

**I MINA'TRENTA NA LIHESLATURAN GUÅHAN
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Resolution No. 6 (LS)

As amended.

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Relative to expressing sincere condolences to the family of the late Monique Yve'tte Portusach-Cepeda, and to recognizing and memorializing her for the many accomplishments she has done for our community and our people of Guam.

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

3 **WHEREAS**, Monique Yve'tte Portusach-Cepeda, affectionately known
4 as "Momo" or "Irensia", and raised in the village of Agana Heights, was born
5 on March 9, 1978 to Frances Portusach Hudgens and Anthony Calvo Cepeda,
6 and later married Nathaniel Ulloa of Tamuning; and

7 **WHEREAS**, Monique's belief in and commitment to education was
8 demonstrated by her educational accolades: graduating Valedictorian from
9 George Washington High School in 1996; receiving her Bachelor's Degree
10 from Brown University in 2000; earning a Masters Degree from Harvard
11 University in 2002; and while she was undergoing treatment for her cancer,
12 Monique was enrolled in a doctorate degree program focusing on healthcare;
13 and

14 **WHEREAS**, Monique's unique background as a first generation college
15 graduate, a product of the Guam Public School System, and a Chamorro
16 woman, had brought her the understanding and privileges of having to give
17 back and dedicate her life to her island community; and

18 **WHEREAS**, Monique's contributions to the island stemmed from her
19 frustrations from the lack of research and programs on Pacific Islands, as well
20 as the under-representation of Native Pacific Islanders in academia, and from
21 there, she made it one of her missions in life to bring the nation and the world

1 to a complete understanding of her island's culture, its people, and its
2 traditions, as well as of the islands surrounding Guam; and

3 **WHEREAS**, Monique worked for the Social Security Administration as
4 a Federal Disability Examiner for American Samoa, the Commonwealth of the
5 Northern Mariana Islands and Guam, which assisted with one of her missions
6 in life to bring to light the plight and difficulties surrounding Pacific Islanders,
7 learning firsthand about the diseases and disabilities affecting Pacific
8 Islanders, and the issues associated with their limited access to care; and

9 **WHEREAS**, Monique's dedication to public service, her
10 accomplishments within her community, her academic excellence, and her
11 role as a community leader was nationally recognized in 2000, when she was
12 selected as a President Harry S Truman Scholar, a prestigious designation
13 given to only a select few, and created by the United States Congress to honor
14 outstanding future leaders in public service; and

15 **WHEREAS**, Monique further brought pride to her island, having been
16 selected as a Presidential Management Fellow, a prestigious two(2)-year
17 federal government program that employs graduate students who
18 demonstrate a breadth and quality of accomplishments, a capacity for
19 leadership, and a commitment to excellence in the leadership and
20 management of public policies and programs; and

21 **WHEREAS**, Monique spearheaded and participated in organizations
22 such as Youth 4 Youth Live!, that sought to motivate individuals to be their

1 best and encourages positive growth and success, and she became a mentor to
2 all, especially our youth; and

3 **WHEREAS**, Monique, having struggled with Non-Hodgkins
4 Lymphoma for more than a year, became the motivation that brought our
5 island community together for the second bone-marrow drive; and she later
6 lost her battle to the cancer that affected her lymph node cells on January 3,
7 2009; and

8 **WHEREAS**, Monique will be deeply missed by her husband, Nathaniel
9 Ulloa; her mother, Frances Portusach Hudgens; her father, Anthony Calvo
10 Cepeda; her maternal, grandmother Virginia Hughes Portusach; and her
11 family, friends, colleagues, and many individuals whose lives she has
12 positively touched; now, therefore, be it

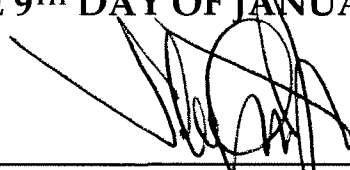
13 **RESOLVED**, that *I Mina'Trenta Na Liheslaturan Guåhan* does hereby, on
14 behalf of the people of Guam, recognize and commend the late Monique
15 Yve'tte Portusach-Cepeda for her numerous and outstanding
16 accomplishments and contributions to the island and the people of Guam, and
17 does celebrate her life as one of Guam's outstanding daughters, and does
18 further extends its most sincere condolences to her husband, Nathaniel Ulloa;
19 to her parents, Frances Portusach Hudgens and Anthony Calvo Cepeda; to
20 her maternal grandmother, Virginia Hughes Portusach; and to her family and
21 friends; and be it further

1 **RESOLVED**, that the Speaker certify and the Legislative Secretary attest
2 to the adoption hereof and that copies of the same be thereafter transmitted to
3 Mr. Nathaniel Ulloa, Mrs. Frances Portusach Hudgens, Mr. Anthony Calvo
4 Cepeda, and to the Honorable Felix P. Camacho, *I Maga'lahaen Guåhan*.

DULY AND REGULARLY ADOPTED BY I MINA'TRENTA NA LIHESLATURAN GUÅHAN ON THE 9TH DAY OF JANUARY, 2009.



JUDITH T. WON PAT, Ed.D.
Speaker



TINA ROSE MUÑA BARNES
Legislative Secretary