

I MINA'TRENTAI SAIS NA LIHESLATURAN GUÅHAN
RESOLUTIONS

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2021 (FIRST) REGULAR SESSION

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

3 **WHEREAS,** the Honorable Joaquin C. Arriola has been at the forefront of
4 Guam's legal history as a highly respected lawyer in the Guam and CNMI courts for
5 67 years, as one of Guam's first Chamorro lawyers. He is the founding partner of
6 Arriola, Cowan & Arriola, currently known as Arriola Law Firm, Guam's oldest
7 established law office, and served as Associate Justice pro tempore of the Guam
8 Supreme Court from 1996 to 1999.

1 **WHEREAS**, in addition to his extensive years of legal practice, the
2 Honorable Joaquin C. Arriola was a Senator in the Third and Fourth Guam
3 Legislatures, serving as Chairperson of the Judiciary Committee; Legislative Legal
4 Counsel and Parliamentarian for the Fifth, Sixth and Seventh Guam Legislatures;
5 and Speaker of the Ninth and Tenth Guam Legislatures. His impact as a Senator and
6 Speaker continues through the laws he passed strengthening the Judiciary, the
7 hospital, the provision of healthcare to those in need, the protection and best use of
8 public lands, and many other laws establishing and organizing Guam’s civil,
9 criminal, and legal structures.

10 **WHEREAS**, Speaker Arriola was a staunch advocate for greater self-
11 government for the people of Guam, and as reflected in Congressional records,
12 Speaker Arriola spearheaded a movement against the Federal Comptroller position,
13 arguing that the people of Guam were entitled to greater self-government and that
14 the establishment of a Federal Comptroller outside the framework of the government
15 of Guam represented a step back from this goal and implied that the people of Guam
16 could not be trusted with the expenditure of public funds. The Federal Comptroller
17 provision was ultimately removed from the federal legislation.

18 **WHEREAS**, the Honorable Joaquin C. Arriola is from Hagatña, was born on
19 December 25, 1925 in Agana, Guam, to Vicente F. Arriola and Maria S. Arriola.
20 Joaquin and his six siblings (Frank, Josephine, Margarita, Jose, Vicente, and
21 Edward) survived the Japanese occupation of Guam during World War II, a forced
22 march to a concentration camp in Manenggon and other atrocities; however, when
23 the U.S. returned to Guam, the teenaged Joaquin Arriola took action and was
24 wounded by a Japanese hand grenade while leading a squad of the 77th Infantry
25 Division of the U.S. Army. After the war, he attended George Washington High
26 School and graduated in 1946.

1 **WHEREAS**, the Honorable Joaquin C. Arriola attended the College of St.
2 Thomas in St. Paul, Minnesota from 1947-1950, graduating cum laude in 1950. He
3 graduated from the University of Minnesota Law School in 1953 and passed the
4 Minnesota State Bar the same year. He was admitted to the Bar for Minnesota in
5 1953. He is currently a member of the Guam and CNMI bars and is admitted to
6 practice before the Ninth Circuit Court of Appeals and the U.S. Supreme Court.

7 **WHEREAS**, in 1954, he married the late distinguished Senator Elizabeth P.
8 Arriola and together they had eight children—three daughters (Jacqueline, Anita,
9 Lisa) and five sons (Vincent, Franklin, Michael, Joaquin, Jr., and Anthony).

10 **WHEREAS**, he served as Chairman on numerous Boards and Commissions,
11 including the then College of Guam Board of Regents, and was legal counsel to
12 many Government of Guam agencies. He was instrumental in organizing and
13 forming the Bank of Guam, where he has served as general counsel since its
14 incorporation, and has served on the Board of Directors and as Secretary for Bank
15 Pacific. The University of Guam awarded the Honorable Joaquin C. Arriola its
16 Doctor of Laws (Honoris Causa) in December 2007.

17 **WHEREAS**, he is a member of the Guam Bar Association (including having
18 served as president from 1956-57), as well as the American, International, and
19 Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands Bar associations.

20 **WHEREAS**, the Honorable Joaquin C. Arriola was awarded the Guam
21 Judiciary Hustisia Award in 2014. The Hustisia honor recognizes community
22 members who have promoted respect for the law and an understanding of the judicial
23 system, encouraged civic responsibility and service and volunteered time and talents
24 to judicial system in serving the people of Guam.

25 **WHEREAS**, in 2017, the Honorable Joaquin C. Arriola also received the
26 Judge Cristobal C. Duenas Excellence Award which is presented annually to

1 someone selected by the Chief Judge of the District Court of Guam who has devoted
2 a substantial part of his or her life to the practice or cause of the District Court of
3 Guam, the Ninth Circuit, or related agencies.

4 **WHEREAS**, the Honorable Joaquin C. Arriola exemplifies commitment,
5 dedication, and outstanding public service. He has had a significant and lasting
6 impact on the lawyers, judges, clients, government agencies, and community
7 members he has worked with during these last seven decades; now therefore, be it

8 **RESOLVED**, that I Mina 'Trentai Sais Na Liheslaturan Guåhan does hereby,
9 on behalf of the people of Guam, congratulate the Honorable Joaquin C. Arriola on
10 the occasion of his retirement after dedicating 67 years to the practice of law, and
11 does further recognize and commend his 67 years of service to the people of Guam
12 as a great legal mind and highly respected lawyer, judge, senator, and leader; and be
13 it further

14 **RESOLVED**, that the Speaker and the Chair of the Committee on Rules
15 certify, and the Legislative Secretary attest to, the adoption hereof, and that copies
16 of the same be thereafter transmitted to Mr. Joaquin C. Arriola; to the Arriola Law
17 Firm; and to the Honorable Lourdes A. Leon Guerrero, I Maga'hågan Guåhan.

**DULY AND REGULARLY ADOPTED BY THE COMMITTEE ON RULES
OF I MINA 'TRENTAI SAIS NA LIHESLATURAN GUÅHAN ON THE 12TH
OF FEBRUARY 2021.**

THERESE M. TERLAJE
Speaker

TINA ROSE MUÑA BARNES
Chair, Committee on Rules

AMANDA L. SHELTON
Legislative Secretary