




I MINA'TRENTA NA LIHESLATURAN GUÁHAN
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Committee on Rules
Resolution No. 197-30(COR)

Introduced by:

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Relative to remembering and memorializing the late Rev. Fr. Anthony R. Perez, SS on his legacy as a Catholic Spiritual Leader, Seminary Educator, and Presbyter, recognizing his family's contributions to the Archdiocese of Agaña and offering condolences to his family.

1 **BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COMMITTEE ON RULES OF I**
2 ***MINA'TRENTA NA LIHESLATURAN GUÁHAN:***
3 **WHEREAS, Rev. Fr. Anthony R. Perez, SS, lovingly known as Pale'**
4 **Tony, a Catholic Spiritual Leader of the Archdiocese of Agaña and a member**
5 **of the Society of Saint-Sulpice, passed away into the loving hands of the**
6 **Creator on Saturday, September 12, 2009 at the age of 57 years; and**
7 **WHEREAS, Pale' Tony was born in Barrigada, one of eight children**
8 **born to the late Francisco B. Perez and the late Isabel R. Perez; and**
9 **WHEREAS, Pale' Tony was ordained for the Archdiocese of Agaña on**
10 **July 2, 1977 and assigned to the parishes of San Vicente and San Roke Catholic**

1 Church in Barrigada, Dulce Nombre de Maria Cathedral Basilica, Fr. Dueñas
2 Memorial School and Minor Seminary; and

3 **WHEREAS**, after serving for several years in the Archdiocese of Agaña,
4 Pale' Tony's discernment led him to teach the Chamorro language at St.
5 Joseph's College in Palo Alto, California and St. Patrick's Seminary in Menlo
6 Park, California whereby he discerned his calling as a priest to the vocation of
7 seminary leader, spiritual director, and educator; and

8 **WHEREAS**, Pale' Tony, with the approval and blessing of Archbishop
9 Anthony S. Apuron, OFM Cap., DD, was released to join the Society of Saint-
10 Sulpice, a Diocesan Order of Priests dedicated to the education and formation
11 of young men for the Catholic Priesthood, Pale' Tony became the first
12 Chamorro priest to enter into the international society of priests; and

13 **WHEREAS**, Pale' Tony embodied the resiliency of the Chamorro people
14 by continuing with his educational pursuits in earning a doctorate in Sacred
15 Theology from The Catholic University in Louvain, Belgium and was
16 immediately assigned to the faculty of St. Mary's Seminary and University in
17 1997 where he has taught for the past twelve (12) years; and

18 **WHEREAS**, in the Spring of 2009, Pale' Tony was elected by the Society
19 of Saint-Sulpice, Province of the United States, Provincial Assembly, as fourth
20 consulter of the U.S. Province of the Society of Saint-Sulpice, a leadership
21 position to guide the Society; and

1 **WHEREAS**, after joining the Society of Saint-Sulpice, Pale' Tony still
2 longed to return to his beloved homeland of Guam, where he contributed
3 greatly to the education of the faithful in the Archdiocese of Agaña by
4 instructing and guiding them in sacred theology, liturgical studies, scripture,
5 and systematic and philosophical theology and becoming a liturgical
6 consultant for the Archdiocese; and

7 **WHEREAS**, the family of Pale' Tony have also contributed to the
8 educational, cultural, and spiritual foundation of the people of Guam in the
9 various positions within the government and religious communities; and

10 **WHEREAS**, Rev. Fr. Anthony R. Perez, SS, will long be remembered
11 and admired for his unshakable Catholic faith, his devotion to the faithful
12 within the Archdiocese of Agaña, St. Patrick's Seminary and University in
13 Menlo Park, California, St. Mary's Seminary and University in Baltimore,
14 Maryland, his students, family and friends, and all whom he has touched with
15 his kind and gentle spirit; now, therefore, be it

16 **RESOLVED**, that the Committee on Rules of *I Mina' Trenta Na*
17 *Liheslaturan Guåhan* does hereby, on behalf of *I Liheslaturan Guåhan* and the
18 people of Guam, grieve over the loss of Rev. Fr. Anthony R. Perez, SS and
19 offer our condolences and sympathies to his family; and be it further

20 **RESOLVED**, that the Speaker and the Chairman of the Committee on
21 Rules certify, and the Secretary of the Legislature attest to, the adoption hereof
22 and that copies of the same be thereafter transmitted to the Most Reverend

1 Anthony S. Apuron, OFM Cap, DD, Archbishop of Agaña, the Very Reverend
2 Ronald D. Witherup, SS, Superior General of the Society of Saint-Sulpice, the
3 Very Reverend Thomas R. Ulshafer, SS, Provincial of the U.S. Province of the
4 Society of Saint-Sulpice, and the Family of the late Rev. Fr. Anthony R. Perez,
5 SS; and to the Honorable Felix P. Camacho, *I Maga'lahen Guåhan*.

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

JUDITH T. WONPAT
Speaker

RORY J. RESPICIO
Chairman, Committee on Rules

TINA ROSE MUÑA-BARNES
Secretary of the Legislature