

I MINA'TRENTAI SAIS NA LIHESLATURAN GUÅHAN
RESOLUTIONS

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Introduced by:

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1 **BE IT RESOLVED BY *I MINA'TRENTAI SAIS NA LIHESLATURAN***
2 ***GUÅHAN*:**

3 **WHEREAS,** the late Honorable Speaker Joe Taitano San Augustin fondly
4 known as "Speaker Joe T." was born on October 15, 1930 and is the son of Candido
5 Sanchez San Augustin and Maria Taitano San Augustin of Hagatña; and

6 **WHEREAS,** Speaker Joe T. was married to †Carmen Shimizu San Augustin and
7 they have five children; and

8 **WHEREAS,** Senator Joe Taitano San Augustin, better known to his friends,
9 colleagues and the residents of Guam as Joe T., was destined early on to serve he people
10 of Guam after his graduation from George Washington University in Washington, D.
11 C., where he earned both a Bachelor's Degree in Government and a Master's Degree in
12 Public Administration; and

13 **WHEREAS,** Joe T. served in various capacities in the government of Guam and
14 was instrumental in the transition of Guam's government and agencies from appointed
15 Governors to Guam's first elected Governor. In 1962, he led 20 government employees

1 in donating to establish the Government of Guam Federal Credit Union. He later served
2 on the Board of Directors for the Bank of Guam; and

3 **WHEREAS**, in his long and distinguished tenure as Senator and Speaker, Joe T.
4 San Agustin was instrumental in the establishment of many agencies, services and
5 programs of the government of Guam and fought for retirement security for employees
6 after their long years of sacrifice and service to the government of Guam. Even after
7 serving in the Guam Legislature, he served as a member of the Board of Trustees of the
8 Government of Guam Retirement Fund for over two decades; and

9 **WHEREAS**, Senator Joe T. San Agustin's hard work and diligence was rewarded
10 with numerous appointments to top posts in the Government of Guam, including the
11 role of director at the Department of Administration and the Bureau of Budget and
12 Management Research, as well as chairman of the Board of Directors at the Guam
13 Power Authority and Retirement Fund; and

14 **WHEREAS**, in numerous and lasting contributions to his island, Senator Joe T.
15 San Agustin consistently contributed to a long list of volunteer organizations, serving
16 as the organizer and first president of the Government of Guam Employees Federal
17 Credit Union, as a charter member of the Guam Co-op, chairman of Guam Aqua
18 Research's Board of Directors, vice president of the Santa Barbara Parent Teacher
19 Association, and a charter member of the Guam Jaycees; and

20 **WHEREAS**, with combined wisdom and leadership gained from both the private
21 and public sectors, Senator Joe T. San Agustin was elected to the Fourteenth Guam
22 Legislature, and to this day, as a tribute to his unblemished record and widely respected
23 character in the community, continues to serve the people of Guam in the same capacity;
24 and

25 **WHEREAS**, Senator Joe T. San Agustin succeeded in maintaining the
26 confidence of the voting public for two decades as a member of the Fourteenth
27 Legislature; Fifteenth Legislature as Minority Leader; Seventeenth and Eighteenth
28 Legislatures as Vice Speaker and Chairman of the Committee on Ways and Means;
29 Nineteenth Legislature as Chairman of the Committee on Health, Welfare and Ecology;

1 Twenty-First Legislature as Chairman of the Committee on Education; Twenty-Second
2 Legislature as Chairman of the Committee on Federal and Foreign Affairs; and the
3 TwentyThird Legislature as Chairman of the Committee on Economic-Agricultural
4 Development and Insurance; and

5 **WHEREAS**, Senator Joe T. San Agustin was put to the test by his peers, serving
6 as Speaker of the Twentieth, Twenty-First, and Twenty-Second Legislatures, where he
7 succeeded in leaving his mark as a key player in twentieth century politics on Guam;
8 and

9 **WHEREAS**, Senator Joe T. San Agustin, in an attempt to continue pushing
10 Guam's economy to new limits and to better the living conditions for the people of
11 Guam, served as the chief delegate of the Asian Pacific Parliamentarian's Union and the
12 Association of Pacific Island Legislatures, as well as held posts with the Executive
13 Committee of the Western Legislatures and the Council of State Governments; and

14 **WHEREAS**, Senator Joe T. San Agustin, through his many years of dedicated
15 public service, became a voice of reason and sound decision-making admired by his
16 colleagues in the Guam Legislature; and

17 **WHEREAS**, Senator Joe T. San Agustin continues to motivate and encourage
18 his young colleagues to develop in their role as public servants through hard work and
19 dedication to serve the people of Guam; and

20 **WHEREAS**, with compassion, courage, leadership, and wisdom, Senator Joe T.
21 San Agustin successfully served the people of Guam for nearly four decades, gaining
22 an enduring degree of respect from all corners of the community that will be
23 remembered for many years to come; now therefore, be it

24 **RESOLVED**, that *I Mina'trentai Sais Na Liheslaturan Guåhan* does hereby, on
25 behalf of the people of Guam posthumously recognize the late Honorable Joe Taitano
26 San Agustin, former Senator and Speaker for the guidance and leadership he provided
27 to our island; and to commemorate his lifetime of service to Guam and its people; and
28 expressing condolences to his family on his passing, on behalf of the people of Gua;
29 and be it further

1 **RESOLVED**, that the Speaker certify, and the Legislative Secretary attest to, the
2 adoption hereof, and that copies of the same be thereafter transmitted to the family of
3 the late Honorable Joe Taitano San Agustin; and to the Honorable Lourdes A. Leon
4 Guerrero, *I Maga'hågan Guåhan*.

**DULY AND REGULARLY ADOPTED BY I MINA'TRENTAI SAIS NA
LIHESLATURAN GUÅHAN ON THE DAY OF APRIL 2021.**

THERESE M. TERLAJE
Speaker

AMANDA L. SHELTON
Legislative Secretary

