

I MINA'TRENTAI KU'ATTRO NA LIHESLATURAN GU'AHAN
RESOLUTION STATUS

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1 **BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COMMITTEE ON RULES OF**
2 ***MINA'TRENTAI KUATTRO NA LIHESLATURAN GUAHAN:***

3 **WHEREAS,** Gerald “Gerry” S.A. Perez was born and raised on Guam and was
4 taught from an early age the ethics of hard work paying off. His first job was pouring
5 the foundations of houses in Tamuning and was paid forty-five (45) cents an hour, his
6 work proved solid and is evidenced by the fact that to this day, the houses he poured
7 foundation on still stands tall after withstanding numerous typhoons and calamities the
8 island has been through in the last fifty (50) years. In high school he worked cleaning
9 gutters and culverts and was getting paid one dollar an hour which was a huge pay raise
10 from his first job; and

11 **WHEREAS,** his parents gifted him with an airline ticket to attend college
12 stateside, on the condition that he would have to pay for his own education and couldn't
13 return to Guam unless he had a college degree in his hands. So off he went to attend the
14 University of Idaho, working part time doing odd jobs and supporting his education by
15 performing with a musical band made up of college friends. Armed with a Bachelor of
16 Science Degree in Forestry and Wildlife Management, the Laureate graduated in 1969

1 and was ready to come home to Guam. He quickly went to work and used this
2 knowledge playing a pivotal role in creating a rabies eradication program that, to this
3 day, Guam is proud to be recognized as “rabies free”. He continued to apply his
4 knowledge working on writing grants and promoting capital ventures for small start-up
5 companies on island. This sparked a sense of self for him and in 1977, started as General
6 Manager for Nanbo Insurance Underwriters; and

7 **WHEREAS**, in 1979 he worked as Business Development Manager of Duty Free
8 Shoppers and over the next twenty-three (23) years, worked his way from Vice
9 President of Retail Operations and eventually took over the helm of President, a position
10 he held until 2002. Through hard work and sheer determination, he painstakingly
11 worked to make Guam the leading tourist destination in the Pacific. Most notable was
12 Laureate’s involvement with the collaboration and redevelopment of North Tumon Bay,
13 most commonly known as “Pleasure Island,” a premiere shopping district offering high-
14 end malls and a multitude of shopping arcades to choose from. Laureate was involved
15 from concept to completion, transforming the zone into the island’s tourism center stage
16 and epicenter of real estate values. He also was a key player in enticing Underwater
17 World to come to Guam to showcase our marine environment in one of the longest
18 running underwater tunnels in the world; and

19 **WHEREAS**, active in civic and community activities, Laureate served as
20 Chairman of the Board with the Guam Chamber of Commerce where he most notably
21 changed Chamber by-laws to have limited terms on the Board, as well as increase Small
22 Business representation; and

23 **WHEREAS**, from 2003 to 2005, he was the Administrator for the Guam
24 Economic Development Authority where he participated in sponsored trade missions
25 that resulted in new businesses that included the birth of First Commercial Bank, HSBC

1 Bank, KEICO, Leo Place Resort, Hyundai, Sumitomo Construction and Taiwan-based
2 company, RSEA; and

3 **WHEREAS**, from 2005 to 2011, he was the General Manager of the Guam
4 Visitors Bureau where he authored the Five Year Tourism Strategic Plan and rolled out
5 major initiatives aimed at expanding Guam’s air service, growing and diversifying
6 source markets and revitalizing the significance of Guam’s cultural heritage; and

7 **WHEREAS**, a recipient of numerous awards and accolades throughout his
8 professional career including the Golden Latte Award for Excellence in Tourism, the
9 Outstanding Young Men Award from the Pacific Jaycee and the Phi Sigma and Xi
10 Sigma Pi Academic Honoraries for his outstanding contribution to the economic
11 development; and

12 **WHEREAS**, all of the impressive leadership roles demonstrates Mr. Perez’s
13 acumen for developing impressive and ambitious, yet achievable goals and objectives,
14 workable structures, protocols for achievement and the discipline to make them work.
15 That is his forte! Laureate’s life has been dedicated to making Guam’s economy viable,
16 enhancing the economic opportunities for the people of Guam in every way he can
17 because he is a proud Guamanian who believes everyone should become all they are
18 capable of being; now therefore, be it

19 **RESOLVED**, that the Committee on Rules of *I Mina'Trentai Kuåttro Na*
20 *Liheslaturan Guåhan* does hereby, on behalf of *I Liheslaturan Guåhan* and the people
21 of Guam, recognize and congratulate Gerald “Gerry” S.A. Perez on being distinguished
22 as the Guam Chamber of Commerce – Guam Business Hall of Fame Individual Laureate
23 of 2017; and to further extending *Un Dangkolo Na Si Yu'os Ma'ase'* to him for his
24 invaluable contributions to our growing tourism market and our island community; and
25 be it further

1 **RESOLVED**, that the Speaker and the Chairperson of the Committee on Rules
2 certify, and the Legislative Secretary attest to, the adoption hereof, and that copies of
3 the same be thereafter transmitted to Gerald S.A. Perez; Catherine Castro, President,
4 Guam Chamber of Commerce; and to the Honorable Edward J.B. Calvo, *I Maga'lahren*
5 *Guåhan*.

**DULY AND REGULARLY ADOPTED BY THE COMMITTEE ON RULES OF
I MINA'TRENTAI KUÁTTRO NA LIHESLATURAN GUÁHAN ON THE TH DAY
OF APRIL 2017.**

BENJAMIN J.F. CRUZ
Speaker

MICHAEL F.Q. SAN NICOLAS
Chairperson, Committee on Rules

RÈGINE BISCOE LEE
Legislative Secretary