

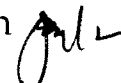



I MINA'TRENTA NA LIHESLATURAN GUÅHAN  
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Committee on Rules  
Resolution No. 73 (LS)

Introduced by:

Ray Tenorio   
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**Relative to remembering and memorializing the late Veronica McDonald Calvo on her legacy as the matriarch of one of the most successful and philanthropic families on Guam, thanking her for her family's contributions to the growth and development of our island and offering condolences to her family.**

**BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COMMITTEE ON RULES I MINA'TRENTA NA LIHESLATURAN GUÅHAN:**

**WHEREAS,** Veronica Rose Mariano McDonald Calvo, lovingly known as Tan Benny and the matriarch of the Calvo family, passed away peacefully into the loving hands of our heavenly Father on Sunday, March 29, 2009 at the age of 95 years; and

**WHEREAS,** Veronica was born in Tugai, Hagatna in the district of St. Ignacio on July 18, 1913 to John Francis Creely and Dolores Mariano McDonald; and

**WHEREAS,** Veronica fell in love with Eduardo "Jake" Torres Calvo, a handsome and ambitious assistant cashier with the navy-owned Bank of Guam, whom she wed in October, 1933 in Hagatna; and

**WHEREAS,** the union of Veronica and Jake brought them the blessings

of three sons, Paul, Edward and Thomas "Jerry;" and

**WHEREAS**, she embodied the resilient spirit of the Chamorro people by keeping her family together through the atrocities of World War II and the Japanese occupation; and

**WHEREAS**, Veronica assisted and supported her husband Jake with the development of Calvo's Insurance Underwriters; borne and developed in the living room of their humble home in Hagatna; and

**WHEREAS**, she continued to be a stalwart supporter of Jake, and oftentimes, performed the multiple roles of wife, mother, and advisor as he expanded his businesses and pursued his political aspirations; and

**WHEREAS**, Veronica and her children were stricken by grief with the untimely death of their loving husband and father, Eduardo "Jake" Calvo in 1963 at which point, she became the pillar of love, strength and faith for her sons and their families; and

**WHEREAS**, Veronica McDonald Calvo became the backbone of the Calvo clan, assisting and advising her three sons as they stepped forward and took over the Calvo family businesses, even serving on the Board of Directors of Calvo's Insurance Underwriters, Calvo Enterprises and Pay-Less Real Estate Holdings; and

**WHEREAS**, the legacy she leaves behind includes the successful companies she had helped build alongside her husband Jake and what they've been able to contribute to our island through the offering of products and services; by employing thousands of our people and through the philanthropic assistance given to many on our island who are less fortunate; and

**WHEREAS**, Veronica Rose Mariano McDonald Calvo will be long

remembered and admired for her unshakeable Catholic faith, her devotion to our Blessed Virgin Mary and her generosity, but her true legacy and examples of love and commitment can be found in her 18 grandchildren, 40 great-grandchildren, 7 great-great grandchildren and all that she has touched with her kind spirit; now therefore be it

**RESOLVED**, that the Committee on Rules of *I Mina' Trenta Na Liheslaturan Guahan* does hereby, on behalf of *I Liheslaturan Gudhan* and the people of Guam grieve over the loss of Veronica Rose Mariano McDonald Calvo and offer its condolences and sympathies to her family; and, be it further

**RESOLVED**, that the Speaker and the Chairperson of the Committee on Rules certify and the Secretary of the Legislature attest the adoption hereof and that copies of the same be transmitted to her sons, Paul Calvo and Jerry Calvo; and to the Honorable Felix P. Camacho, *I Maga'lahen Guahan*.

**DULY AND REGULARLY ADOPTED BY I MINA'BENTE NUEBI NA LIHESLATURAN GUÁHAN ON THE \_\_\_\_\_ DAY OF JANUARY, 2009.**

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JUDITH T. WON PAT, ED. D.  
Speaker

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TINA ROSE MUNA BARNES  
Secretary of the Legislature

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Chairman, Committee On Rules

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Senator and Sponsor