

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

Resolution No.	Sponsor	Title	Date Intro	Date of Presentation	Date Adopted	Date Referred	Referred to	PUBLIC HEARING DATE	DATE COMMITTEE REPORT FILED	NOTES
296-34 (COR)	William M. Castro Telena Cruz Nelson Joe S. San Agustin Dennis G. Rodriguez, Jr. Louise Borja Muña	Relative to honoring and celebrating former Mayor of Piti Vicente Diaz Gumataotao on his ninetieth (90th) birthday and for his continued contributions to the island of Guáhan.	11/20/17 10:30 a.m.	11/30/17 6:30 p.m.						(3) copies needed

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**2017 (FIRST) Regular Session**

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Introduced by:

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RELATIVE TO HONORING AND CELEBRATING FORMER  
MAYOR OF PITI VICENTE DIAZ GUMATAOTAO ON HIS  
NINETIETH (90th) BIRTHDAY AND FOR HIS CONTINUED  
CONTRIBUTIONS TO THE ISLAND OF GUÁHAN.

1 **BE IT RESOLVED BY *I MINA'TRENTAI KUÁTTRO NA LIHESLATURAN***  
2 ***GUÁHAN*:**

3 **WHEREAS, *I Liheslaturan Guåhan*** honors and celebrates former Mayor of  
4 Piti Vicente Diaz Gumataotao, also known as “Tun Ben” on the occasion of his  
5 ninetieth (90th) birthday; and

6 **WHEREAS,** Mayor Vicente Diaz Gumataotao was born on November 30,  
7 1927, in the historic re-war village of Sumay to the late Josefina Diaz and Leon Diaz  
8 Gumataotao. He is the third oldest of twelve children, and the first-born son; and

9 **WHEREAS,** Mayor Vicente Diaz Gumataotao’s family at the advent of  
10 World War II were made to march to the Mannegon Hills concentration camp during  
11 the Imperial Japanese Army’s invasion of Guam and as a teenager was exposed to  
12 the atrocities of the brutal and gruesome war at the hands of the Japanese soldiers;  
13 and

14 **WHEREAS,** Mayor Vicente Diaz Gumataotao’s family was later relocated  
15 to the hills of Santa Rita where his family rebuilt their lives; and

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1           **WHEREAS**, Mayor Vicente Diaz Gumataotao later married the former  
2    Antonia Benavente Rabon of Sinajana and raised three (3) independent and beautiful  
3    women; Lisa Gumataotao, Betsy G. Suffey and Yvette Cruz and seven (7)  
4    professional men; Anthony Freddie Sablan, Gary Frank Gumataotao, Glen  
5    Gumataotao, Robert G.R. Leon Guerrero, Kevin A.R. Leon Guerrero, Manuel F.  
6    Leon Guerrero III, and Vicente D. Gumataotao II. “Tun Ben” has been blessed with  
7    eleven (11) grandchildren and four (4) great-grandchildren and

8           **WHEREAS**, Mayor Vicente Diaz Gumataotao served the stars and stripes for  
9    over twenty-eight (28) years as a decorated sailor in the United States Navy. During  
10   his tour in the Navy he completed Mess Management School and was an instructor  
11   for Stewards within his Division, as well as Stewards to be assigned to The White  
12   House and subsequently retired at the rank of Master Chief Petty Officer (E-9), one  
13   of the highest enlisted ranks; and

14          **WHEREAS**, Mayor Vicente Diaz Gumataotao upon his retirement worked  
15   with former Speaker Thomas C. Tanaka as a Legislative Consultant in the territorial  
16   Senate from January 1979 to December 1983, and then worked with former Senator  
17   Eddie Dueñas from 1984 to 1988, before eventually taking a position in the office  
18   of former Congressman Vicente C. Blaz in the 101<sup>st</sup> and 102<sup>nd</sup> U.S. Congress from  
19   January 1989 to December 1993, as a confidant; and

20          **WHEREAS**, Mayor Vicente Diaz Gumataotao after ten (10) years of full  
21   retirement was called on by the community of Piti to run for Mayor of Piti and served  
22   as the village Mayor for twelve (12) years from January 2004 to December 2015;  
23   and

24          **WHEREAS**, Mayor Vicente Diaz Gumataotao in his time as mayor,  
25   improved his village through restoration of the Piti basketball court, renovating the  
26   Pedro Santos Park, cleaning up Marine Corp Drive, and developing Masso Reservoir  
27   for the village of Piti; and

1           **WHEREAS**, Mayor Ben is an active member of numerous civic and religious  
2 organizations: the U.S. Navy League (Lifetime Member); Young ME's League of  
3 Guam; Fleet Reserve Association, Branch #73; National Association of Uniform  
4 Services (Lifetime Member); Guam Diabetes Association; Legion of Mary  
5 (Auxiliary Member) Piti Church; Finance Council, Piti Church; Past Member, Piti  
6 Municipal Planning Council; Past Member, Public Utilities Commission; and Past  
7 Member, Guam Land Use Commission; therefore

8           **BE IT NOW RESOLVED**, that the Speaker certify, and the Legislature  
9 Secretary attest to, the adoption hereof, and that copies of the same be thereafter  
10 transmitted to; Antonia B. R. Gumataotao and their ten (10) children, to the  
11 Honorable Jessie Alig, Mayor of Piti and Honorable Eddie Baza Calvo, I Maga  
12 'lahen Guåhan.

**DULY AND REGULARLY ADOPTED BY *I MINA'TRENTAI KUÁTTRO NA LIHESLATURAN GUÅHAN* \_\_\_ DAY OF \_\_\_\_\_, 2017.**

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**BENJAMIN J.F. CRUZ**  
Speaker

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**RÉGINE BISCOE LEE**  
Legislative Secretary