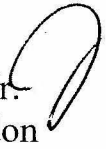


I MINA'TRENTA NA LIHESLATURAN GUÅHAN
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Resolution No. *60 (COR)*

Introduced by:

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Relative to recognizing the accomplishments and dedication of the late Honorable Edwardo J. Cruz, MD and former Senator, and to extend sincere condolences to his family on behalf of *I Liheslaturan Guåhan* and the people of Guam.

BE IT RESOLVED BY *I LIHESLATURAN GUÅHAN*:

WHEREAS, the late Honorable Edwardo Justo Cruz was born on **May 20, 19--** to his proud parents, the late Dolores Lizama Cruz Evangelista and Francisco C. Carbullido, was called to his eternal reward on **Saturday, March 20, 2009** at the age of [**years**]; and

WHEREAS, after graduating from Father Duenas Memorial School, Ed left to Minnesota to attend his first year of college at the College of St. Thomas. From there, Ed transferred to Foothill College in Los Altos, California and received an Associate Arts Degree. Upon graduation, Ed went on to the University of Santa Clara where he earned a Bachelor's Degree in Business Administration. Ed received his Master's Degree in Cybernetics at San Jose State College; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Cruz's experiences included being a Senior Computer Operator at Lockheed Missiles in Sunnyvale, California, a Systems Analyst at Stanford University and as an instructor at Foothills, College, California; and

1 **WHEREAS**, in 1971, Ed Cruz returned to Guam and worked at the Guam
2 Memorial Hospital as an Associate Administrator for Business Affairs. After attaining
3 experience in a medical environment, Ed was inspired to pursue a medical career. He
4 was accepted at the University of Hawaii as a Premedical Post Graduate student with
5 emphasis in Biological Sciences. Ed attended the Public Health Surgical Residency
6 Program in Louisiana and at Rutgers University, New Jersey to become a surgeon;
7 and

8 **WHEREAS**, here on Guam, Dr. Cruz’s experiences included serving as the
9 Guam Memorial Hospital Emergency Room Physician; Director of the Emergency
10 Room Department; Medical Director for the Hospital; and from time to time served as
11 the Acting Administrator of the Hospital; and

12 **WHEREAS**, after retiring from the Guam Memorial Hospital in 1996, with
13 degrees in Data Processing, Business Administration, Cybernetics and Medicine, with
14 has the distinction of being the first Chamorro surgeon to practice on Guam, Edwardo
15 J. Cruz, MD, decided to pursue elected public office; and

16 **WHEREAS**, as a member of the Twenty-Fourth Guam Legislature, Dr. Cruz,
17 was tapped by his colleagues to Chair the Committee on Health and Human Services.
18 As Chairman, the Committee on Health and Human Services made significant
19 progress in the areas of: providing needed revenues and financing scheme for the
20 hospital; increasing the benefits of health care programs for subscribers; and making
21 provisions for improving the quality of health care delivery on Guam; and

22 **WHEREAS**, Senator Edwardo J. Cruz’s focal point of activity was the
23 “*resolution vs. confrontation*” approach to problems; and

24 **WHEREAS**, as Chairperson of the Committee on health and Human Services,
25 Senator Cruz began the process of establishing a “Professional Fee Schedule” for the
26 Guam Memorial Hospital to ensure that patient and HMO billings are paid promptly.
27 Through his approach, major issues were addressed by the Committee, these include:

1 the Solid Waste Management Facilities Act; the Health Monitoring and Compensation
2 Act; the Pharmacy Practice Act; the Physician Practice Act; the Community Health
3 Centers Act; the Guam Cancer Registry Program; the Organ Donor Act; the Allied
4 Heath Practice Act and the Healing Arts act; and

5 **WHEREAS**, two (2) of the most significant legislation authored by Senator
6 Edwardo J. Cruz was the creation of the “Health and Human Services Fund”; with his
7 foresight, the HAHS Fund was established to receive monies from the Tobacco
8 Litigation law suit of which seventy-five percent (75%) of the proceeds from the law
9 suit will be used to finance various health care programs and projects, and other
10 educational programs for tobacco prevention, while the remaining twenty-five percent
11 (25%) was used to finance advance technological equipment to persons with
12 disabilities, and other health programs. The other is the establishment of the “Medical
13 Referral Benefits Bank Act”; and

14 **WHEREAS**, as a member of *I Mina’Bente Kuattro na Liheslaturan Guåhan*
15 Senator Edwardo J. Cruz introduced forty-five (45) bills of which thirty-one (31) bills
16 were passed; and twenty-five (25) were signed into public laws; now, therefore, be it

17 **RESOLVED**, that *I Mina’Trenta Na Liheslaturan Guåhan* does hereby, on
18 behalf of people of Guam, recognize the outstanding contributions, legacy and
19 services of the late Honorable Edwardo J. Cruz, physician and former Senator and
20 extends sincere condolences to the Cruz Family; and be it further

21 **RESOLVED**, that pursuant to the provisions contained in §419 of Title 1 of the
22 Guam Code Annotated, *I Mina’Trenta Na Liheslaturan Guåhan* will convene in a
23 State Memorial Service on _____ day, March __, 2009, to honor the
24 accomplishments of the late Honorable Edwardo J. Cruz, physician and former
25 Senator; and be it further

1 **RESOLVED**, that the Speaker certify, and the Secretary of the Legislature
2 attest to, the adoption hereof, and that copies of the same be thereafter transmitted to
3 his wife Elisabeth Cruz; to his children _____
4 _____
5 _____
6 _____
7 to the Honorable Madeleine Z. Bordallo, Guam’s Delegate to the United States
8 Congress, to the Honorable Michael W. Cruz, *Segundo Maga’lahen Guåhan*; and to
9 the Honorable Felix P. Camacho, *I Maga’lahen Guåhan*.