

***I MINA'TRENTAI KUÁTTRO NA LIHESLATURAN GUÁHAN***  
**RESOLUTION STATUS**

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2017 (FIRST) Regular Session

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Introduced by:

Michael F.Q. San Nicolas 

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

3           **WHEREAS**, the late Honorable Ignacio “Buck” Santiago Cruz was born on  
4 July 20, 1927, and was the son of the late Justa Santiago and Ramon Padilla Cruz,  
5 both from *Malesso*; and

6           **WHEREAS**, Mayor Buck Cruz attended Merizo Elementary School and  
7 graduated from George Washington High School. Soon after, Buck served our  
8 island’s children as a teacher at Piti Elementary School from 1947 to 1951; and

9           **WHEREAS**, Mayor Buck Cruz answered the call to serve his country when  
10 he joined the Marine Corps in San Francisco, California in August of 1951. Upon  
11 completion of the Drill Instructor School in January 1952, Buck was made a Junior  
12 Drill Instructor and for his outstanding performance, was made the Drill Instructor  
13 of the Week in 1952; and

14           **WHEREAS**, Mayor Buck Cruz continued his service at the Marine Corps  
15 Base in Camp Pendleton, California in 1954, where he served as the assistant S-4

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1 Chief, Staging Regiment; as the Assistant Embarkation Chief of the 1<sup>st</sup> Combat  
2 Service Group; and was later promoted to Staff Sergeant in October 1955. Buck was  
3 then transferred to Okinawa, Japan, where he became the Ninth Marines S-4 Chief;  
4 and

5 **WHEREAS**, Mayor Buck Cruz then served as the Group S-4 Chief of the  
6 Marine Air Group 36 and the Third Marine Aircraft Wing Embarkation Section upon  
7 his return to the United States in 1957, a job that he held from 1957 to 1961. From  
8 March 1961 to October 1962, Buck served as the Assistant Combat Cargo Officer  
9 of the Amphibious Squadron Seven Staff. He was then assigned to the Third Marine  
10 Division Embarkation, where he was promoted to Gunnery Sergeant in June 1964;  
11 and

12 **WHEREAS**, Mayor Buck Cruz continued his service during the onset of the  
13 Vietnam War, serving as the S-4 Chief of the 1<sup>st</sup> Force Regiment, where he assisted  
14 in the planning and movement of the first major Marine Corps units from the west  
15 coast of the United States to Vietnam. He then served as the Regimental S-4 Chief  
16 of the 4<sup>th</sup> Marines in Vietnam and as the Embarkation Chief of the Third Marine  
17 Division, and was promoted to the rank of Master Sergeant in September 1967; and

18 **WHEREAS**, Mayor Buck Cruz served his second tour in Vietnam, after three  
19 years of duty at the Headquarters of the Fleet Marine Force in Hawaii from 1967 to  
20 1969. He was assigned with the 1<sup>st</sup> Marine Aircraft Wing at Danang, where he served  
21 as the Wing Embarkation Chief; and

22 **WHEREAS**, Mayor Buck Cruz served as the Force Embarkation Chief at the  
23 Headquarters, Fleet Marine Force, Atlantic G-4 upon completion of his second tour  
24 in Vietnam, where he was promoted to Master Gunnery Sergeant in February 1971;  
25 and

26 **WHEREAS**, Mayor Buck Cruz served his last duty assignment at the  
27 Headquarters, III Marine Amphibious Force, Pacific in Okinawa, Japan as the Force

1 G-4 Chief, acting Force Sergeant Major, and a member of the III Marine Amphibious  
2 Force 500 mile club; and

3 **WHEREAS**, Mayor Buck Cruz retired from his military service on August 2,  
4 1975 and, throughout his military career, received the following medals and  
5 decorations for his outstanding performance and service to our country: the  
6 Meritorious Medal; the Navy Commendation Medal with Combat V; the Presidential  
7 Unit Citation; Good Conduct Medal with seven stars; the National Defense Service  
8 Medal; the Armed Forces Expeditionary Medal; the Vietnamese Service Medal with  
9 three stars; the Vietnamese Cross of Gallantry with Palms; and the Republic of  
10 Vietnam Campaign Medal; and

11 **WHEREAS**, Mayor Buck Cruz, upon returning to his island home of Guam,  
12 continued his service when he was elected Commissioner of the Municipality of  
13 *Malesso* in August 6, 1979 and later served as Mayor of the Municipality of *Malesso*  
14 when he was elected in November 1984 and re-elected in November 1988, in  
15 November 1992, and in November 1996, until his retirement from public service in  
16 December 2000. Buck served a total of sixteen (16) years and five (5) months as the  
17 Commissioner and Mayor of the Municipality of *Malesso*; and

18 **WHEREAS**, Mayor Buck Cruz will always be remembered for his hard work,  
19 determination, and selfless service to his country, as a retired Master Gunnery  
20 Sergeant in the Marine Corps, and to the people of Guam, as Commissioner and  
21 Mayor of the Municipality of *Malesso*; now therefore be it

22 **RESOLVED**, that the Committee on Rules of *I Mina'Trentai Kuåttro na*  
23 *Liheslaturan Guåhan* does hereby, on behalf of *I Liheslaturan Guåhan* and the  
24 people of Guam, posthumously commemorate and acknowledge the distinguished  
25 accomplishments, contributions, and dedication of the late Honorable Ignacio  
26 "Buck" Santiago Cruz, a former Commissioner and Mayor of the Municipality of  
27 *Malesso*, who was a true servant and leader of his island and nation; and, does further

1 extend sincere condolences from the people of Guam and *I Liheslaturan Guåhan* to  
2 the Cruz family upon his passing; and be it further

3       **RESOLVED**, that the Speaker and the Chairperson of the Committee on  
4 Rules certify, and the Legislative Secretary attest to, the adoption hereof, and that  
5 copies of the same be thereafter transmitted to the family of the late Honorable  
6 Ignacio “Buck” Santiago Cruz, former Commissioner and Mayor of the  
7 Municipality of *Malesso*; to the Honorable Paul M. McDonald, President of the  
8 Mayors’ Council of Guam; to Mr. Angel R. Sablan, Executive Director of the  
9 Mayors’ Council of Guam; to the Honorable Madeleine Z. Bordallo, Guam Delegate  
10 to the United States Congress; to the Honorable Katherine A. Maraman, Chief  
11 Justice, Judiciary of Guam; and to the Honorable Edward J.B. Calvo, *I Magå’lahen*  
12 *Guåhan*.

**DULY AND REGULARLY ADOPTED BY *I MINA'TRENTAI KUATTRO NA LIHESLATURAN GUÅHAN* ON THE \_\_\_\_ DAY OF \_\_\_\_\_ 2017.**

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**BENJAMIN J. CRUZ**  
Speaker

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**RÉGINE BISCOE-LEE**  
Chairperson, Committee on Rules

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**RÉGINE BISCOE-LEE**  
Legislative Secretary