

I MINA'TRENTAI UNU NA LIHESLATURAN GUÅHAN
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Relative to recognizing and congratulating Mrs. Anuncia Reyes Salas on the occasion of her One Hundredth (100th) Birthday celebration; and to further commending her for serving as an exemplary example of *Chamorro* resilience, motherly strength and humanity throughout her lifetime.

- 1 **BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COMMITTEE ON RULES OF *I***
2 ***MINA'TRENTAI UNU NA LIHESLATURAN GUÅHAN*:**
3 **WHEREAS**, Mrs. Anuncia Reyes Salas was born on March 25, 1911, in the
4 district of *Julale* in the capital city of *Hagåtña*, Guam; and she is the daughter of †Mr.

1 Antonio Crisostomo Reyes and †Mrs. Ana Quitugua Merfalen Reyes, whose other
2 children are Dolores, Vicente, Maria, Jesus and Jose; and

3 **WHEREAS**, Mrs. Salas (known as *Tan* Anuncia) married Mr. Juan Leon
4 Guerrero Balajadia, and together they had ten (10) children and one (1) reared child:
5 Priscilla Reyes Balajadia, Rosario Balajadia Toves, Concepcion Balajadia Duenas,
6 Priscilla Balajadia Cruz, Maria Balajadia Garcia, Ana Balajadia Baulgo, Barbara
7 Balajadia Baking, Lourdes Balajadia Pablo, Perpidina Reyes Balajadia, Joseph Reyes
8 Balajadia, and Rufina Taijeron Megofna (reared daughter); and they had lived in
9 *Hagåtña* before moving to *Tiyan, Barrigada*, in 1941 after the invasion of Guam by
10 Japanese troops during World War II; and

11 **WHEREAS**, like many other Guam families who struggled throughout the
12 War, as a means of survival *Tan* Anuncia and her husband moved their family to their
13 ranch in *Tiyan, Barrigada*, where they raised livestock, grew vegetables and fished to
14 provide sustenance for their growing family, and they were occasionally accosted by
15 Japanese soldiers who, towards the end of the War, would force the family to march to
16 the *Mata* concentration camp in the southern village of *Talofofu*; and

17 **WHEREAS**, during the War while fishing with her reared daughter in the San
18 Antonio district, now known as East *Agana*, *Tan* Anuncia heard crying coming from a
19 nearby house where she found a baby, only a few weeks old, left alone; and after
20 waiting several hours, the infant's mother returned and told *Tan* Anuncia to take the
21 baby because she did not want it, so *Tan* Anuncia and her family cared for the baby,
22 who would later pass away at the *Mata* concentration camp; and

23 **WHEREAS**, when her husband, Juan, passed away in 1952, *Tan* Anuncia was
24 left as the sole provider for her eleven (11) surviving children, so she started doing
25 odd jobs, such as selling home-made doughnuts, laundering clothes, fishing and

1 planting vegetables to provide for her children— to keep them clean, clothed, fed,
2 healthy and happy; and

3 **WHEREAS**, in 1963, *Tan* Anuncia married Juan Benavente Salas, who adored
4 and loved her, and cared for her children; and

5 **WHEREAS**, *Tan* Anuncia was also a renown *Suruhana* who took care of many
6 people, especially infants, and she always had at least Twenty Dollars (\$20.00) to give
7 to a mother in need, and she had allowed anyone to take what they needed from her
8 herb garden. Later in her life, *Tan* Anuncia was chosen to be honored as a Master
9 *Suruhana* by the Guam Council on the Arts and Humanities, but she declined the
10 recognition, stating that her reward was given to her by God, who gave her the gift of
11 healing; and

12 **WHEREAS**, *Tan* Anuncia Reyes Salas is an endearing spirit, and throughout
13 the past one hundred (100) years she was always, and she still is, an independent,
14 happy, religious, and generous woman, who never complained about her hardships;
15 and

16 **WHEREAS**, *Tan* Anuncia Reyes Salas has a legacy of thirty-one (31)
17 grandchildren, eighty-six (86) great-grandchildren, and thirty (30) great-great-
18 grandchildren; now, therefore, be it


19 **RESOLVED**, that the Committee on Rules of *I Mina'Trentai Unu Na*
20 *Liheslaturan Guåhan* does hereby, on behalf of *I Liheslaturan Guåhan* and the people
21 of Guam, recognize and congratulate Mrs. Anuncia (*Tan* Anuncia) Reyes Salas on the
22 occasion of her One Hundredth (100th) Birthday celebration; and does further
23 commend her for being an exemplary example of *Chamorro* resilience, motherly
24 strength and humanity throughout her lifetime; and be it further

25 **RESOLVED**, that the Speaker and the Chairperson of the Committee on Rules
26 certify, and the Legislative Secretary attest to, the adoption hereof, and that copies of

- 1 the same be thereafter transmitted to Mrs. Anuncia (*Tan* Anuncia) Reyes Salas; and to
- 2 the Honorable Edward J.B. Calvo, *I Maga'láhen Guåhan*.

**DULY AND REGULARLY ADOPTED BY THE COMMITTEE ON RULES OF
I MINA'TRENTAI UNU NA LIHESLATURAN GUÅHAN ON THE 23RD DAY OF
MARCH 2011.**



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