

I MINA'TRENTA NA LIHESLATURAN GUÅHAN
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Resolution No. 283-30 (COR)

Introduced by:

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Relative to recognizing the accomplishments and the dedicated service of the late Francisca "*Tan Frances*" Borja Reyes, R.N., also known as "*Enfetmera*", *familian Inchic (Pomparu)*, who served the island community in the medical profession as a Registered Nurse; and to extending humble and sincere condolences to her loving family on behalf of the people of Guam.

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

3 **WHEREAS**, the late Francisca "*Tan Frances*" Borja Reyes, R.N., also
4 known as "*Enfetmera*", *familian Inchic (Pomparu)*, was born on August, 8, 1918,
5 to †Lorenzo Lizama Borja and †Francisca Camacho Castro Borja, and was
6 called to her eternal rest on Monday, February 8, 2010, at the age of ninety-one
7 (91) years; and

8 **WHEREAS**, *Tan Frances* now reunites in the afterlife with her beloved
9 husband, †Ignacio Chaco Reyes, whom she married in 1945, and with whom
10 she raised eleven (11) children: Julie, †Rudy, Albert, Anthony, (Mary) Ann,
11 Iva, Gil, Jennifer, †Ivan Charles, Lucille, and Karl; and

12 **WHEREAS**, today, Ignacio and Francisca's family legacy includes four
13 (4) proud generations of the Reyes clan, including the Baza family – Major
14 (Ret.) Pete Baza married Julie, and their family includes Pinky, Jane, Bobbie
15 Lynn, and P.J.; the Reyes family - †Rudy married Ramona Lujan, and their
16 family includes Ruby, Renee, and Roxanne; the Reyes family - Albert married
17 Veronica Fernandez, and their family includes †Albert Jr., George, Ellen Jean,
18 and Jacx; the Reyes family – Anthony married Annie Borja, and their family
19 includes Brenda, †Leilani, and Christine; the Babauta family – †Gregorio C.
20 Babauta married (Mary) Ann, and their family includes Greg, Carmen, Lovy,
21 and Bernadette and Mike Certeza; the Rivera family - Raymond S. Rivera
22 married Iva Lynn, and their family includes Ricardo and Raelynn, and Roger
23 Cook; the Reyes family - Gil married Christine Gyulavics, and their family

1 includes Graig and Tammy, Leanna, Lydia, and Iva; daughters, Jennifer and
2 Lucille; and son, Karl, along with twenty-four (24) grandchildren, thirty-four
3 (34) great-grandchildren, and two (2) great-great grandchildren; and

4 **WHEREAS**, in 1937, Francisca Reyes began her professional career as a
5 Nurse, after being selected and successfully completing the first formal
6 curriculum of the Naval Government's Susana Hospital. The young Francisca
7 was among just eighty-one (81) women who completed the prescribed courses
8 and received their midwife/nurses' credentials since the program's inception
9 in 1907; and

10 **WHEREAS**, of all the graduates, only forty-two (42), including
11 Francisca, were licensed to practice professionally as a midwife/nurse and
12 assigned to serve their respective villages. In her role, Francisca often served
13 as a surrogate for unavailable physicians, and performed much of the pre-
14 natal and post-natal care of pregnant women in their respective districts, and
15 she successfully supervised the delivery of dozens of children during her
16 career; and

17 **WHEREAS**, in addition to always being at the ready to serve the
18 immediate needs of her beloved community of *Agat*, Francisca "*Enfetmera*"
19 Reyes also diligently performed the task of a midwife/nurse from *Malesso* to
20 *Barrigada*, often driving a Weapons Carrier Ambulance in order to perform
21 her medical duties throughout the island community. Dubbed the
22 "*Enfetmera*" by island folk, children knew her as "The lady who gave out
23 shots!"; and

1 **WHEREAS**, in 1941, Francisca’s professional work was briefly altered as
2 she, along with thousands of *Chamorros*, became victims and witnesses of the
3 ravages of World War II with the Japanese invasion of Guam. Francisca was
4 part of the human forced march from *Agat* to *Manenggon*; and

5 **WHEREAS**, immediately after WWII, Francisca joined the ranks of
6 dedicated medical professionals on Guam as a Registered Nurse, working for
7 the Naval Government, which transitioned into the Government of Guam
8 Department of Public Health and Social Services until her retirement in 1970
9 after thirty-five (35) years of government service; and

10 **WHEREAS**, *Tan Frances* continued to serve the needs of her friends,
11 relatives and those in need, selflessly extending her knowledge and expertise
12 to assist people in need of medical care or advice; and

13 **WHEREAS**, a diligent and hardworking woman, *Tan Frances* came out
14 of retirement for several years to serve the needs of the schoolchildren of
15 Mount Carmel Catholic School in *Agat*, and she also was a member of the
16 Mount Carmel Christian Mothers Association and other like causes; and

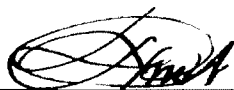
17 **WHEREAS**, the healing hands and quiet strength of Mrs. Francisca
18 Castro Borja Reyes, R.N. has touched the hearts of all who had the privilege of
19 knowing her; and being highly regarded as a devoted and caring mother, and
20 a giving and steady friend, “*Enfetmera*” is fondly remembered today; now,
21 therefore, be it

22 **RESOLVED**, that *I Mina’Trenta Na Liheslaturan Guåhan* does hereby, on
23 behalf of the people of Guam, recognize the accomplishments and the

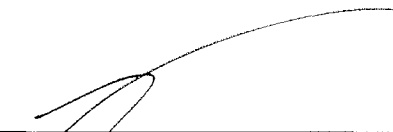
1 dedicated service of the late Francisca “Tan Frances” Borja Reyes, R.N., also
2 known as “Enfetmera”, *familian Inchic (Pomparu)*, who served the island
3 community in the medical profession as a Registered Nurse; and does extend
4 humble and sincere condolences to the Reyes family; and be it further

5 **RESOLVED**, that the Speaker certify, and the Legislative Secretary
6 attest to, the adoption hereof, and that copies of the same be thereafter
7 transmitted to the children of the late Francisca “Tan Frances” Borja Reyes,
8 R.N., namely, Mrs. Julie Baza, Mrs. Ramona Reyes (Rudy), Mr. Albert Reyes,
9 Mrs. (Mary) Ann Babauta, Mr. Anthony Reyes, Mrs. Iva Lynn Rivera, Mr. Gil
10 Reyes, Ms. Jennifer Reyes, Ms. Lucille Reyes, and Mr. Karl Reyes; and to the
11 Honorable Felix P. Camacho, *I Maga’lahen Guåhan*.

**DULY AND REGULARLY ADOPTED BY I MINA’TRENTA NA
LIHESLATURAN GUÅHAN ON THE 16TH DAY OF FEBRUARY 2010.**



JUDITH T. WON PAT, Ed.D.
Speaker



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Acting Legislative Secretary