

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

Resolution No. 428-30 (LS)

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Relative to recognizing, honoring and congratulating Mrs. Cerila Rosa Tanaka Matias Rapadas on her retirement, and for dedicating over fifty (50) years of public service in the care of her people and island community; and to extending to her family a sincere *Un Dangkulo Na Si Yu'os Ma'åse'*, on behalf of *I Liheslaturan Guåhan* and the people of Guam, for the outstanding contributions their mother has made to improving our quality of life, and for the betterment of our island community.

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

3 **WHEREAS**, Cerila Rosa Tanaka Matias Rapadas was born on June 30,
4 1932, in *Hagåtña*. She is the daughter of the late Leonardo P. Matias and
5 Carmen S. Tanaka. Cerila is the second child of six (6) children, with two (2)
6 brothers: Antonio and Leonardo (both deceased); and three (3) sisters:
7 Carmen, Frances and Julia (deceased); and

8 **WHEREAS**, Cerila and her late husband, Danilo K. Rapadas, began
9 their courtship shortly after she returned from receiving her Master's Degree,
10 and they were united in the Sacrament of Matrimony on August 30, 1958; and

11 **WHEREAS**, Cerila Rosa Tanaka Matias Rapadas and the late Danilo
12 "Danny" K. Rapadas were blessed with seven (7) children, and their spouses:
13 Leonardo and Cynthia Cruz Rapadas; Danilo and Janet Paulino Rapadas;
14 Antonio and Carmela Somalpong Rapadas; Christina Rapadas; Asuncion
15 Rapadas; Juan and Luisa Capulong Rapadas; and Earl and Roberta Rapadas
16 Yamamoto; and

17 **WHEREAS**, Cerila and Danny are doubly blessed with twelve (12)
18 grandchildren: Nicole, Lauren, Genevieve, Danielle, Danilo, Antonio, Victoria,
19 Elisa, Noah, Cerila, Ethan and Emilee; and two (2) great grandchildren: Aidan
20 and Dylan; and

21 **WHEREAS**, Cerila had survived the Japanese occupation of Guam,
22 which lasted from 1941 to 1944, while at the tender age of 9 to 12 years old;
23 and in the years after World War II, Cerila pursued a good education, and

1 graduated in 1950 from George Washington High School in *Sinajaña*, where
2 she was the Valedictorian of her Class. She went on to earn a Bachelor of Arts
3 Degree in Biology, with a Minor in Chemistry, from the College of St.
4 Catherine in St. Paul, Minnesota; and

5 **WHEREAS**, in 1954, upon completing her college education, Cerila
6 returned to Guam to help take care of her ailing father, alongside her mother;
7 and

8 **WHEREAS**, with her educational background in Science, Cerila came to
9 the Academy of Our Lady of Guam in *Hagåtña*, where she taught part-time
10 courses in General Science and Biology, from 1954 to 1955; and

11 **WHEREAS**, in 1957, she was conferred a Master’s Degree in Biological
12 Science from Stanford University in Palo Alto, California;

13 **WHEREAS**, Cerila then embarked on a public service journey - from
14 1957 to 1978, she worked as a Laboratory Technologist at the Guam Memorial
15 Hospital, and later attained the Laboratory Administrator position; from 1979
16 to 1981, she served as the Administrator of the Guam Health Planning and
17 Development Agency; and from 1981 to 1983, Cerila served as the
18 Administrator of the Guam Memorial Hospital; and

19 **WHEREAS**, Cerila retired in 1983, after twenty-five (25) years of service
20 with the government of Guam; and she was later employed as a Lab
21 Supervisor with the Physician Diagnostic Laboratory in *Tamuning*, from 1983
22 to 1988; and

1 **WHEREAS**, in May 1990, Monsignor David I. A. Quitugua, Cerila's
2 parish priest, asked Cerila to temporarily fill his position as the Deputy
3 Director of Catholic Social Service for two (2) years. Those two (2) years
4 quickly became twenty (20) years, and today Cerila continues to help our
5 island community, which has always been her stated purpose in life. During
6 her twenty (20)-year directorship, Cerila had the responsibility of managing
7 over thirty (30) programs that today, still provide services to our residents,
8 including the elderly, the homeless, abused adults, children, persons with
9 disabilities, and other individuals in need of services on our island; and


10 **WHEREAS**, Cerila leads a busy, but well-balanced, life of leadership in
11 several civic organizations, including the Christian Mothers, the Catholic
12 Daughters of the Americas, and others; and

13 **WHEREAS**, Cerila has selflessly dedicated many years of her life in
14 public service for Guam and her people; now, therefore, be it

15 **RESOLVED**, that *I Mina'Trenta Na Liheslaturan Guåhan* does hereby, on
16 behalf of the people of Guam, recognize, honor and congratulate Mrs. Cerila
17 Rosa Tanaka Matias Rapadas on her retirement, and for dedicating over fifty
18 (50) years of public service in the care of her people and island community;
19 and does further extend a sincere *Un Dangkulo Na Si Yu'os Ma'åse* to her
20 family for the outstanding contributions their mother has made to improving
21 our quality of life, and for the betterment of our island community; and be it
22 further

1 **RESOLVED**, that the Speaker certify, and the Legislative Secretary
2 attest to, the adoption hereof, and that copies of the same be thereafter
3 transmitted to Mrs. Cerila Rosa Tanaka Matias Rapadas; to her family:
4 Leonardo and Cynthia Cruz Rapadas; Danilo and Janet Paulino Rapadas;
5 Antonio and Carmela Somalpong Rapadas; Christina Rapadas; Asuncion
6 Rapadas; Juan and Luisa Capulong Rapadas; and Earl and Roberta Rapadas
7 Yamamoto; to Catholic Social Services; and to the Honorable Felix P.
8 Camacho, *I Maga'lahaen Guahan*.

**DULY AND REGULARLY ADOPTED BY I MINA'TRENTA NA
LIHESLATURAN GUÅHAN ON THE 20TH DAY OF AUGUST, 2010.**



BENJAMIN J.E. CRUZ
Acting Speaker



TINA ROSE MUÑA BARNES
Legislative Secretary