

I MINA'TRENTA NA LIHESLATURAN GUÅHAN
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Resolution No. 426-30 (LS)

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Relative to recognizing and memorializing the late Reverend Daniel Cristobal, OFM Cap., the first *Chamorro* Capuchin Priest, for his invaluable contributions and service to the people of Guam; and to extending sincere condolences to his family and his brother Capuchins on his passing.

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

3 **WHEREAS**, *Próspero Policárpo* Untalan Cristobal, son of the late Adriano
4 and Carmen Untalan Cristobal, was born in 1931 in *Hagåtña*, Guam, and was
5 called to his eternal reward on Sunday, August 15, 2010, at the venerable age
6 of seventy-nine (79) years; and

7 **WHEREAS**, prior to World War II, *Próspero* attended Guam
8 [Elementary] Institute, Agaña Post Office School and Government School.
9 Following the war, he attended *Sinajaña* Elementary School, and George
10 Washington High School in *Agaña*; and he was among the first student body
11 of Father Duenas Memorial High School in *Ta'i, Mangilao*, graduating in 1952;
12 and

13 **WHEREAS**, the following September, *Próspero* entered the novitiate of
14 the newly established Province of St. Mary in Milton, Maryland, and was
15 invested in 1952, receiving the religious name "Daniel," and professing his
16 vows a year later. He began his philosophical studies at Mary Immaculate
17 Friary in Garrison, New York, graduating in 1955; and

18 **WHEREAS**, Daniel continued his theological studies in Garrison, and
19 completed his theological requirements in 1959. Father Daniel was ordained
20 by the Most Reverend Apollinaris W. Baumgartner, OFM Cap, Vicar
21 Apostolic of the Mariana Islands, in the same year at the *Dulce Nombre de*
22 *Maria Cathedral* in *Agaña*. He later proved himself to be a talented minister, as
23 he served in a variety of apostolate and parochial settings; and

1 **WHEREAS**, Father Daniel first ministered at his alma mater, Father
2 Dueñas Memorial High School, as an instructor until 1961, and again from
3 1964 to 1966. After a short period of ministerial assistance in *Saipan*, he served
4 as an Assistant Pastor at St. Francis Church in *Yona*, and Santa Barbara in
5 *Dededo*. He later ministered as the Pastor of San Miguel in *Talofof*, and then
6 served once again at Santa Barbara in *Dededo*, and St. Francis in *Yona*; and

7 **WHEREAS**, in 1985, Father Daniel was appointed as the Pastor of St.
8 Jude Thaddeus Church in *Sinajaña*, and served there until 1994. During this
9 time, Father Daniel was once again called upon to lead the Guam pilgrimage
10 to Rome to attend the beatification of Blessed Diego Luis de San Vitores, a
11 Spanish Jesuit missionary who founded the first Catholic Church on the island
12 of Guam. Venerable Diego was responsible for establishing the Catholic
13 Church's presence in the Mariana Islands; and

14 **WHEREAS**, throughout his priestly life, as early as 1961, Father Daniel
15 has been a dedicated spiritual advisor to the Secular Franciscan
16 community, and he was instrumental in establishing several fraternities on
17 Guam. While residing with the Friar community of St. Fidelis in *Agaña*,
18 Daniel served as the Director of Secular Franciscans and the Cursillo
19 Movement for the island; and

20 **WHEREAS**, Father Daniel was also active in the on-going development
21 of the Christian Mothers Society. In 1975, Father Daniel was appointed by
22 Bishop Flores to coordinate all the Holy Year Diocesan Events, including a
23 pilgrimage to the Holy Land. In later years, because of his successful

1 organizational abilities, he would again receive several diocesan
2 appointments to chair diocesan committees; and

3 **WHEREAS**, while serving as the Pastor of Santa Rita, Father Daniel was
4 appointed to chair the monumental task of organizing all the church
5 preparations for the historic visit of the Venerable Pope John Paul II to Guam
6 in 1981. After serving in Santa Rita, Father Daniel served as Pastor of Our
7 Lady of Peace and Safe Voyage in *Chalan Pago* until 2001 when, at the age of
8 seventy (70) years, he was appointed as Pastor of the San Miguel parish in
9 *Talofofu*. While there, he served the people faithfully until the end of 2009,
10 when his health declined rather quickly, and he then retired to the St. Fidelis
11 Friary in *Agaña Heights*; and

12 **WHEREAS**, after struggling for ten (10) months from the effects of a
13 congestive heart failure and a stroke that he experienced just two (2) weeks
14 before his death, he very peacefully breathed his last breath on the 15th of
15 August, 2010, the Feast of the Assumption of Our Lady; now, therefore, be it

16 **RESOLVED**, that *I Mina'Trenta Na Liheslaturan Guåhan* does hereby, on
17 behalf of the people of Guam, recognize and memorialize the late Fr. Daniel
18 Cristobal, OFM Cap.; for his outstanding contributions, legacy and services to
19 the religious faithful of Guam and Saipan; and does extend sincere
20 condolences to his family and the Capuchin Friars of Guam. Father Daniel,
21 we thank you for your willingness to serve wherever you were sent in your
22 fifty-one (51) years as a Priest, and for sharing your talents and your

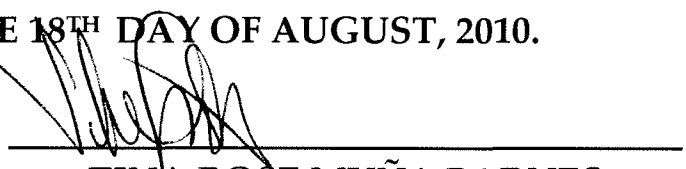
1 spirituality with the people of the Diocese of *Chalan Kanoa* and the
2 Archdiocese of *Agana*; and be it further

3 **RESOLVED**, that the Speaker certify, and the Legislative Secretary
4 attest to, the adoption hereof, and that copies of the same be thereafter
5 transmitted to the family of the late Fr. Daniel Cristobal, OFM Cap.; to Fr.
6 Joseph English, OFM Cap., Superior of the Capuchin Friars on Guam; to the
7 Most Reverend Anthony Sablan Apuron, Archbishop of the Metropolitan
8 Archdiocese of *Agana*; to the Honorable Madeleine Z. Bordallo, Guam's
9 Delegate to the United States Congress; and to the Honorable Felix P.
10 Camacho, *I Maga'lahaen Guåhan*.

**DULY AND REGULARLY ADOPTED BY I MINA'TRENTA NA
LIHESLATURAN GUÅHAN ON THE 18TH DAY OF AUGUST, 2010.**



BENJAMIN J.F. CRUZ
Acting Speaker



TINA ROSE MUÑA BARNES
Legislative Secretary