

**I MINA'TRENTA NA LIHESLATURAN GUÅHAN**  
**2010 (SECOND) Regular Session**

**Resolution No. 402-30 (COR)**

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**Relative to recognizing and honoring the late William (Bill) Melendez, Jr. for his exemplary service to the people of Guam; to extending a sincere *Un Dångkulo Na Si Yu'os Ma'ase'* to Bill and his family for the outstanding contributions he had made for the betterment of our island community; and to further extending sincere condolences to his family on his passing, on behalf of *I Liheslaturan Guåhan* and the people of Guam.**

1           **BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COMMITTEE ON RULES OF I**  
2 ***MINA'TRENTA NA LIHESLATURAN GUÅHAN:***

3           **WHEREAS**, William (Bill) Melendez, Jr., was born on February 18, 1949,  
4 in Arecibo, Puerto Rico. While he was a teenager, he moved to New York  
5 with his family, and he later enlisted in the United States Air Force; and

6           **WHEREAS**, in May 1989, Bill retired from the United States Air Force as  
7 Wing Chief of Substance Abuse Control at Andersen Air Force Base, Guam,  
8 after twenty-two (22) years in service. He has received numerous awards and  
9 recognitions throughout his career, including: the Pacific Air Forces  
10 Command (PACAF) Drug/Alcohol Abuse Control NCO of the Year, and the  
11 U.S. Air Force Outstanding Drug and Alcohol NCO of the Year Award; the  
12 Air Force Meritorious Service Medal; the Air Force Commendation Medal; the  
13 Philippines Presidential Citation; the Outstanding Service Medal; the Expert  
14 Marksmanship Medal; the Vietnam Service Medal; and the National Defense  
15 Service Medal; and

16           **WHEREAS**, in the 1970s, Bill represented the United States Air Force,  
17 Social Actions Office on the Governor's Task Force on Drug Prevention and  
18 Treatment, as an appointee of the late Governor of Guam, the Honorable  
19 Ricardo J. Bordallo. He was recognized for his dedication and outstanding  
20 service to the people of Guam during Guam's heroin crisis, and he was  
21 awarded the *Ancient Order of the Chamorri* by Governor Bordallo; and

1           **WHEREAS**, in the 1980s, Bill served as a consultant and trainer for  
2 Sanctuary, Inc., where he counseled troubled youth and their families, and he  
3 was instrumental in building and strengthening Sanctuary's capacity and  
4 services. In 1989, he was hired as the Human Services Division Director for  
5 the Western Pacific Association for the Disabled (WPAD); and

6           **WHEREAS**, Bill is well known throughout the Western Pacific Region,  
7 having developed the "*Man Hita Todo Program*" in 1985, a federally-funded  
8 initiative that brought together program and policy makers from the Pacific  
9 Region to address the problems of substance abuse and suicide in Palau, the  
10 Federated States of Micronesia, the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana  
11 Islands, the Marshall Islands, American Samoa and Guam; and

12           **WHEREAS**, from 1999 through 2009, Bill provided mental health and  
13 substance abuse treatment and drug surveillance services to hundreds of U.S.  
14 District Court of Guam/U.S. Probation Office clientele. He also worked for  
15 nineteen (19) years at the Guam Community College, Student Support  
16 Services as the Substance Abuse Prevention Program Specialist, and as the  
17 Student Support Services Administrator. His responsibilities included  
18 responding to the drug and alcohol prevention, intervention and treatment  
19 program planning needs of the faculty and students, and developing a  
20 campus-wide Substance Abuse Prevention Program and a Drug-Free  
21 Workplace Policy for the College; and

1           **WHEREAS**, for forty (40) years, up until February 2010, Bill worked as a  
2 counselor and consultant in the drug and alcohol addiction field for the U.S.  
3 Department of Defense, as well as in private practice, as a Certified  
4 Addictions Counselor. He received employee substance abuse-related  
5 counseling referrals from government and private sector organizations, as  
6 well as self-referrals from individuals and families in need of drug and  
7 alcohol treatment interventions; and

8           **WHEREAS**, Bill was an active member of the current Governor's  
9 PEACE Council, and he was the Keynote Speaker during the Fourth (4<sup>th</sup>)  
10 Annual PEACE Conference, with the theme: " *Uniting Hands to Empower Life*",  
11 held on September 11-12, 2009; and

12           **WHEREAS**, Bill was a lifetime advocate for Guam's youth whereby he  
13 trained hundreds of Guam's Youth-for-Youth members and helped to build  
14 and strengthen Guam's pool of youth leaders in the field of prevention. His  
15 tireless energy and commitment as a true partner in the field of prevention  
16 and treatment is truly commendable; and

17           **WHEREAS**, Bill is survived by his wife, Lien Melendez; his son, Mark  
18 Burke; his daughters, Michelle L. Melendez Del Sardo and Bonnie Melendez  
19 Uhlin; his mother, Milagros Dominguez; his father, William Melendez, Sr.; his  
20 brother, Javier Melendez; his sister-in-law, Lyssa Melendez; his nephew,  
21 Javier Alexander Melendez; his uncle, Erasmo Dominguez; his aunt, Aida  
22 Dominguez; his grandchildren, Charles Timothy Uhlin, Chan Marie Uhlin,

1 and Jayden Uhlin; and his sons-in-law, Brad Uhlin, Kenneth Del Sardo and  
2 Justin Howard; now, therefore, be it

3         **RESOLVED**, that the Committee on Rules of *I Mina'Trenta Na*  
4 *Liheslaturan Guåhan* does hereby, on behalf of *I Liheslaturan Guåhan* and the  
5 people of Guam, recognize and honor the late William (Bill) Melendez, Jr., for  
6 his exemplary service to the people of Guam; does extend a sincere *Un*  
7 *Dangkulo Na Si Yu'os Ma'ase* to Bill and his family for the outstanding  
8 contributions he had made for the betterment of our island community; and  
9 does further extend its deepest and most sincere condolences to his family on  
10 his passing; and be it further

11         **RESOLVED**, that the Speaker and the Chairperson of the Committee on  
12 Rules certify, and the Legislative Secretary attest to, the adoption hereof, and  
13 that copies of the same be thereafter transmitted to the wife of the late William  
14 Melendez, Jr., Lien Melendez, and their children: Mark Burke, Michelle L.  
15 Melendez Del Sardo, and Bonnie Melendez Uhlin; to the Honorable  
16 Madeleine Z. Bordallo, Guam's Delegate to the United States Congress; and to  
17 the Honorable Felix P. Camacho, *I Maga'lahren Guåhan*.

DULY AND REGULARLY ADOPTED BY THE COMMITTEE ON RULES OF I MINA'TRENTA NA LIHESLATURAN GUÁHAN ON THIS 28<sup>TH</sup> DAY OF MAY, 2010.



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JUDITH T. WON PAT, Ed.D.

Speaker



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RORY J. RESPICIO

Chairperson, Committee on Rules



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Legislative Secretary