




I MINA'TRENTAI SINGKO NA LIHESLATURAN GUÅHAN
RESOLUTIONS

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371-35 (COR)	Telo T. Taitague Louise B. Muña James C. Moylan Therese M. Terlaje	Relative to posthumously honoring the late Joe Thomas Couch for his volunteerism and commitment to the development of the sport of golf on the island of Guam, and for helping to share moments in Guam's history with the world through Glimpses of Guam; and to further extending sincere condolences to his family on his passing.	9/11/20 8:00 a.m.	10/1/20						

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2020 (SECOND) Regular Session

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

3 **WHEREAS**, it is customary for *I Liheslaturan Guåhan* to acknowledge
4 individuals in our community who have devoted themselves to helping others through
5 their time, talents, and personal treasures; and

6 **WHEREAS**, *I Liheslatura* recognizes the love and generosity Joe Thomas
7 Couch gave over many years to the community of golf players and enthusiasts on Guam;
8 and

1 **WHEREAS**, Joe Thomas Couch is from El Dorado, Arkansas and was born in
2 Little Rock, the state capital, and graduated from the University of Arkansas where he
3 played collegiate golf; and

4 **WHEREAS**, Joe Thomas Couch moved to Guam in 1971 to work for the
5 advertising department of J&G Enterprises, and later joined Glimpses of Guam
6 Magazine in 1974 which at the time was published and operated by the U.S. Navy; and

7 **WHEREAS**, Joe Thomas Couch eventually took ownership of Glimpses of
8 Guam and successfully navigated this critical aspect of Guam’s expanding media
9 industry for 31 years until making the decision to sell his company in 2005; and

10 **WHEREAS**, Joe Thomas Couch’s Glimpses of Guam, Inc. grew to an
11 advertising agency and a local and regional authority in print media, publishing the
12 Guam Business News, Marianas Business Journal, Marine Drive magazine, military
13 base guides, and USO magazine; and

14 **WHEREAS**, although Joe Thomas Couch was deeply committed to the success
15 of his business, the sport of golf captured his passion as he played competitively
16 throughout the early 1970’s and into the late 1980’s; and

17 **WHEREAS**, Joe Thomas Couch was a member of the Guam national men’s
18 team which competed in the South Pacific Games and played in the championship and
19 “A” flights for a number of years – and following many competitions over the years, he
20 transitioned to recreational golf with the Hawaiian Golf Club; and

1 **WHEREAS**, as a member of the Guam National Golf Federation, Joe Thomas
2 Couch served in different capacities from President to Secretary General, and together
3 with another Guam leader in the sport of golf, the late George Benoit, he was
4 responsible for the development and growth of the sport on the island over the last 40
5 years; and

6 **WHEREAS**, Joe Thomas Couch helped to establish the Guam Junior Golf and
7 the men's and women's amateur golf programs and was instrumental in helping to
8 create a direct relationship between Guam's community of golf players and the Royal
9 & Ancient Golf Club which is more commonly known as the R&A, and its affiliate the
10 Asia Pacific Golf Confederation; Membership in the R&A enabled Guam's top adult
11 and junior players to receive invitations to participate over the years in world-class
12 amateur tournaments and competitions throughout Asia, the Pacific, the United States,
13 and Europe; and

14 **WHEREAS**, despite his declining health during the last several years, Joe
15 Thomas Couch always found ways to lend a helping hand to the Guam National Golf
16 Federation, attending every ranking tournament he could participate in, and shuttling
17 players to and from the driving range or working as the tournament starter; and

18 **WHEREAS**, fondly remembered by his family, close friends, and community of
19 golf players and enthusiasts for his sense of humor and his lively and optimistic attitude
20 on life, Joe Thomas Couch leaves behind his wife of 31 years and longtime Guam

1 National Golf Federation member, Mariquita “Laling” Cruz Couch”, and his brother
2 Lonnie Couch; and, now, therefore, be it

3 **RESOLVED**, that the Committee on Rules of *I Mina'trentai Singko Na*
4 *Liheslaturan Guåhan* does hereby, on behalf of the People of Guam, posthumously
5 honors the late Joe Thomas Couch for his volunteerism and commitment to the
6 development and growth of golf on Guam – and for helping to share moments in
7 Guam’s history with the world through Glimpses of Guam; and be it further

8 **RESOLVED**, that the Committee on Rules of *I Mina'trentai Singko Na*
9 *Liheslaturan Guåhan* does hereby, on behalf of the People of Guam, further extends
10 sincere condolences to his family on his passing; and be it further

11 **RESOLVED**, that the Speaker and the Chair of the Committee on Rules certify,
12 and the Legislative Secretary attest to, the adoption hereof, and that copies of the same
13 be thereafter be transmitted to the family of the late Joe Thomas Couch; and to the
14 Honorable Lourdes A. Leon Guerrero, *I Maga'hågan Guåhan*.

**DULY AND REGULARLY ADOPTED BY THE COMMITTEE ON RULES OF
I MINA'TRENTAI SINGKO NA LIHESLATURAN GUÅHAN ON THE DAY OF
2020.**

TINA ROSE MUÑA BARNES
Speaker

REGINE BISCOE LEE
Chair, Committee on Rules

AMANDA L. SHELTON
Legislative Secretary