

I MINA'TRENTAI UNU NA LIHESLATURAN GUÅHAN
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Resolution No. 92-31 (COR)

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Relative to recognizing and honoring the late Mr. Melchor David Ponce on one hundred one (101) years of life; to commending him for his many accomplishments and invaluable contributions to the people of Guam; and to further congratulating him for being a "2011 Senior Citizens' Month Centenarian".

- 1 **BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COMMITTEE ON RULES OF I**
2 ***MINA'TRENTAI UNU NA LIHESLATURAN GUÅHAN:***
3 **WHEREAS,** Melchor David Ponce was born on January 6, 1910, in Porac,
4 Philippines; and is the son of †Miguel and †Paula Ponce, who had raised seven (7)
5 children; and

1 **WHEREAS**, in 1940, Melchor married Felisa Galang, and together they raised
2 eight (8) children: Orlando (“Roland”), †Leonardo, Cora, Lina, †Cely, Fred, Benito
3 (“Bong”) and Zaldy, while residing in the province of Sapang Bato, Pampanga; and

4 **WHEREAS**, Melchor worked as a laborer at Clark Air Force Base, and also
5 was a farmer for many years. He grew crops of sugar cane, sweet potato, corn,
6 tomatoes and taro on their farm; and

7 **WHEREAS**, Melchor was petitioned by his son, and moved to Guam in 1974;
8 and

9 **WHEREAS**, Melchor did landscaping work for a few private homes before
10 working as a gardener at the Agana Shopping Center, formerly the Town House, for
11 Mr. Ken Jones. After years of doing what he loved to do, Melchor retired; and

12 **WHEREAS**, in 1991, eleven (11) years after the passing of his wife, Felisa,
13 Melchor married Ligaya Muldong in Pampanga, Philippines. In that same year, they
14 were forced to evacuate when Mount Pinatubo erupted. Many homes in their province
15 were destroyed or damaged, buried beneath volcanic ash and lava. He then returned
16 to Guam with his new wife, and they lived a simple life together in *Harmon*; and

17 **WHEREAS**, Melchor is blessed with seventeen (17) grandchildren and twenty-
18 three (23) great-grandchildren. His children, grandchildren and great-grandchildren
19 reside in Guam, Washington, Hawaii, Canada, and the Philippines; and

20 **WHEREAS**, Melchor enjoyed gardening, even while he required the use of a
21 wheelchair. He also enjoyed watching the Eternal Word Television Network
22 (EWTN), an American cable television network, which presents Catholic-themed
23 programming; and

24 **WHEREAS**, Melchor read the Bible and prayed daily to God, believing in the
25 power of prayer. Melchor prayed not only for himself, but also for the well-being of

1 his wife, his children and their families, relatives, and everyone. He credited God for
2 his long life; and

3 **WHEREAS**, he was known to be God-fearing, loving, kind, humorous, and
4 true to his family; and

5 **WHEREAS**, Melchor was able to celebrate his One Hundred First (101st)
6 Birthday with his family prior to his passing on January 25, 2011; now, therefore, be it

7 **RESOLVED**, that the Committee on Rules of *I Mina'Trentai Unu Na*
8 *Liheslaturan Guåhan*, does hereby, on behalf of *I Liheslaturan Guåhan* and the
9 people of Guam, recognize and honor the late Mr. Melchor David Ponce on One
10 Hundred One (101) years of life; does commend him for his many accomplishments
11 and invaluable contributions to the people of Guam; and does further congratulate him
12 as a "2011 Senior Citizens' Month Centenarian"; and be it further

13 **RESOLVED**, that the Speaker and the Chairperson of the Committee on Rules
14 certify, and the Legislative Secretary attest to, the adoption hereof, and that copies of
15 the same be thereafter transmitted to the family of the late Melchor David Ponce; and
16 to the Honorable Edward J.B. Calvo, *I Maga'lahaen Guåhan*.

**DULY AND REGULARLY ADOPTED BY THE COMMITTEE ON RULES OF
I MINA'TRENTAI UNU NA LIHESLATURAN GUÅHAN ON THE 3RD DAY OF
MAY 2011.**



JUDITH T. WON PAT, Ed.D.
Speaker



RORY J. RESPICIO
Chairperson, Committee on Rules



TINA ROSE MUÑA BARNES
Legislative Secretary