

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

Resolution No. 301-30 (COR)

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Relative to memorializing and acknowledging the contributions of the late Carlos P. Taitano to the Micronesian Area Research Center and to the preservation of Chamorro culture and heritage.

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

WHEREAS, the late Speaker Carlos P. Taitano was born on March 14, 1917 to the late Jose San Nicolas Taitano and the late Dolores Diaz Pangelinan in Hagåtña; and

WHEREAS, as a child, the late Speaker Taitano showed early signs of precociousness and his education was nurtured by his parents through the Number One School, Dorn Hall, the Alamacen, Seaton Schroeder, and the Guam Institute, before his graduation from McKinley High School in Hawaii; and

WHEREAS, he earned a Bachelor of Science degree from the University of Hawaii and was attending graduate school while working as a police chemist when the Second World War began; and

WHEREAS, he served as Infantry Officer and World War II Captain in the United States Army under Gen. Douglas MacArthur and, one of the first three Chamorros to be commissioned military officers, he was sent as part of a special unit assigned to Tagatay Ridge to fight for the liberation of the Philippines; and

WHEREAS, during his 1946 station at Fort Meade, Maryland, he met and married Marian Agueda Johnston and returned home to Guam with his young bride; and

WHEREAS, Speaker Taitano later graduated from Georgetown University School of Law and became a practicing attorney and successful businessman; and

WHEREAS, he effected great change and progress for Guam, cementing the island's position in federal affairs, while serving as member of the Guam Congress, the Third Guam

1 Legislature, Guam delegate to the South Pacific Conference, and Speaker of the Eighth Guam
2 Legislature; and

3 **WHEREAS**, the granting of U.S. citizenship to Chamorros and the democratically elected
4 government that now serves the people of Guam were direct results of the historic Guam
5 Congress Walkout he led on March 5, 1949; and

6 **WHEREAS**, his testimony before U.S. Congressional Committees in 1965, during his
7 term as Speaker of the Eighth Guam Legislature, led to the establishment of the elected offices of
8 Governor of Guam and Delegate to the U.S. House of Representatives; and

9 **WHEREAS**, artist and patron of the arts, Speaker Taitano produced and directed *A History*
10 *of Guam in Songs and Dances* in 1949, owned and operated the Micronesian Village Art Gallery
11 from 1957 through 1962, and conceived and consulted on the production of *Guahu Taotao Tano*,
12 presenting three periods of Marianas history, which was performed before audiences on Guam in
13 1984 and at the 1986 Festival of Pacific Arts in Tahiti; and

14 **WHEREAS**, he envisioned the Chamorro performance *Na'la'la I Taotao Tano* and
15 choreographed its execution at the Third Annual Pacific Islander Festival of Los Angeles, and
16 consulted on cultural authenticity and presentation at the Festival in 1997; and

17 **WHEREAS**, he founded *Pa'a Taotao Tano*, the organization that administers all
18 Chamorro cultural dance groups on Guam, the CNMI, and California, in 1998 and served as
19 historian, mentor, and honorary lifetime member; and

20 **WHEREAS**, he was also the founder of the Guam Territorial Society in Washington,
21 D.C., Guam Delegate to the South Pacific Conference in New Guinea in 1965, consultant and
22 benefactor of the 1998 Pacific American Foundation Leadership Center of the Charles Drucker
23 School of Management at Claremont University, chairman of the Guam Memorial Hospital
24 Board of Trustees, and President of the Guam Bar Association, the Rotary Club of Guam, and
25 the Reserve Officers Association of Guam; and

26 **WHEREAS**, the stores of his historical and political knowledge made him an invaluable
27 resource to the people of Guam, whom are fortunate to have preserved his manuscripts of
28 *Political and Cultural History of the Chamorro People; Status Tensions Between Guam and the*
29 *United States: Participant-Observer Accounts; Hale'-ta Series – I Manfayi: Who's Who in*
30 *Chamorro History and Issues in Guam's Political Development; Guam History: Perspectives;*

1 and *The Commemoration of the 100 Years of U.S. Rule in Guam* for the U.S. Congressional
2 Record; and

3 **WHEREAS**, the late Speaker Carlos P. Taitano was, at once, making history and
4 preserving it, his later years brought to him the honor as a living resource, as his works were
5 constantly referenced and he was ceaselessly consulted for his knowledge and experience in
6 Guam history, law, politics, culture, and language, until the day of his tranquil passing on March
7 25, 2009, in Los Angeles, California at the age of ninety-two; now, therefore, be it

8 **RESOLVED**, *I Mina'Trenta Na Liheslaturan Guåhan* does hereby, on behalf of the
9 people of Guam, recognize and acknowledge the accomplishments and contributions of Carlos P.
10 Taitano to the Micronesian Area Research Center and to the preservation of Chamorro culture
11 and history, and does further extend *un dangkulu na si Yu'us ma'ase* to the late Speaker Taitano
12 for his many years of dedication to the island of Guam; and be it further

13 **RESOLVED**, that the Speaker certify, and the Secretary of the Legislature attest to, the
14 adoption hereof, and that copies of the same be thereafter transmitted to Mrs. Linda Taitano
15 Reyes, daughter, and to the Honorable Felix P. Camacho, *I Maga'lahaen Guåhan*.

**DULY AND REGULARLY ADOPTED BY I MINA'TRENTA NA LIHESLATURAN
GUÅHAN ON THE ___ DAY OF _____ 2010.**

JUDITH T. WON PAT
Speaker

RORY J. RESPICIO
Chairperson, Committee on Rules

TINA ROSE MUÑA BARNES
Secretary of the Legislature