

MINA'TRENTA NA LIHESLATURAN GUÅHAN  
2009 (FIRST) Regular Session

Resolution No. 16 (Cor)

Introduced by:

Edward J.B. Calvo  
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Relative to honoring the *Pale'* Eric Elliott Forbes OFM Cap on the Twenty-Fifth (25<sup>th</sup>) Religious Jubilee celebration as a spiritual leader of Guam and to further extend him *Un Dangkolo Na Si Yu'os Ma'åse'* for the outstanding contributions he has made for the Church and our Island Community.

**BE IT RESOLVED BY I MINA' NUEBE NA LIHESLATURAN GUÅHAN:**

**WHEREAS,** *Pale'* Eric Elliott Forbes is the youngest son and child of John Dennis Forbes who continues to teach at Father Dueñas Memorial School since 1959 to the present and the former, now deceased, Rosalind Marie Limtiaco who worked for the Navy and Government of Guam Civil Service. *Pale'* Eric's siblings include former Speaker Mark and Cina Hume Forbes and their son, Sean and the late Carl Forbes and his widow, the former Jo Ann Camacho and their daughter Erin. *Pale'* Eric and his siblings grew up in Saint Jude parish, *Sinajaña*, Guam; and

**WHEREAS,** *Pale'* Eric's family is better known as the "*familian Kita'an*," descendants of Maria Perez Torres and her children : Maria T.

Limtiaco, (*Pale'* Eric's grandmother), Rita P. Torres, Pedro P. Torres, Ana T. Reyes, wife of Judge Vicente C. Reyes, Josefa T. Artero, wife of Antonio C. Artero, and Asuncion P. Torres, and

**WHEREAS,** *Pale'* Eric education began at Saint Francis School, *Yoña* from 1968 to 1974; attended Bishop Baumgartner Junior High School, *Sinajaña* from 1974 to 1977 and Father Dueñas Memorial School, *Ta'i* from 1977 *Ta'i* graduating in 1980. He attended the University of Guam on the merit scholarship from 1980 to 1982. He then attended Saint Joseph College, Mountain View, California in 1983 and San Francisco State University in San Francisco, California from 1983 to 1984, obtaining a Bachelor of Arts degree, with a History major concentrating in Modern Western European history. *Pale'* Eric has since taken post-graduate classes in Pastoral Counseling at Creighton University, Omaha, Nebraska and Franciscan Studies at Saint Bonaventure University, Olean, New York, and

**WHEREAS,** *Pale'* Eric joined the Capuchin Franciscan Order on June 25, 1984 making his final vows in 1988. He attended the Dominican School of Philosophy and Theology at the Graduate Theological Union, Berkeley, California, 1986 – 1990, where he obtained a Master of Divinity degree. *Pale'* Eric taught at Father Dueñas Memorial School several times as a Capuchin brother and later a priest, and

**WHEREAS,** *Pale'* Eric was assigned to the parishes of *San Dimas*, *Malesso'* and *San Dionisio*, *Humatak* from 1990 to 1991 as deacon assistant

and acting pastor; in 1991 he was assigned as pastor of *San Roque* parish, *San Roque*, Saipan; he was appointed Postulant, Novitiate and Vocations Director for the Capuchins on Guam in 1994. *Pale'* Eric served as pastor of the *San Dimas* and *San Dionisio* parishes once again, from 1997-1998; he was re-assigned as Director of Formation and Vocations once again at Saint Fidelis Friary, Agaña Heights. *Pale'* Eric was elected Vice Provincial of the Capuchins of Guam and Hawaii in 2000; re-elected in 2004 and appointed to a third term by Rome in 2006; and

**WHEREAS,** *Pale'* Eric served several terms on the College of Consultors and the Presbyteral Council, both of the Archdiocese of *Hagåtña* and the College of Consultors of the Diocese of *Chalan Kanoa*, Saipan, Commonwealth of the Northern Marianas; and

**WHEREAS,** *Pale'* Eric ministers to our broader Island Community as a member of the Guam Preservation Trust and the Guam Historical Preservation Review Board. He is a periodic columnist for the Pacific Daily News. A dedicated advocate and student of Chamorro language, culture and history, *Pale'* has written several articles and books and given lectures and presentations in these areas; and

**WHEREAS,** *Pale'* Eric is known for his ministry with Marriage Encounter, Bible Studies and the Traditional Latin Mass. He was also Vice Provincial when the new Saint Fidelis Friary was built and dedicated in 2007, and, now therefore, be it

**RESOLVED**, that the members of *I Mina'Trenta Na Liheslaturan Guåhan* honor *Pale'* Eric Elliott Forbes on his Twenty-Fifth (25<sup>th</sup>) Religious Jubilee celebration as the spiritual leader of Guam and further extend to him a sincere *Un Dangkolo Na Si Yu'os Ma'åse'* for the outstanding contributions he has made for the Church and our Island Community; and, be it further

**RESOLVED**, that the Speaker certify, and the Secretary of the Legislature attests to, the adoption hereof and that copies of the same be thereafter transmitted to *Pale'* Eric Forbes, OFM Cap, Mr. John Dennis Forbes; Father John Gallagher, OFM Cap, Provincial Minister of the Capuchin Province of Saint Mary in New York/New England; and to the Honorable Felix P. Camacho, *I Maga'lahren Guåhan*.

**DULY AND REGULARLY ADOPTED BY I MINA'TRENTA NA LIHESLATURAN GUÅHAN ON THE \_\_\_\_\_ DAY OF \_\_\_\_\_, 2009.**

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**JUDITH T. WON PAT, Ed. D.**  
Speaker

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**TINA ROSE MUNA-BARNES**  
Senator and  
Secretary of the Legislature