

**I MINA'TRENTA NA LIHESLATURAN GUÅHAN**  
**2010 (SECOND) REGULAR SESSION**

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Resolution No. 283 (COR)

Introduced by:

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Relative to recognizing the accomplishments and the dedicated service of the late Francisca "Tan Frances" Borja Reyes, R.N., also known as "Enfetmera" of Familian "Inchic" (Pomparu), who served the island community in the medical profession as a Registered Nurse; and to extending humble and sincere condolences to her loving family on behalf of *I Liheslaturan Guåhan* and the people of Guam.

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

3            **WHEREAS**, the late Francisca "Tan Frances" Borja Reyes, R.N., also known as  
4            "Enfetmera," of Familian "Inchic" (Pomparu), was born on August, 8, 1918, to †Lorenzo  
5            Lizama Borja and †Francisca Camacho Castro Borja and called to rest on Monday,  
6            February 8, 2010 at the age of 91; and

7            **WHEREAS**, Tan Frances now reunites with her beloved husband Ignacio Chaco  
8            Reyes, whom she married in 1945, in the afterlife; together they had eleven (11)  
9            children, Julie, †Rudy, Albert, Anthony, (Mary) Ann, Iva, Gil, Jennifer, †Ivan Charles,  
10           Lucille, and Karl; and

11           **WHEREAS**, today, Ignacio and Francisca's family legacy includes four proud  
12           generations of Reyes', they include: the Baza family –Major (Ret.) Pete Baza married  
13           Julie their family includes Pinky, Jane, Bobbie Lynn, and P.J.; the Reyes family - †Rudy

14 married Ramona Lujan their family includes Ruby, Renee, and Roxanne; the Reyes  
15 family - Albert married Veronica Fernandez, their family includes †Albert Jr., George,  
16 Ellen Jean and Jacx; the Reyes family – Anthony married Annie Borja, their family  
17 includes Brenda, †Leilani, and Christine; the Babauta family – †Gregorio C. Babauta  
18 married (Mary) Ann, their family includes Greg, Carmen, Lovy, Bernadette & Mike  
19 Certeza; the Rivera family - Raymond S. Rivera married Iva Lynn, their family includes  
20 Ricardo and Raelynn, & Roger Cook; the Reyes family - Gil married Christine  
21 Gyulavics, their family includes Graig & Tammy, Leanna, Lydia and Iva; and daughters  
22 Jennifer and Lucille, and son Karl along with twenty-four (24) grandchildren, thirty-  
23 four (34) great-grandchildren and two (2) great great grandchildren; and

24         **WHEREAS**, in 1937, Francisca Reyes began her professional career as a Nurse  
25 after being selected and successfully completing the first formal curriculum of the  
26 Naval Government’s Susana Hospital, the young Francisca was among just eighty-one  
27 (81) women who completed the prescribed courses and received her midwife/nurses  
28 credentials since the program’s inception in 1907; and

29         **WHEREAS**, of all graduates, only forty-two (42), including Francisca, were  
30 licensed to practice professionally as a midwife/nurse and assigned to serve their  
31 respective villages – in her role, Francisca often served as a surrogate for unavailable  
32 physicians and performed much of the pre and post-natal care on pregnant women in  
33 their respective districts – successfully supervising the delivery of dozens of children  
34 during their career; and

35         **WHEREAS**, in addition to always being at the ready to serve the immediate  
36 needs of her beloved community of Agat, Francisca “Enfetmera” Reyes diligently  
37 performed the tasking of a midwife/nurse from Malesso to Barrigada – often driving a  
38 Weapons Carrier Ambulance in order to perform her medical duties throughout the

39 island community – dubbed “Enfetmera” by island folk, children knew her as “The lady  
40 who gave out shots!”; and

41         **WHEREAS**, in 1941, Francisca’s professional work was briefly altered as she,  
42 along with thousands of Chamorros, became victims and witnesses of the ravages of  
43 World War II with the Japanese invasion of Guam, Francisca was part of the human  
44 forced march from Manenggon to Agat; and

45         **WHEREAS**, immediately after WWII, Francisca joined the ranks of dedicated  
46 medical professionals on Guam as a Registered Nurse, she worked for the Naval  
47 Government which transitioned into the Government of Guam Department of Public  
48 Health and Social Services until her retirement in 1970 with thirty (35) years of  
49 government service ; and

50         **WHEREAS**, Tan Francisca continued to serve the needs of her friends, relatives  
51 and those in need selflessly extending her knowledge and expertise to assist members  
52 in need of medical care or advice; and

53         **WHEREAS**, a diligent and hardworking woman, Tan Francisca came out of  
54 retirement for several years to serve the needs of schoolchildren of Mount Carmel  
55 Catholic School in Agat, she was a member of the Mount Carmel Christian Mothers  
56 Association and other like causes; and

57         **WHEREAS**, the healing hands and quiet strength of Mrs. Francisca Castro Borja  
58 Reyes, R.N. touched the hearts of all who had the privilege of knowing her, she is  
59 regarded as a devoted and caring mother, a giving and steady friend, “Enfetmera” is  
60 fondly remembered today; now therefore be it

61         **RESOLVED**, that the Committee on Rules of *I Mina Trenta Na Liheslaturan*  
62 *Guåhan*, on behalf of *I Liheslaturan Guåhan* and the people of Guam, hereby recognizes

63 the accomplishments and the dedicated service of the late Francisca “Tan Frances” Borja  
64 Reyes, R.N., also known as “Enfetmera “of Familian “Inchic” (Pomparu), who served  
65 the island community in the medical profession as a Registered Nurse; and be it further  
66 and

67 **RESOLVED**, that the Committee on Rules of *I Mina Trenta Na Liheslaturan*  
68 *Guåhan*, does hereby extend humble and sincere condolences to the Reyes family on  
69 behalf of *I Liheslaturan Guåhan* and the people; now therefore, be it

70 **RESOLVED**, that the Speaker certify, and the Secretary of the Legislature attest  
71 to, the adoption hereof and that copies of the same be thereafter transmitted to the  
72 children of the late Francisca “Tan Frances” Borja Reyes, R.N., also known as  
73 “Enfetmera “of Familian “Inchic” (Pomparu): Mrs. Julie Baza, Mrs. Ramona Lujan  
74 (Rudy), Mr. Albert Reyes, Mrs. (Mary) Ann Babauta, Mr. Anthony Reyes, Mrs. Iva  
75 Lynn Rivera, Mr. Gil Reyes, Ms. Jennifer Reyes, Ms. Lucille Reyes and Mr. Karl Reyes  
76 and to the Honorable Felix P. Camacho, *I Maga’lahen Guåhan*