

**I MINA'TRENTA NA LIHESLATURAN GUÅHAN**  
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**Resolution No. 73 (LS)**

As amended.

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**Relative to remembering and memorializing the late Veronica Rose Mariano McDonald Calvo on her legacy as the matriarch of one of the most successful and philanthropic families on Guam, thanking her for her family's contributions to the growth and development of our island, and to extending condolences to her family.**

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

2 **GUÅHAN:**

3           **WHEREAS,** Veronica Rose Mariano McDonald Calvo, lovingly known  
4 as “Tan Benny” and the matriarch of the Calvo family, passed away  
5 peacefully into the loving hands of our heavenly Father on Sunday, March 29,  
6 2009, at the age of ninety-five (95) years; and

7           **WHEREAS,** Veronica was born in *Tugai, Hagåtña* in the district of *San*  
8 *Ignacio* on July 18, 1913, to John Francis Creely and Dolores Mariano  
9 McDonald; and

10           **WHEREAS,** Veronica fell in love with Eduardo “Jake” Torres Calvo, a  
11 handsome and ambitious assistant cashier with the navy-owned Bank of  
12 Guam, whom she wed in October 1933 in *Hagåtña*; and

13           **WHEREAS,** the union of Veronica and Jake brought them the blessings  
14 of three (3) sons, Paul, Edward and Thomas “Jerry”; and

15           **WHEREAS,** she embodied the resilient spirit of the *Chamorro* people by  
16 keeping her family together through the atrocities of World War II and the  
17 Japanese occupation; and

18           **WHEREAS,** Veronica assisted and supported her husband Jake with the  
19 development of Calvo's Insurance Underwriters; borne and developed in the  
20 living room of their humble home in *Hagåtña*; and

21           **WHEREAS,** she continued to be a stalwart supporter of Jake, and  
22 oftentimes, performed the multiple roles of wife, mother, and advisor as he

1 expanded his businesses and pursued his political aspirations; and

2         **WHEREAS**, Veronica and her children were stricken by grief with the  
3 untimely death of their loving husband and father, Eduardo “Jake” Calvo in  
4 1963, at which point, she became the pillar of love, strength, and faith for her  
5 sons and their families; and

6         **WHEREAS**, Veronica McDonald Calvo became the backbone of the  
7 Calvo clan, assisting and advising her three (3) sons as they stepped forward  
8 and took over the Calvo family businesses, even serving on the Board of  
9 Directors of Calvo’s Insurance Underwriters, Calvo Enterprises, and Pay-Less  
10 Real Estate Holdings; and

11         **WHEREAS**, the legacy she leaves behind includes the successful  
12 companies she had helped build alongside her husband, Jake, and what they  
13 have been able to contribute to our island through the offering of products  
14 and services, by employing thousands of our people, and through the  
15 philanthropic assistance given to many on our island who are less fortunate;  
16 and

17         **WHEREAS**, Veronica Rose Mariano McDonald Calvo will be long  
18 remembered and admired for her unshakeable Catholic faith, her devotion to  
19 our Blessed Virgin Mary, and her generosity; but her true legacy and  
20 examples of love and commitment can be found in her eighteen (18)  
21 grandchildren, forty (40) great-grandchildren, seven (7) great-great  
22 grandchildren and all whom she has touched with her kind spirit; now,

1 therefore, be it

2       **RESOLVED**, that *I Mina'Trenta Na Liheslaturan Guahan* does hereby, on  
3 behalf of the people of Guam, grieve over the loss of Veronica Rose Mariano  
4 McDonald Calvo, and does extend its condolences and sympathies to her  
5 family; and be it further

6       **RESOLVED**, that the Speaker certify and the Legislative Secretary attest  
7 to, the adoption hereof, and that copies of the same be transmitted to her sons,  
8 Paul Calvo and Jerry Calvo; and to the Honorable Felix P. Camacho, *I*  
9 *Maga'lahaen Guåhan*.

**DULY AND REGULARLY ADOPTED BY I MINA'TRENTA NA LIHESLATURAN GUÅHAN ON THE 3<sup>RD</sup> DAY OF APRIL, 2009.**



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**JUDITH T. WON PAT, Ed.D.**  
Speaker



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