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Introduced by:

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**AN ACT TO HONOR DOLORES "LOLA" BABAUTA MENO PEREZ BY NAMING THE SOUTHERN REGION COMMUNITY HEALTH CENTER IN THE MUNICIPALITY OF INARAJAN, THE "DOLORES B.M. PEREZ COMMUNITY HEALTH CENTER," BY ADDING A NEW §846 TO ARTICLE 1, CHAPTER 8 OF TITLE 1, GUAM CODE ANNOTATED.**

**BE IT ENACTED BY THE PEOPLE OF GUAM:**

**Section 1. Legislative Findings and Intent.** *I Liheslaturan Guahan*

finds that the late Dolores "Lola" Babauta Meno Perez was instrumental in the delivery of care specifically at the Southern Region Community Health Center. Ms. Perez was born on December 8, 1932 in the village of Talafofo. Lola as she was more affectionately known, attended Talafofo Elementary School through the eighth grade. Upon completion of her formal studies, she enrolled in the nursing school administered by the United States Navy. The Navy made available a nursing program in Tamuning to encourage and entice young local women to consider a career in nursing. Ms. Perez availed herself of that opportunity and was a part of the last nursing school cycle. After graduating from nursing school, Ms. Perez moved to the United States for a short while before returning to her native Guam. Upon her return to Guam, she was employed with the Government of Guam's Department of Public Health. As a nurse, she cared for the sick and provided treatment to those coming through the doors of Public Health. Ms. Perez would later be promoted to Supervisor of the Department's Communicable Disease Clinic. Subsequently, she was assigned to the Southern Region Community Health Center.

1 Ms. Perez was said to have been a compassionate and vivacious nurse  
2 while at the Southern Region Community Health Center. Furthermore, in times  
3 of natural disaster, Ms. Perez would personally stay back to assist and ensure  
4 that the facility was adequately staffed in order to provide care to residents of  
5 the south. The late Dolores “Lola” Babauta Meno Perez would find herself at  
6 the Southern Region Community Health Center until she retired from the  
7 Government of Guam. Even after retirement, many employees of the  
8 Department of Public Health attest that she continued to help out in many ways.  
9 Ms. Perez would come to the Health Center and cover when they were short of  
10 nurses. These acts of voluntarism also continue to be etched in the minds and  
11 hearts of those she touched.

12 Therefore, it is the intent of *I Liheslatura* to pay tribute and recognize the  
13 late Dolores “Lola” Babauta Meno Perez by naming the Southern Region  
14 Community Health Center in the Municipality of Inarajan, administered by the  
15 Department of Public Health and Social Services in her honor.

16 **Section 2. Naming of the Southern Region Community Health**  
17 **Center.** A new §846 is hereby added to Article 1, Chapter 8 of Title1, Guam  
18 Code Annotated, to read as follows:

19 **“§846. Dolores B.M. Perez Community Health Center.** The Southern  
20 Region Community Health Center, located in the Municipality of Inarajan,  
21 Guam, shall hereafter be known as the “*Dolores B.M. Perez Community Health*  
22 *Center.*” Any provisions in the laws of Guam referring to the Southern Region  
23 Health Center are hereby deemed to read the “*Dolores B.M. Perez Community*  
24 *Health Center.*” *I Maga’lahen Guahan*, the Director of the Department of  
25 Public Health and Social Services, the Mayor of Inarajan and the Inarajan  
26 Municipal Planning Council, shall cause to be erected appropriate nameplates  
27 or signs designating the Southern Region Health Center as the “*Dolores B.M.*  
28 *Perez Community Health Center.*” Further, at such ceremony as *I Maga’lahen*  
29 *Guahan*, the Director of Public Health and Social Services and the Mayor of  
30 Inarajan and members of the Inarajan Municipal Planning Council deem  
31 appropriate, the “*Dolores B.M. Perez Community Health Center,*” shall be

1 officially named and a plaque bearing the name, picture and brief history of the  
2 contributions of the late Dolores “Lola” Perez to the people of Guam shall be  
3 affixed within a suitable spot in or on the building.”

4 **Section 3. Severability.** If any of the provisions of this Act or the  
5 application thereof to any person or circumstance is held invalid, such invalidity  
6 shall not affect any other provision or application of this Act which can be  
7 given effect without the invalid provision or application, and to this end the  
8 provisions of this Act are severable.