

I MINA'TRENTAI UNU NA LIHESLATURAN GUÅHAN
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Relative to recognizing and commending the Honorable Robert J. Torres for his outstanding leadership during his recent term as the Chief Justice of the Judiciary of Guam; and to *extending Un Dångkulo' Na Si Yu'os Ma'åse* to him for his excellent contributions and accomplishments in realizing significant progress in the administration of justice to the people of Guam.

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

3 **WHEREAS**, the Honorable Robert J. Torres served as the Chief Justice of
4 the Judiciary of Guam, and as Chairman of the Judicial Council of Guam,
5 from January 15, 2008 through January 18, 2011; and

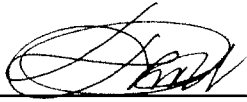
6 **WHEREAS**, during Chief Justice Torres' three (3) years serving as the
7 Chief Justice of the Judicial Branch of the government of Guam, significant
8 progress and improvements were realized in numerous areas including, but
9 not limited to: the establishment of the Northern Satellite Court; the creation
10 of the Magistrate Judge position; the construction of the regional crime
11 laboratory; the creation of the self-represented Litigants Kiosks; the creation of
12 the DWI and Mental Health Therapeutic Courts; he spearheaded Guam's
13 hosting of the 2010 Pacific Region Judicial Conference; he encouraged the
14 development of a successful recycling and waste management program
15 within the Judicial Branch; he created an active community partnership with
16 the Department of Education through the Play By the Rules, Children at Risk,
17 and the Anti-Bullying Programs; he developed a Judiciary Facilities Master
18 Plan in anticipation of the impending military buildup, and the future
19 requirements of the Judicial Branch; he successfully secured financial
20 resources for the eventual enhancement of the Criminal Justice Information
21 System; and he served as the Second Vice-President to the Conference of Chief
22 Justices, exposing Guam's presence in the national arena; and

1 **WHEREAS**, Chief Justice Torres further expanded the Judiciary of
2 Guam's overall involvement in community activities and programs, resulting
3 in increased visibility of the court's presence throughout the island, including,
4 but not limited to: improving the Law Week and Law Day activities, which
5 earned the unique recognition by the American Bar Association for the
6 Outstanding Law Day Activity Award for two (2) consecutive years; he
7 encouraged the active participation of court employees and family members
8 in the construction of a Liberation Day float within the government category,
9 and which attained first place awards for three (3) consecutive years; and he
10 increased Team Kotte's participation in community sporting activities, i.e.,
11 volleyball, basketball and softball; now, therefore, be it

12 **RESOLVED**, that the Committee on Rules of *I Mina'Trentai Unu Na*
13 *Liheslaturan Guåhan* does hereby, on behalf of *I Liheslaturan Guåhan* and the
14 people of Guam, extend special recognition to the Honorable Robert J. Torres,
15 Chief Justice Emeritus, for his exemplary service to the Judiciary of Guam in
16 providing valuable leadership in the administration of justice and the
17 enhancement of judicial services to all the people of Guam during his tenure
18 as Chief Justice of the Judiciary, and for increasing the support and
19 involvement of the Judiciary employees and management in community
20 activities; and does further extend *Un Dångkolo' Na Si Yu'os Ma'åse* to him for
21 his wonderful service and excellent contributions to the island community;
22 and be it further

1 **RESOLVED**, that the Speaker and the Chairperson of the Committee on
2 Rules certify, and the Legislative Secretary attest to, the adoption hereof, and
3 that copies of the same be thereafter transmitted to the Honorable Robert J.
4 Torres, Chief Justice Emeritus of the Judiciary; to the Honorable F. Phillip
5 Carbullido, Chief Justice, and Chairman, Judicial Council of Guam; to the
6 President of *I Familian I Kotte'* (Court Employees Association); and to the
7 Honorable Edward J.B. Calvo, *I Maga'lahren Guåhan*.

**DULY AND REGULARLY ADOPTED BY THE COMMITTEE ON RULES
OF *I MINA'TRENTAI UNU NA LIHESLATURAN GUÅHAN* ON THE 8TH
DAY FEBRUARY OF 2011.**



JUDITH T. WON PAT, Ed.D.
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