

I MINA'TRENTAI SIETTE NA LIHESLATURAN GUÁHAN
RESOLUTIONS

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Introduced by:

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

3 **WHEREAS**, †Ralph “Doc” Guerrero Sablan, MD, a native son of Sinajana,
4 Guam, was born on January 14, 1933, in Hagåtña, Guam to †Jose Manalisay and
5 †Rosa Guerrero Sablan; and

6 **WHEREAS**, Dr. Sablan was called to eternal rest on April 2, 2024, in Las
7 Vegas, Nevada, at the age of 91. He is survived by his beloved wife of sixty-six (66)
8 years, Maryanne Gutierrez Sablan, and his legacy of dedication, service, and
9 compassion continues to resonate throughout the island of Guam; and

10 **WHEREAS**, Dr. Sablan was the first CHamoru Captain in the U.S. Navy, a
11 decorated Vietnam War Veteran, and the region’s sole dermatologist for over thirty
12 (30) years, who devoted his life to the health and well-being of the people of Guam
13 and the Pacific; and

1 **WHEREAS**, Dr. Sablan served with distinction for twenty (20) years at Naval
2 Hospital Guam, culminating his illustrious military career as the Executive Officer
3 and Chief of Clinic Services during his final tour of duty; and

4 **WHEREAS**, Dr. Sablan’s dedication to medicine was inspired by a life-
5 threatening childhood experience, during which his uncle, Dr. Ramon Sablan, the
6 first CHamoru physician, saved his life, igniting within him a lifelong passion for
7 the field of medicine; and

8 **WHEREAS**, Dr. Sablan was a proud alumnus of the first freshman class of
9 Father Duenas Memorial School and earned his Doctor of Medicine degree from the
10 University of Oklahoma, further contributing to his community by holding
11 leadership roles in the Guam Medical Society and the Guam Health Commission,
12 and serving as a founding board member of the Bank of Guam; and

13 **WHEREAS**, Dr. Sablan was not only a respected physician but also a man of
14 diverse interests and talents, who traveled the world, played the piano and golf,
15 collected seashells and coins, and had a deep love for the arts, reading, gardening,
16 and the ocean; and

17 **WHEREAS**, Dr. Sablan was a man of faith, a friend to many, a philanthropist,
18 and a dedicated servant to his community and family, whose good humor,
19 generosity, and wisdom will be greatly missed by all who knew him; and

20 **WHEREAS**, in recognition of his extraordinary service and contributions, the
21 Command Suite at Naval Hospital Guam will be officially renamed the Dr. Ralph
22 Guerrero Sablan Command Suite on August 30, 2024, a fitting tribute to his enduring
23 legacy; now, therefore be it

24 **RESOLVED**, that *I Mina ’trentai Siette na Liheslaturan Guahan* does hereby,
25 on behalf of the people of Guam, posthumously recognizes Dr. Ralph Guerrero
26 Sablan, MD, for his remarkable contributions to the island of Guam, the U.S. Navy,
27 and the medical community; and to further commemorate the renaming of the

1 command suite at Naval Hospital Guam as the *Dr. Ralph Guerrero Sablan*
2 *Command Suite*; and be it further

3 **RESOLVED**, that the Speaker certify, and the Legislative Secretary attest
4 to, the adoption hereof, and that copies of the same be thereafter transmitted to
5 the family of Dr. Ralph Guerrero Sablan; and to the Honorable Lourdes A. Leon
6 Guerrero, *I Maga'hågan Guåhan*.

**DULY AND REGULARLY ADOPTED BY I MINA'TRENTAI SIETTE NA
LIHESLATURAN GUÅHAN ON THE DAY OF MONTH.**

THERESE M. TERLAJE
Speaker

AMANDA L. SHELTON
Legislative Secretary