

I MINA'TRENTA NA LIHESLATURAN GUÅHAN
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Resolution No. 281-30 (COR) (LS)

Introduced by:

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Relative to posthumously commending John "Johnny" Vega for his lifetime of service to the people of Guam, and to extending condolences to his family.

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

WHEREAS, civil service through government and community organizations is the perfect embodiment of American democracy; and

WHEREAS, on a small island like Guam, the work of government employees and community leaders is felt like no other place on earth; and

WHEREAS, John "Johnny" Vega dedicated his life to serving the people of Guam from the moment he arrived in 1955; and

WHEREAS, in the government of Guam, Mr. Vega was appointed as the Deputy Director of the Department of Labor, and also held positions at the Offices of Senators Edward Calvo and Alberto C. Lamorena and Governor Felix Camacho; and

WHEREAS, he also served on government boards, like the Alcohol Beverage Commission, and the Board of Commissioners for the Guam

Housing and Urban Renewal Authority; and

WHEREAS, his good work was probably most felt in the Filipino community, where he was an active and effective leader for over twenty-five (25) years; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Vega has been elected the President of the Filipino Community of Guam, Visayas and Mindinao Families Association, Filipino-American Presidents Club, Federation of Asian People on Guam, Leyte-Samar Association, Ligan Community Association, Santa Barbara Dededo Parish Council, and the Guam Visayas and Mindanao Association; and

WHEREAS, he has also served as the Chairman of the Board for the Cebu Association of Guam and as a member of the Dededo Municipal Planning Council; and

WHEREAS, through Mr. Vega's leadership and help, the Filipino Community of Guam and the Federation of Asian People on Guam successfully obtained forty (40) acres of land for non-profit and cultural associations' club houses; and

WHEREAS, as President of the Filipino Community of Guam, Mr. Vega led fundraising efforts for three of the worst disasters to hit the Republic of the Philippines; and

WHEREAS, he has also facilitated burials for individuals who died on Guam with no surviving relatives; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Vega has also been instrumental in the naturalization of Filipino veterans; and

WHEREAS, his accomplishments have not gone unnoticed, with Mr. Vega receiving commendations from Filipino elected officials, and community leaders here on Guam; and

WHEREAS, he also was awarded the Presidential Award in 1991 from

Philippine President Corazon Aquino; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Vega tragically passed away on Friday, February 5, 2010; and

WHEREAS, his passing leaves a void that will be felt for many years to come, in both the family he loved and the island he served so selflessly; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that *I Mina' Trenta Na Liheslaturan Guåhan* does hereby, on behalf of the people of Guam posthumously commend John "Johnny" Vega for his lifetime of service to the people of Guam; and be it further

RESOVLED, that *I Liheslatura* extends condolences to his family; and be it further

RESOLVED, that the Speaker certify and the Secretary of the Legislature attest to the adoption hereof and that copies of the same be transmitted to Mr. Vega's wife Justina Rona, and to the Honorable Felix P. Camacho, *I Maga'lahaen Guahan*.

DULY AND REGULARLY ADOPTED BY I MINA'TRENTA NA LIHESLATURAN GUÅHAN ON THE _____ DAY OF FEBRUARY, 2010.