agueda Johnston, and the couple
7 returned home to Guam; and

8 **WHEREAS**, Speaker Taitano later graduated from Georgetown Law
9 School and became a practicing attorney and successful businessman; and

10 **WHEREAS**, Speaker Taitano served in the pre-Organic Act Guam
11 Congress, where he was among those who participated in the historic Guam
12 Congress Walkout on March 6, 1949, protesting fifty (50) years of arbitrary
13 rule under the U.S. military government, his primary role being to
14 communicate Guam's struggle to off-island media; and

15 **WHEREAS**, this protest led to the enactment of the Guam Organic Act,
16 which granted U.S. citizenship and established the beginnings of a
17 democratically-elected government for the people of Guam; and

18 **WHEREAS**, Speaker Taitano was the only *Chamorro* present for the
19 signing of the Guam Organic Act by President Harry S. Truman in the White
20 House on August 1, 1950; and

1 **WHEREAS**, Speaker Taitano served in the Third Guam Legislature, and
2 following his election to the Eighth Guam Legislature, he was chosen Speaker
3 by his colleagues; and

4 **WHEREAS**, as Speaker of the Eighth Guam Legislature, he testified
5 before U.S. Congressional Committees in 1965, advocating for the creation of
6 the elected offices of Governor of Guam and Delegate to the U.S. House of
7 Representatives, both of which were later achieved; and

8 **WHEREAS**, Speaker Taitano has throughout his life championed noble
9 causes, including, decolonization, self-determination, and political rights for
10 the people of Guam; and

11 **WHEREAS**, Speaker Taitano has long held a passionate interest in
12 Guam's history and culture and has taken an active part in the development
13 and promotion of the cultural traditions of the indigenous people of Guam -
14 the *Taotao Tano'* – the People of the Land; and

15 **WHEREAS**, included among the many awards and commendations
16 bestowed upon Carlos Taitano are the following: Founder, Historian and
17 Honorary Lifetime Member, *Pa'a Taotao Tano'*; Honorary Doctorate of Laws
18 from the University of Guam; one of the first to serve as President of the
19 Guam Bar Association; Cultural Heritage Award, 50th Anniversary of the
20 Organic Act Commemorative Ceremony; 1994 *Maga'lahi* Award in Special
21 Recognition for Lifetime Cultural Contribution; member, Governor's Council
22 of Elders; and Diplôme D' Honneur presented by the President of French

1 Polynesia; *Hale'-ta* Series "*I Manfayi: Who's Who in Chamorro History*"; and
2 the National Register's "Who's Who In Executive and Professionals", 2004
3 Edition; and

4 **WHEREAS**, among his many cultural achievements and contributions,
5 Carlos Taitano was Conceiver and Consultant of "*Guahu Taotao Tano*",
6 presenting the three (3) periods of Marianas history, "*The Taotao Tano',*
7 *Spanish, and the American*" which was performed in Guam in 1984 and at the
8 Festival of Pacific Arts in Tahiti in 1986; and

9 **WHEREAS**, Carlos Taitano's other cultural achievements include:
10 Producer-Director, 1949 Pageant – "History of Guam in Songs and Dances",
11 Guam; Owner, 1957-1962 Micronesian Village Art Gallery and Gift Shop,
12 Guam; Conceiver, Choreographer and Consultant – Performance "*Na'La'La I*
13 *Taotao Tano'*" Third Annual Pacific Islander Festival of Los Angeles, 1993;
14 Consultant, 1997 – Cultural Authenticity and Presentation – 7th Annual Pacific
15 Islander Festival, Los Angeles; Consultant for various cultural events in
16 Hawaii, Tahiti, and the Cook Islands; and continuing mentorship for *Pa'a*
17 *Taotao Tano'* - the umbrella organization for all *Chamorro* cultural dance
18 groups in Guam, the CNMI, and California, just to name a few of his
19 achievements; and

20 **WHEREAS**, Speaker Taitano was also the Founder of the Guam
21 Territorial Society in Washington, D.C.; Guam Delegate to the South Pacific
22 Conference, New Guinea, 1965; Consultant and Benefactor – 1998 Pacific

1 American Foundation Leadership Center of the Charles Drucker School of
2 Management, Claremont University; Past President of the Guam Bar
3 Association; Past President of the Rotary Club of Guam; Past Chairman, Board
4 of Trustees, Guam Memorial Hospital; and Past President, Reserve Officers
5 Association of Guam, among other positions; and

6 **WHEREAS**, Speaker Taitano’s published works include: manuscript
7 submittals – “Political and Cultural History of the *Chamorro* People”,
8 University of the South Pacific, Suva, Fiji and the University of Guam; “Status
9 Tensions Between Guam and the United States: Participant-Observer
10 Accounts”, in Guam History: Perspectives: Volume One 1997; Micronesia
11 Area Research Center, University of Guam, *Hale’-ta* Series “Issues in Guam’s
12 Political Development”, Volume 1, 1993; Political Status Education
13 Coordinating Commission, Guam; U.S. Congressional Record:
14 “Commemoration of 100 years of U.S. Rule in Guam”, August 6, 1998; and

15 **WHEREAS**, Speaker Taitano’s children and their spouses are: Linda
16 Carleen Taitano Reyes and Joaquin Guevara Reyes; Carl William Taitano and
17 Claudia Bast Taitano; and Tyrone Johnston Taitano and Kelly G. Marsh; his
18 grandchildren are: Victor John Lujan II and Lagrimas Flores Lujan, Dana
19 Taitano Lujan and Teresita Paulino Lujan, Carlos Benjamin Taitano, Livia
20 Diana Taitano, and Katherine Agueda Taitano; and he has five (5) great-
21 grandchildren: Joshua Paulino Lujan, Dominic Cheyne Lujan, Adryan Paulino
22 Lujan, Victor John Lujan III, and Daryn Paulino Lujan; and

1 **WHEREAS**, Speaker Taitano’s in-laws are Mary Estrella Costa Taitano
2 (Joaquint), Eloise Johnston Sanchez (Manuelt), Emily Green Johnston
3 (Herbertt), and Olga Johnston (Joseph†); and

4 **WHEREAS**, Speaker Taitano is brother and in-law to the following, who
5 have departed this life: Jose Pangelinan Taitano and Darling Makaena Taitano
6 and Nora Goo Taitano, Francisco Pangelinan Taitano and Nani Santos
7 Taitano, Juan Pangelinan Taitano and Rosabella Villagomez Taitano, Ramon
8 Pangelinan Taitano and Trinidad Quinata Taitano, Maria Taitano San Agustin
9 and Candido Sanchez San Agustin, Ana Taitano Javier and Jose Pangelinan
10 Javier, Enrique Pangelinan Taitano, Rafael Pangelinan Taitano and Maria
11 Guevara Taitano, Rosa P. Taitano, Rita P. Taitano, Joaquin Pangelinan
12 Taitano; and he is also an in-law to Mary Estrella Costa Taitano (wife of
13 Joaquin Taitano); now, therefore, be it


14 **RESOLVED**, that *I Mina’Trenta Na Liheslaturan Guåhan* does hereby, on
15 behalf of the people of Guam, recognize former Speaker Carlos P. Taitano as a
16 giant figure in the political, economic and cultural development of Guam, a
17 fighter for respect and justice, and a historian of culture; and be it further

18 **RESOLVED**, that *I Mina’Trenta Na Liheslaturan Guåhan* does hereby, on
19 behalf of the people of Guam, express sincere condolences to the family of the
20 late Speaker Taitano; and be it further

21 **RESOLVED**, that the Speaker certify, and the Legislative Secretary
22 attests to, the adoption hereof, and that copies of the same be thereafter

- 1 transmitted to the family of the late Honorable Carlos P. Taitano; and to the
- 2 Honorable Felix P. Camacho, *I Maga'lahaen Guåhan*.

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



JUDITH T. WON PAT, Ed.D.
Speaker



TINA ROSE MUÑA BARNES
Legislative Secretary