

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

Resolution No. 428-30(LS)

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Relative to recognizing, honoring, and congratulating Mrs. Cerila Rosa Tanaka Matias Rapadas upon her retirement having dedicated over Fifty (50) years of public service in the care of her people and Island community and to extend to her family a sincere *un dangkolo na Si Yu'os Ma'åse'* for the outstanding contributions their mother had made to improving the quality of life and for the betterment of our Island Community on behalf of *I Liheslaturan Guåhan* and the people of Guam.

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

3 WHEREAS, Cerila Rosa Tanaka Matias was born on June 30, 1932 in
4 *Hagåtña*. She is the daughter of the late Leonardo P. Matias and the late
5 Carmen S. Tanaka. Cerila is the second of six (6) children: two (2) brothers –
6 Antonio (deceased) and Leonardo (deceased); and three (3) sisters – Carmen,
7 Frances and Julia (deceased); and

1 **WHEREAS**, Cerila and her late husband Danilo K. Rapadas’ courtship
2 began shortly after she returned from receiving her Master’s Degree, they
3 were united in the sacrament of Matrimony on August 30,1958; and

4 **WHEREAS**, Cerila Rosa Tanaka Matias and the late Danilo “Danny” K.
5 Rapadas were blessed with seven (7) children and their spouses – Leonardo
6 and Cynthia Cruz Rapadas, Danilo and Janet Paulino Rapadas, Antonio and
7 Carmela Somalpong Rapadas, Christina Rapadas, Asuncion Rapadas, Juan
8 and Luisa Capulong Rapadas, and Earl and Roberta Rapadas Yamamoto; and

9 **WHEREAS**, Cerila and Danny are doubly blessed with twelve (12)
10 grandchildren – Nicole, Lauren, Genevieve, Danielle, Danilo, Jr., Antonio, Jr.,
11 Victoria, Elisa, Noah, Cerila, Ethan and Emilee and two (2) great
12 grandchildren – Aidan and Dylan; and

13 **WHEREAS**, Cerila survived the Japanese occupation from 1941 – 1944
14 at the age of 9 – 12 years old; in the early years after World War II, Cerila
15 graduated in 1950 from George Washington High School in *Sinajaña* where
16 she was the valedictorians of her class. She went on to earn her Bachelor of
17 Arts in Biology with a minor in Chemistry at the College of St. Catherine in St.
18 Paul, Minnesota; and

19 **WHEREAS**, completing her college education, Cerila returned back to
20 Guam in 1954 to help take care for her ailing father alongside her mother; and

1 **WHEREAS**, with a proper Science education brought Cerila to the
2 Academy of Our Lady of Guam in *Hagåtña* where she taught part-time
3 courses in General Science and Biology from 1954 – 1955; and

4 **WHEREAS**, in 1957, she was conferred a Master’s Degree in Biological
5 Science at Stanford University in Palo Alto, California;

6 **WHEREAS**, Cerila began her public service journey from 1957 – 1978 as
7 a laboratory technologist at the Guam Memorial Hospital, later attaining the
8 Laboratory Administrator position; she served as the Administrator of the
9 Guam Health Planning and Development Agency from 1979 – 1981. Cerila
10 returned to the Guam Memorial Hospital as the Administrator (1981 – 1983);
11 and

12 **WHEREAS**, Cerila retired in 1983 after twenty-five (25) years of service
13 with the Government of Guam; and was later employed as a lab supervisor
14 with the Physician Diagnostic Laboratory in Tamuning (1983 – 1988); and

15 **WHEREAS**, in May 1990, Monsignor David I. A. Quitugua, Cerila’s
16 parish priest, asked Cerila to temporarily fill his position as Deputy Director
17 at Catholic Social Services for two (2) years. Those two (2) years quickly
18 became twenty (20) years and today, Cerila continues to help our Island
19 community which has always been her stated purpose in life. During her
20 twenty (20)-year directorship, Cerila had the responsibility of managing over
21 thirty (30) programs that today, still provide services to residents of the

1 elderly, homeless, abused adults, children, persons with disabilities and other
2 individuals in need of service in our Island; and

3 **WHEREAS**, Cerila leads a busy but well balanced life of leadership in
4 civic organizations including the Christian Mothers, the Catholic Daughters
5 of the Americas and others, and;

6 **WHEREAS**, Cerila dedicated many years of her life in public service for
7 Guam and her people selflessly; now, therefore, be it

8 **RESOLVED**, that *I Mina'Trenta Na Liheslaturan Guåhan* does hereby
9 certify, on behalf of the people of Guam, recognize, honor, and congratulate
10 Mrs. Cerila Rosa Tanaka Matias Rapadas upon her retirement having
11 dedicated over Fifty (50) years of public service in the care of her people and
12 Island community and to extend to her family a sincere *un dangkolo na Si Yu'os*
13 *Ma'åse'* for the outstanding contributions their mother has made to improving
14 the quality of life and the betterment of our Island community on behalf of *I*
15 *Liheslaturan Guåhan* and the people of Guam; and, be it further

16 **RESOLVED**, that the Speaker certify and the Legislative Secretary
17 attests to, the adoption hereof and that copies of the same be thereafter
18 transmitted to her family - Leonardo and Cynthia Cruz Rapadas, Danilo and
19 Janet Paulino Rapadas, Antonio and Carmela Somalpong Rapadas, Christina
20 Rapadas, Asuncion Rapadas, Juan and Luisa Capulong Rapadas, and Earl and
21 Roberta Rapadas Yamamoto, Catholic Social Services, and to the Honorable
22 Felix P. Camacho, *I Maga'lahen Guåhan*.