

I MINA'BENTE NUEBI NA LIHESLATURAN GUÅHAN
2008 (SECOND) Regular Session

Executive Committee
Resolution No. . 156

Introduced by:

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Relative to honoring and recognizing Tan Joaquina Mata Espinosa Santos and her long and eventful life as a nurse midwife, and as a mother, grandmother and great grandmother, and as a wife of 64 years to her loving husband, the late Tun Thomas Taitano Santos, and offer congratulations on the occasion of her 102nd birthday.

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1 **BE IT RESOLVED BY THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE OF I**
2 **MINA'BENTE NUEBI NA LIHESLATURAN GUÅHAN:**

3 **WHEREAS,** Tan Joaquina Mata Espinosa was born on January 4,
4 1906 in *Malessso*, the second oldest of the seven children of Ignacio Espinosa
5 and Tomasa Mata; and

6 **WHEREAS,** on April 8, 1933, at the age of 27, Tan Joaquina was
7 married to Thomas Taitano Santos in *Sumay*, beginning their long and
8 loving life together spanning 64 extraordinary years in the history of our
9 island, during which time they raised five children and reared a nephew
10 and several nieces; and

11 **WHEREAS,** during the very difficult years of World War II, Tan
12 Joaquina worked as a "*pattera*," or nurse midwife, helping expectant
13 mothers bring new lives into this world; and

14 **WHEREAS,** as a religious woman, Tan Joaquina also was actively
15 involved in the Toto Confirmatory of Christian Mothers for many years;
16 and

1 **WHEREAS**, during her lifetime Tan Joaquina was a personal witness
2 to, and experienced many of the most important events in our island’s long
3 history, including the occupation of Guam by the Imperial Japanese Army
4 during World War II and the liberation of the Chamorro people by
5 American forces; the advent of the Organic Act of Guam and the
6 concurrent establishment of an elected lawmaking body and civilian
7 governance for our island; and

8 **WHEREAS**, she also was present for the lifting of the military
9 security clearance, allowing for the growth and development of tourism,
10 Guam’s major industry, and the rapid expansion of our island’s private
11 sector; the establishment of a seat in the U.S. Congress for a delegate to
12 represent the people of Guam; and the right to elect our own governors;
13 and

14 **WHEREAS**, on January 4, 2008, Tan Joaquina, a woman of
15 exceptional wisdom and life experiences, celebrated an incredible
16 milestone, reaching her 102nd birthday; and

17 **WHEREAS**, although she no longer eats dried meat or chews betel
18 nut, she does continue to enjoy her favorite island delicacies including fried
19 fish, *Kadon Guihan*, *Alâguan*, *Atulai* and *Kâdon Mânok*, and still loves to
20 drink coffee, and tell stories and jokes; and

21 **WHEREAS**, her son Deacon Jose Santos attributes his mother’s
22 longevity to the strong bond that exists between Tan Joaquina and the
23 members of her family, including 10 grandchildren, 20 great-
24 grandchildren, a great-great-grandchild and numerous nieces and
25 nephews; now, therefore, be it

26 **RESOLVED**, that the Executive Committee of *I Mina’Bente Nuebi Na*
27 *Liheslaturan Guåhan* does hereby, on behalf of *I Liheslaturan Guåhan* and the
28 people of Guam, recognize and honor the long and eventful life of Tan

1 Joaquina Mata Espinosa Santos and her roles as a nurse midwife, and as a
2 mother, grandmother and great grandmother, and as a wife of 64 years to
3 her loving husband, the late Tun Thomas Taitano Santos; and be it further

4 **RESOLVED**, the Executive Committee of *I Mina'Bente Nuebi Na*
5 *Liheslaturan Guåhan* does hereby, on behalf of *I Liheslaturan Guåhan* and the
6 people of Guam, offer congratulations on the occasion of Tan Joaquina
7 Mata Espinosa Santos' 102nd birthday; and be it further

8 **RESOLVED**, that the Speaker and the Chairman of the Executive
9 Committee certify, and the Secretary of the Legislature attest to, the
10 adoption hereof, and that copies of the same be thereafter transmitted to
11 Tan Joaquina Espinosa Mata Santos; to Deacon Jose Santos; and to the
12 Honorable Felix P. Camacho, *I Maga'lahaen Guåhan*.

**DULY AND REGULARLY ADOPTED BY I MINA'BENTE NUEBI NA
LIHESLATURAN GUÅHAN ON THIS DAY OF JANUARY 2008.**