I MINA'TRENTAI UNU NA LIHESLATURAN GUÅHAN 2011 (FIRST) Regular Session

Resolution No. 98-31 (LS)

Introduced by:

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Relative to recognizing and honoring the late Honorable Jesus Palomo Cruz, former Commissioner of *Yigo*; and to further extending sincere condolences to his family, and the people of *Yigo*, on his untimely passing.

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

WHEREAS, the late Honorable Jesus Palomo Cruz was born on October 30,
1931. He is the son of †Ana Palomo Cruz and †Luis Martinez Cruz, and he was called

to his eternal reward on Wednesday, April 27, 2011, at the age of seventy-nine (79)
 years; and

WHEREAS, Jesus Palomo Cruz graduated from George Washington High School on June 13, 1952, and he then attended Arizona State University in Flagstaff, Arizona, where he met his lovely wife, the late Francesca (Frances) Chiono Cruz. He graduated on May 16, 1955, with a Bachelor's Degree in Education; and

WHEREAS, Jesus Palomo Cruz returned to Guam and was employed as a
school teacher with the Department of Education for several years; and in 1961, he
then returned to Arizona State University, where he graduated with a Master's Degree
in Education on May 21, 1962; and

WHEREAS, on November 3, 1956, Jesus Palomo Cruz married the former Francesca (Frances) Chiono, his soul mate for forty (40) years, at the Santa Barbara Catholic Church, *Dededo*, Guam, and from that union, Jesus and Francesca became the proud parents of three (3) children: †Ann Marie Cruz Chaffins, Rick Allan Cruz, and John Robert Cruz; and

WHEREAS, after Jesus Palomo Cruz returned to Guam with his family, he continued his employment with the Department of Education, working as a school teacher, and he eventually became the Principal for the Old Wettengel Elementary School, and *Upi* Elementary School, (former Andersen Elementary School), and he also served as the Director of the Upward Bound Program at the University of Guam (UOG); and

WHEREAS, on April 30, 1976, Jesus Palomo Cruz retired from government of Guam service, and he pursued other interests within the community. He served on the Board of Directors of Goodwill Industries, and he later became its Chief Executive Officer; and he had also served as the Chairman of the Territorial Land Use Commission; and 1 WHEREAS, Jesus Palomo Cruz, a longtime resident of *Yigo*, continued to 2 have the passion for service in the community, and he volunteered countless hours 3 serving as a dedicated member of the *Yigo* Municipal Planning Council under the 4 administration of the late Commissioner David G. Blas, who was his godson; and

5 WHEREAS, on September 7, 1988, upon the untimely death of Commissioner 6 David G. Blas, YMPC member Jesus Palomo Cruz was appointed by his fellow 7 YMPC members to serve as the Commissioner of *Yigo*, and he received Legislative 8 approval; and

9 WHEREAS, on September 20, 1988, Jesus Palomo Cruz was administered the 10 Oath of Office by then Acting Governor of Guam, Frank Flores Blas, thereby 11 affirming his official capacity as Commissioner of the Municipality of *Yigo*, and 12 served from September 20, 1988 to January 9, 1989; and

WHEREAS, the late Jesus Palomo Cruz, as the *Yigo* Commissioner, continued to carry out the projects and programs of Commissioner David G. Blas, which included many achievements in significant social, economic, political, beautification and civic projects for the people of *Yigo*, most significantly the acquisition of the military property that now accommodates the Guam Fire Department Station-10; and

WHEREAS, never forgetting his passion for service, for many years Jesus Palomo Cruz served as a devout Catholic and he contributed in many ways to Our Lady of Lourdes Catholic Church. After the passing to new life of his wife, Frances, Jesus had unselfishly purchased and donated a Saint Lourdes statue to Our Lady of Lourdes Catholic Church for daily devotions, and for the annual *Yigo* Fiesta Procession of Our Lady of Lourdes; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that *I Mina'Trentai Unu Na Liheslaturan Guåhan* does hereby,
on behalf of the people of Guam, highly commend and honor the late Honorable
Jesus Palomo Cruz for his dedicated years of public service; and does further extend

sincere condolences to his family, and the people of *Yigo*, on his untimely passing;
 and be it further

RESOLVED, that the Speaker certify, and the Legislative Secretary attest to,
the adoption hereof, and that copies of the same be thereafter transmitted to the family
of the late Honorable Jesus Palomo Cruz; to the Mayors Council of Guam; and to the

6 Honorable Edward J.B. Calvo, *I Maga'lahen Guåhan*.

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

JUDITH T. WON PAT, Ed.D. Speaker

TINA ROSE MUÑA BARNES Legislative Secretary