



I MINA'TRENTA NA LIHESLATURAN GUÅHAN
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Resolution No. 198-30 (COR)

Introduced by:

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Relative to recognizing and commending Mrs. Nina Ignacio Bernardo, the longest serving employee of the Guam Environmental Protection Agency, for her thirty-two (32) years of public service; and to congratulate her on the occasion of her retirement from the Government of Guam.

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

3 **WHEREAS,** Mrs. Nina Ignacio Bernardo was born in Manila,
4 Philippines on August 23, 1928, as the only girl among five children; and

5 **WHEREAS,** Nina attended St. Paul's College Elementary until fifth
6 grade, before she went on to secondary school at Arellano University,
7 where she graduated before attending two years of college at the
8 Philippine Women's University; and

9 **WHEREAS,** she took a job in Saigon, Vietnam in 1967 as a secretary
10 for Alaska Barge & Transport Inc./Pacific Architects & Engineers, a
11 company which transported goods by ship and contracted repairs and
12 cleaning, and moved to Guam in 1971, where she spent several years
13 working in the private sector, holding positions with the Guam Toyku

1 Hotel, Realty Mortgage Corporation, Inland Builders Corp., and Guam
2 Memorial Life Plan; and

3 **WHEREAS**, Nina began her government service with the Guam
4 Environmental Protection Agency on January 17, 1977 as a Clerk Typist,
5 and is the longest serving employee of GEPA, having been with the agency
6 for more than 32 years; and

7 **WHEREAS**, upholding the same measure of dedication to her
8 personal life as she did to her professional life, Nina vowed her love and
9 devotion to Mr. Guillermo Bernardo at their marriage on July 27, 1977; and

10 **WHEREAS**, while continuing her career, Mrs. Bernardo embraced
11 her new life as a wife and spent nearly fifteen years taking care of her
12 husband, their home, and her stepson, Billy, until her husband's
13 unfortunate passing on June 2, 1991; and

14 **WHEREAS**, although Nina has always been an advocate for her
15 fellow workers to seek promotional opportunities, she has been
16 comfortable and content with her job, preferring to excel at her position
17 and perform many additional duties for the benefit of her agency, rather
18 than aspiring for a personal promotion, exemplifying her longevity and
19 dependability as a GEPA employee; and

20 **WHEREAS**, her friends know Mrs. Bernardo as a kind and
21 compassionate person who is always looking out for agency staffers, old
22 timers and newcomers alike, and is always honest, straightforward and
23 willing to provide constructive criticism whenever necessary, and she has

1 become the voice of staffers who have agency concerns but who may be too
2 hesitant to raise them; and

3 **WHEREAS**, Nina has volunteered her assistance at Annual Clerical
4 Seminars, and participated in Department of Administration Validation
5 Studies, and has represented her agency in receiving a Department
6 Recognition Award, and in addition to her devotion to her job, Mrs.
7 Bernardo makes time to serve our community as a member of the local
8 Diabetes Association, and practices her faith as a member of the local
9 Buddhist community; now, therefore, be it

10 **RESOLVED**, that the Committee on Rules of *I Mina'Trenta Na*
11 *Lihsaturan Guåhan* does hereby, on behalf of *I Lihsaturan Guåhan* and the
12 people of Guam, recognize and commend Mrs. Nina Ignacio Bernardo,
13 whose more than thirty-two (32) years of public service single her out as
14 the longest serving employee of the Guam Environmental Protection
15 Agency, and further congratulates her on her retirement from the
16 Government of Guam; and be it further

17 **RESOLVED**, that the Speaker and the Chairperson of the Committee
18 on Rules certify, and the Legislative Secretary attest to, the adoption hereof,
19 and that copies of the same be thereafter transmitted to Mrs. Nina Ignacio
20 Bernardo; to Ms. Lorilee Crisostomo, Administrator, Guam Environmental
21 Protection Agency; and to the Honorable Felix P. Camacho, *I Maga'lahaen*
22 *Guåhan*.

**DULY AND REGULARLY ADOPTED BY THE COMMITTEE ON RULES OF
I MINA'TRENTA NA LIHESLATURAN GUÁHAN ON THIS DAY OF
SEPTEMBER 2009.**