

I MINA'TRENTA NA LIHESLATURAN GUÅHAN
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Relative to expressing condolences to the family of the late Roel Santiago and to posthumously commend him for his contributions to the people of Guam.

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

WHEREAS photography goes beyond taking pictures, it's an art that captures a moment in time; and

WHEREAS, this profession can bolster appreciation for families and friends, government officials, the community and the environment; and

WHEREAS, Guam lost one of its preeminent photographers, Roel Santiago, on November 3, 2009; and

WHEREAS, he discovered his passion for photography in his early teens influenced by his brother Ray; and

WHEREAS, at age of 16, he sought out Tony Lamorena, Tom Quinata, and the late Phil Noble at the the Insular Arts Gallery for tutelage; and

WHEREAS, Roel continued to learn from the best in the industry during his high school years, including Franklin Perez and Herman Crisostomo; and

WHEREAS, shortly after graduating high school, Roel moved to California and continued to pursue his passion by working at big commercial production companies, assisting with car, food, and architectural shoots; and

WHEREAS, during his time in the states, Roel earned internships at prestigious media companies like CNN and Prime Ticket; and

WHEREAS, Roel also served the country in the Army for a total of 11 years, including a stint as a combat photographer during Operation Desert Storm; and

WHEREAS, he returned to Guam in 1992, and immediately serviced the community with his expertise at several photo studios and at the Pacific Daily News; and

WHEREAS, in 1993, with his then-wife Cecelia, Roel formed PhotoWorks, and solidified his place as one of Guam's premier portrait and commercial photographers; and

WHEREAS, Roel decided to break into the school portrait market in 1997, and quickly grew his client base from a few pilot schools to numerous campuses around the island, both private and public; and

WHEREAS, he quickly became known for producing the best commercial shoots, working with top local companies like Continental Micronesia, iConnect, and DFS; and

WHEREAS, eventually, Roel joined forces with Burt Sardoma, Herman Ada, Dave Taitano and Jamie Daugherty to form VideoWorks: the first studio

on Guam to start producing digital slide shows; and

WHEREAS, in 2003, Roel was appointed as Gov. Felix P. Camacho's official photographer, a position he held from 2003 to 2008; and

WHEREAS, while at Adelup, Roel was tasked to photograph major political figures, including former Philippine Presidents Corazon Aquino and Fidel Ramos; then-U.S. Interior Secretary Dirk Kempthorne; then-Vice President Dick Cheney; then-acting Secretary of the Navy B.J. Penn; and current Philippine President Gloria Macapagal-Arroyo; and

WHEREAS, in 2008, Roel resumed freelance photography, focusing on his favorite aspect of the profession: food photography, shooting mainly for Island Times magazine published by Leap Corporation; and

WHEREAS, Roel has shot for every major business and agency on the island; and

WHEREAS, he mentored young photographers and became the glue to the local photographic community and fostered fellowship with established members of the the island; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that *I Mina' Trenta Na Liheslaturan Guåhan* does hereby, on behalf of the people of Guam expresses condolences to the family of the late Roel Santiago; and be it further

RESOVLED, that the Legislature posthumously commends him for his contributions to the people of Guam; 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 his family, the Guam

Professional Photographers Association, 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 NOVEMBER, 2009.

JUDITH T. WON PAT, ED. D.
Speaker

TINA ROSE MUNA BARNES
Secretary of the Legislature

RORY RESPICIO
Chairman, Committee On Rules
Sponsor

RAY TENORIO
Senator and