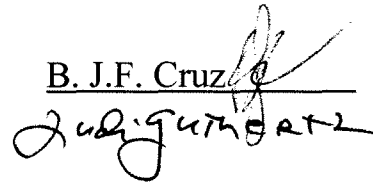


I MINA' TRENTA NA LIHESLATURAN GUÁHAN
2009 (FIRST) Regular Session

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Resolution No. 49 (LS)

Introduced by:

B. J.F. Cruz


Relative to posthumously honoring Chief Justice Marty Wayne Kendall Taylor, and recognizing his illustrious career and outstanding record of accomplishments during his twenty-three (23) years of judicial service in the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands.

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

3 **WHEREAS**, on October 2, 1937 Chief Justice Marty Wayne Kendall
4 Taylor was born in Vancouver, British Columbia, Canada; and

5 **WHEREAS**, Chief Justice Marty Wayne Kendall Taylor, through the
6 sacrosanct act of matrimony, was wed to Celina Deleon Guerrero Diaz and blessed
7 with three sons and four daughters by the name of Randy, Scott, Anthony, Theresa,
8 Evelyn, Carla, and Shannon; and

9 **WHEREAS**, in 1957 Chief Justice Marty Wayne Kendall Taylor earned a
10 Liberal Arts degree from Oakland City College in California and in 1961 earned a
11 Bachelor of Science degree in Business and Industrial Management from
12 California State University, San Jose; and

13 **WHEREAS**, Chief Justice Marty Wayne Kendall Taylor further pursued
14 levels of higher education, earning a Juris Doctor degree from the University of
15 California, Hastings College of the Law in 1967 and becoming a Certified College

1 Instructor in Life Credential, Law, Business and Economics in the State of
2 California; and

3 **WHEREAS**, Chief Justice Marty Wayne Kendall Taylor became a Member
4 of the Bar and was permitted to practice in the State of California, the Trust
5 Territory of the Pacific Islands, the CNMI Trial Court, the United States Supreme
6 Court, the Ninth Circuit United States Court of Appeals, and the United States
7 District Court, Northern District of California and CNMI; and

8 **WHEREAS**, from 1968 to 1972 Chief Justice Marty Wayne Kendall Taylor
9 embarked on his legal career as Deputy District Attorney in San Mateo County,
10 California; from 1970 to 1973 was Instructor of Law in San Mateo County; from
11 1972 to 1974 was Private Defender in San Mateo County; from 1972 to 1974 was
12 in the Private Practice of Law in San Mateo County; in 1973 was Judge *Pro Tem*
13 for the Southern Judicial District in Redwood City, California; from 1974 to 1976
14 was Staff Attorney for the Micronesian Claims Commission, Northern Mariana
15 Islands for the United States Foreign Claims Settlement Commission in Saipan;
16 and

17 **WHEREAS**, from 1977 to 1982, Chief Justice Marty Wayne Kendall
18 Taylor returned to the Private Practice of Law; from 1978 to 1982 was the
19 Secretary of the Parole Board; in 1979 was Acting Public Defender; from 1979 to
20 1980 served as Legal Counsel for the Civil Service commission; from 1982 to
21 1989 was Deputy Public Defender; from 1989 to 1995 was an Associate Judge for
22 the Commonwealth Superior Court; and

23 **WHEREAS**, since 1993 Chief Justice Taylor served as the Designated
24 Judge for the United States District Court in the Commonwealth; since 1995
25 served as Chairman of the CNMI Criminal Justice Planning Agency and the CNMI
26 Law Revision Commission; since 1996 served as President of the Pacific Judicial
27 Council; and

1 **WHEREAS**, on September 22, 1995 Chief Justice Marty Wayne Kendall
2 Taylor was appointed Chief Justice of the Supreme Court of the Commonwealth of
3 the Northern Mariana Islands by former Governor Froilian C. Tenorio; and

4 **WHEREAS**, Chief Justice Marty Wayne Kendall Taylor had appellate
5 jurisdictions over judgments and orders of the Superior Court of the
6 Commonwealth, also having original but not exclusive jurisdiction to issue writs of
7 mandamus, certiorari, prohibition, habeas corpus, and all other writs or orders
8 necessary and appropriate to the full exercise of its appellate and supervisory
9 jurisdiction, in addition to appellate jurisdiction over attorney disciplinary matters
10 and administrative responsibility over the Commonwealth; and

11 **WHEREAS**, Chief Justice Marty Wayne Kendall Taylor has served as
12 Judge *Pro Tem* for the United States District Court for the Commonwealth and the
13 Superior Court of Guam; and

14 **WHEREAS**, throughout his illustrious career, Chief Justice Marty Wayne
15 Kendall Taylor attended numerous institutions of learning, including Oxford
16 University, Wadham College in Oxford, England in 1994, the National Judicial
17 College, University of Nevada at Reno from 1990 to 1993, the National Council of
18 Juvenile and Family Court, Judges/State Justice Institute, University of Nevada at
19 Reno from 1990 to 1993, and the American Academy of Judicial Education in
20 Orlando, Florida in 1992; and

21 **WHEREAS**, Chief Justice Marty Wayne Kendall Taylor was integral to the
22 increase in professionalism and enhancement of the Commonwealth's judiciary
23 duties; now therefore be it

24 **RESOLVED**, that *I Mina' Trenta Na Liheslaturan Guåhan*, on behalf of the
25 people of Guam, does hereby posthumously honor Chief Justice Marty Wayne
26 Kendall Taylor, and recognize his illustrious career and outstanding record of

1 accomplishments during his twenty-three (23) years of judicial service in the
2 Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands; and be it further

3 **RESOLVED**, that the Speaker certify, and the Legislative Secretary attest to
4 the adoption hereof, and that copies be transmitted to the family of Chief Justice
5 Marty Wayne Kendall Taylor; Chief Justice Miguel S. Demapan, Chief Justice of
6 the Supreme Court of the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands; the
7 Honorable Governor Benigno Fitial, Governor of the Commonwealth of the
8 Northern Mariana Islands; and the Honorable Felix P. Camacho, *I Maga'laha*
9 *Guåhan*.

10 **DULY AND REGULARLY ADOPTED BY I MINA'TRENTA NA**
11 **LIHESLATURAN GUÅHAN ON THIS ____ DAY OF FEBRUARY 2009.**

JUDITH T. WON PAT
Speaker

TINA ROSE MUÑA BARNES
Legislative Secretary