



I MINA'TRENTA NA LIHESLATURAN GUÅHAN
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Committee in Rules
~~Executive Committee~~
Resolution No. 9(COR)

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Relative to recognizing the outstanding contributions, accomplishments, legacy and services of the late Gregory Andrew Matanane, and to extend sincere condolences to his family on behalf of *I Liheslaturan Guåhan* and the people of Guam.

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

3 **WHEREAS**, the late Gregory Andrew Matanane was born on May 9, 1958 to
4 his proud parents, the late Rosalia Topasna and Edward Matanane, was called to his
5 eternal reward on Saturday, January 3, 2009 at the age of Fifty (50) years; and

6 **WHEREAS**, during his early and formative years, Greg attended and graduated
7 from George Washington Senior High School in 1976. His greater education though
8 was through his Chamorro cultural upbringing. At the age of sixteen (16) Greg's first
9 employment was with the Guam Reef Hotel. The island's tourism industry had just
10 begun. As a young man, he found employment that nurtured his commitment that
11 work builds responsibility and ownership to our community. The Department of Parks
12 and Recreation was Greg's education institution. Having been with the Department for
13 twenty-eight (28) years, his work experience out weights any formal education ... he
14 learned the real world and from real situations. From a Ground Worker position, Greg

1 learned the real world and from real situations. From a Ground Worker position, Greg
2 attained the position of Deputy Director evidenced by his work ethics, human bonds,
3 dedication and commitment; and

4 **WHEREAS**, as an employee of the Department of Parks and Recreation,
5 Greg's service to the overall development of island sports has been integral to his
6 philosophy that sports built character, responsibility, leadership and sportsmanship.
7 Having four children, Greg was fully aware of sports being an instrumentality of good
8 citizenship. Thus he was faithfully active with their sports activities; and

9 **WHEREAS**, Greg was also a member of the Young Men's League of Guam,
10 the island's oldest fraternity of men, established in 1917. In 1993, Greg coached the
11 Mangilao Girl Softball Team, He escorted the team to Japan for a Friendship Softball
12 Tournament and the following year, the Japan team visited Guam for a softball
13 tournament. From 1995 to 1998, Greg coached the Mangilao Rookies Baseball team
14 and from 1998 to 2000, he organized and escorted the Mangilao Major and Minor
15 Babe Ruth teams for off-island competitions in the United States; and

16 **WHEREAS**, Greg was brought up with a strong background of his cultural
17 heritage. Greg was a Chamorro in every sense of the word. How he approached and
18 defined *friendship*. How he resolved situations and how he raised his *family*. How he
19 built his house with an extended kitchen that allowed his families and friends to gather
20 and celebrate *i espiritun dinana*. Greg was always mindful that there is a tomorrow. If
21 there is not enough, it's okay, Tomorrow will bring a better day, *na utas i guinaha'ta*.
22 Greg was always there for everyone. *Le'an yan yo'asi na taotao*; now, therefore, be it

23 **RESOLVED**, that *I Mina'Trenta Na Liheslaturan Guåhan* does hereby, on
24 behalf of the people of Guam, recognize the outstanding contributions, legacy and
25 services of the late Gregory Andrew Matanane, and extends sincere condolences to his
26 wife, Gloria *Lola* Cruz, his children and grandchildren, Gregory Andrew Matanane,
27 Jr. (*Gi'Anni* and Thomas), Maila Cruz Matanane and Saia Taumoefolau (*Mele*), Mateo

1 Cruz Matanane and Roke Cruz Matanane, to his brothers, sisters and spouses, David
2 and Josefa Garrido Matanane, James and Remy Torres Matanane, Anita and Daniel
3 Muna, Virginia and Jacob Akana, Victoria Matanane, Jovita and John Mafnas, George
4 and Maria Miranda Matanane, Mary Duenas Matanane, and Mary Blas Perez.
5 Awaiting Greg in his new life will be his parents, Edward Matanane and Rosalia
6 Topasna, and his brothers Anselm and Thomas; and be it further

7 **RESOLVED**, that the Executive Committee of *I Mina'Trenta Na Liheslaturan*
8 *Guåhan*, does hereby on behalf of *I Liheslaturan Guåhan* and the people of Guam,
9 remember the late Gregory Andrew Matanane, does recognize his many contributions
10 towards the betterment of the island and for his many years of tireless and unselfish
11 service, does extend sincere condolences to his family; and be it further

12 **RESOLVED**, that the Speaker and the Chairperson of the Executive
13 Committee certify, and the Secretary of the Legislature attest to, the adoption hereof,
14 and that copies of the same be thereafter transmitted to the his wife, Gloria *Lola* Cruz,
15 his children and grandchildren, Gregory Andrew Matanane, Jr. (*Gi'Anni* and Thomas),
16 Maila Cruz Matanane and Saia Taumoefolau (*Mele*), Mateo Cruz Matanane and Roke
17 Cruz Matanane, to the Honorable Madeleine Z. Bordallo, Guam's Delegate to the
18 United States Congress and to the Honorable Felix P. Camacho, *I Maga'lahren*
19 *Guåhan*.

**DULY AND REGULARLY ADOPTED BY THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE
OF I MINA'TRENTA NA LIHESLATURAN GUÅHAN ON THE ___ DAY OF
JANUARY __, 2009.**

JUDITH T. WON PAT,
Speaker and
Chairperson, Executive Committee

TINA ROSE MUÑA-BARNES
Senator and
Secretary of the Legislature