

I MINA'TRENTAI UNU NA LIHESLATURAN GUÅHAN
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Resolution No. 37-31 (LS)

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**Relative to recognizing and commending the Parish Family
of Santa Teresita Church for their outstanding public
service to the local community and the island of Guam.**

1 **BE IT RESOLVED BY *I MINA'TRENTAI UNU NA LIHESLATURAN***
2 ***GUÅHAN*:**

3 **WHEREAS,** the Santa Teresita Church first opened its doors to the island
4 community in the pre-World War II era. The original building was a coconut
5 thatched roof hut that was destroyed during the Japanese occupation; and

1 **WHEREAS**, after the war, the U.S. Navy built a base in *Mangilao* and later
2 released the base chapel building to the Brown Pacific Maxim Construction
3 Company, giving birth to the BPM area in *Mangilao*; and

4 **WHEREAS**, in the early 1950s, a cement structure was built as a temporary
5 Church for the community. Father Theophane Thomas was in charge of supervising
6 the construction of the building, which was destroyed twice by fire. Each time the
7 building had been destroyed, parishioners gathered together and did what was needed
8 to rebuild their Church; and

9 **WHEREAS**, in the summer of 1984, the Church was moved temporarily to the
10 BPM area, while construction on a newer structure was being done; and

11 **WHEREAS**, in February of 1986, the parishioners of Santa Teresita moved
12 into the “new” Church building, which had no tiles, carpeting, or pews in the Church.
13 The first Mass was held on Ash Wednesday, and two (2) months later the Church
14 building was completed and a dedication was held on April 20, 1986; and

15 **WHEREAS**, the land of the Church’s present location was donated by Ana
16 Delgado Pereira Pangelinan (Abing); and

17 **WHEREAS**, from its lowly and humble beginnings in February 25, 1951, the
18 Parish Family of Santa Teresita has been one of constant positive growth, an undying
19 spirit of service, and a beacon of light to those who have wandered and continue to
20 wander in this world of darkness; and

21 **WHEREAS**, the Parish plays a vital part in a village that boasts many
22 educational institutions, Government of Guam agencies, and countless sports
23 organizations; and

24 **WHEREAS**, the Santa Teresita Parish was established prior to World War II,
25 moving from different chapels to its current location along Vietnam Veterans
26 Highway; and

1 **WHEREAS**, despite having to move locations and having to battle disasters,
2 most recently when the roof of the now-Social Hall was blown off by *Supertyphoon*
3 *Pongsona* on December 8, 2002, the spirit, strength, and heart of the Santa Teresita
4 Parishioners has remained constant and resilient; and

5 **WHEREAS**, today, the Parish celebrates and grows in faith in its newest
6 worship space, which is now able to accommodate thousands of Parishioners,
7 including an ever-growing Catholic Chuukese community and the hundreds of
8 members in the Santo Nino de Maligaya Prayer Group; and

9 **WHEREAS**, the Parish continues to be vibrant, complete with over a dozen
10 choirs, countless ministers, many consistent volunteers, hundreds of CCD students,
11 and a dozen youth ministries. Despite all the numbers, however, the mission remains
12 the same: to love and serve God and His people; and

13 **WHEREAS**, the Parish mission continues to be lived out on a daily basis,
14 through the humble works of Parishioners going out visiting the imprisoned and the
15 sick, tending to the needs of the elderly, and teaching and servicing the youth; and

16 **WHEREAS**, the Parish also shares its time and talents as volunteers at different
17 schools, in the business community, and in leadership positions with many island-
18 wide organizations; and

19 **WHEREAS**, every Parishioner at Santa Teresita Church, young and old, is
20 given the opportunity to share their God-given gifts through an array of ministries,
21 prayer groups, organizations, and movements; and

22 **WHEREAS**, adult Parishioners are able to assist in the life of the Parish, most
23 notably in the celebration of the Holy Mass. There are countless Lectors and
24 Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion, Cantors, Porters, and Sacristans. Others
25 are members of the Faith in Harmony Choir, the 8 A.M. Choir, the Santa Teresita
26 Choir, and the Sunrise Choir; and

1 **WHEREAS**, elders help as *Techas* (prayer leaders) and Ushers, while others
2 serve as advisors for our liturgical youth ministries; and

3 **WHEREAS**, in addition, the Knights of Columbus, the Grounds Team, Finance
4 Council, CCD Staff, RCIA Staff and the Social Committee come together to share
5 their personal gifts in their own respective ways. Adult Parishioners also play a part in
6 the preparation of our families for the sacraments of Matrimony, Penance, Baptism,
7 Confirmation and Eucharist. The Parish also has representatives to the ProLife
8 Committee, *Lina'La Sin* Casino, the Sponsor Couple Program, and the Catholic
9 Charities Appeal Team; and

10 **WHEREAS**, the mission of the Santa Teresita Youth Ministry, under its
11 umbrella youth group, *Mangilao* MAGIC (*Manhoben* And God Inspiring the
12 Community), is simply to work in bringing as many youth closer to the love of God;
13 and

14 **WHEREAS**, the Santa Teresita Parish is blessed with dozens of Altar Servers
15 and has welcomed additional youth ministries and organizations under the guidance of
16 Youth Director, Kevin Anthony Delgado; and

17 **WHEREAS**, youth in the Parish are able to engage in an array of liturgical
18 youth ministries and groups, serving the Church in the celebration of the Mass as
19 Altar Servers, Liturgical Dancers, Lectors, Hospitality Team Members, Ushers,
20 Cantors, Instrumentalists, and Choir Members; now, therefore, be it

21 **RESOLVED**, that *I Mina'Trentai Unu Na Liheslaturan Guåhan* does hereby,
22 on behalf of the people of Guam, highly commend the Parish Family of Santa Teresita
23 Church for their dedicated service in the community in and out of the church; and be it
24 further

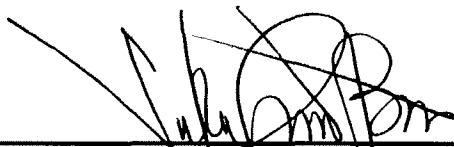
25 **RESOLVED**, that the Speaker certify, and the Legislative Secretary attest to,
26 the adoption hereof, and that copies of the same be thereafter transmitted to the Santa

- 1 Teresita Church, Father Felixberto Leon Guerrero; to Deacon Itoy Ruda; to
- 2 Archbishop Anthony Apuron; and to the Honorable Edward B. Calvo, *I Maga'lalen*
- 3 *Guåhan*.

DULY AND REGULARLY ADOPTED BY *I MINA'TRENTAI UNU NA LIHESLATURAN GUÅHAN* ON THE 24TH DAY OF FEBRUARY, 2011.



JUDITH T. WON PAT, Ed.D.
Speaker



TINA ROSE MUNA BARNES
Legislative Secretary