


MINA'BENTE NUEBI NA LIHESLATURAN GUÅHAN
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Pangelinan

Introduced by:

v.c. pangelinan 

Relative to memorializing and acknowledging the accomplishments of former Chamorro music legend Frank “Bokonggo” Pangelinan on the occasion of his untimely passing, and offering condolences to his family.

BE IT RESOLVED BY I LIHESLATURAN GUÅHAN:

WHEREAS, Francisco Matagolai Pangelinan better known as “Bokonggo” was born in the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands on November 22, 1954, the son of the late Jose “Pingchang” Cruz, former Mayor of Tinian and Eugenia Matagolai Pangelinan and was reared by Ficio Pangelinan, was called to his eternal rest on December 4, 2008; and

WHEREAS, “Bokonggo” literally translate as a cave, a nickname which Francisco Pangelinan was given by his fellow Boy Scouts to distinguish which Frank Pangelinan was which; and

WHEREAS, today, the mere mention of “Bokonggo” describes a living legend in Chamorro music; and

WHEREAS, “Bokonggo” developed a following over the years performing on the local music circuit and in California, Washington and Las Vegas; and

WHEREAS, his music captured the hearts of the young and the old alike; and

WHEREAS, “Bokonggo” moved to Guam in 1981 to pursue his musical career; and

WHEREAS, over thirty five albums later, Bokonggo has earned the respect and admiration of his family, friends, peers and many fans in the Chamorro music industry, with hits like Nae Yu Neni (Triste Yu) with Cindy Manglona Svec, Kasimento, Ai Nene, Bira Hao Magi, I Won’t Forget You, and Katrina to name a few; and

WHEREAS, several of “Bokonggo’s” tunes have been recorded on the first and second volumes of the Chamorro laser karaoke discs; and

WHEREAS, in 1991, Bokonggo opened his recording studio and since then inspired, motivated, and produced many of the local artists such as: Jesse Bais and Ruby Santos’ mega hit

1 “Pugua”, Cindy Manglona Svec who sang background vocals on “Triste Yu”, Therese Pangelinan,
2 Kacy De Leon Guerrero, Remy and Joycelyn, and his three sons, Franklin, Lief, and Zylzohni; and

3 **WHEREAS**, on Saturday, April 22, 1995 at 8:00pm at the Royal Taga Beach House, Frank
4 “Bokonggo” Pangelinan and his band Plus 3: Louie Bombon (keyboards and background vocals),
5 Andres “Bunny” Marchadesch (drums), and Ambrosio “Chuckee” Orgino (bass guitar) made their
6 musical return to “Bokonggo’s” homeland Saipan accompanied by his friends from Guam: Jesse
7 Bais (famous Chamorro recording artist and former vocalist for The Kasuals), Ruby Santos (vocalist
8 and guitar), Theodore Bais (bass guitar), Mike Orland (drums), and Therese Pangelinan (a new
9 recording artist produced by “Bokonggo”); and

10 **WHEREAS**, celebrity masters of ceremonies were radio personalities Colonel Alex Sablan
11 (reputable Chamorro recording artist) from Saipan and Rick “The Big Baz” Baza from Guam,
12 Promoter Lynn Tydingco, major sponsor Norman Tenorio, and musical arranger Dante Trinidad
13 coordinated the all-star musical lineup; and

14 **WHEREAS**, “Bokonggo” also performed with Mike Rasmussen (bass guitarist also member
15 of DUB), J.T. Taisague (drums), J.R. Reyes (keyboard), and most recently his youngest son Shiabe-
16 Bok Pangelinan (keyboard); and

17 **WHEREAS**, due to his dedication to promoting the Chamorro music industry, “Bokonggo”
18 was bestowed with awards such as “Guam’s Favorite Recording Artist Award”, “The Gupot
19 Chamorro Award”, and a Resolution from the Government of the Commonwealth of the Northern
20 Mariana Islands in recognition of his accomplishments; and

21 **WHEREAS**, with the love and support of his friends and family especially Patricia Daga
22 Pangelinan, and children: Franklin, Lief, Sheika, Zylzohni, Phayvian, and Shiabe-Bok, his musical
23 legacy will greatly continue to the preservation and promotion of our island culture...the Chamorro
24 Culture now, therefore, be it

25 **RESOLVED**, that *I Mina’Bente Nuebi Na Liheslaturan Guåhan* does hereby, on behalf of
26 the people of Guam, recognize the talent of Francisco Matagolai “Bokonggo” Pangelinan and his
27 contributions to Guam and the Marianas through his music; and be it further

28 **RESOLVED**, that *I Mina’Bente Nuebi Na Liheslaturan Guåhan* does hereby extend its
29 condolences and heartfelt sympathy to the family of the late Francisco Matagolai “Bokonggo”
30 Pangelinan on his untimely passing; and be it further

1 **RESOLVED**, that the Speaker certify, and the Secretary of the Legislature attest to, the
2 adoption hereof and that copies of the same be thereafter transmitted to the Honorable Felix P.
3 Camacho, I *Maga'lahen Guahan*, Madeleine Z. Bordallo, Guam's Delegate to Congress, his children
4 Franklin, Lief, Sheika, Zylzohni, Phayvian, Shiabe-Bok and Lynn Tydingco.

DULY AND REGULARLY ADOPTED BY I MINA'BENTE NUEBI NA LIHESLATURAN
GUAHAN ON THE ___ DAY OF _____, 2008.

Judith T. Won Pat, Ed.D
Speaker

Tina Muna Barnes
Senator and Legislative Secretary