

I MINA'TRENTAI UNU NA LIHESLATURAN GUÅHAN
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Resolution No. 99-31 (LS)

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Relative to commending and honoring the late Mr. John L. Kerr for being selected as the 2011 Individual Laureate to be inducted into the Guam Business Hall of Fame, and to further extending a sincere *Un Dangkolo Na Si Yu'os Ma'åse* to him for his outstanding contributions for the betterment of our island community.

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

3 **WHEREAS, Mr. John L. Kerr dedicated his life in serving our country, and he**
4 **has displayed a genuine commitment to building our local economy; and**

1 **WHEREAS**, Mr. Kerr arrived on Guam in the late 1960s, and during that time
2 he purchased Guam Dry Cleaners, and he built that company into a significant tourism
3 and military support service by expanding the dry cleaning operations, and then
4 building a linen rental and laundry plant, the International Linen Supply; and

5 **WHEREAS**, in this effort, Mr. Kerr successfully created a new industry for
6 Guam, and which continues doing business to this day, remaining locally staffed and
7 operated; and

8 **WHEREAS**, Mr. Kerr was recognized by the Bank of Guam for his keen
9 business acumen, and when the Bank was in its founding stages he had served on its
10 Board as Director and Secretary until his passing in 1991; and

11 **WHEREAS**, Mr. Kerr ventured out into other industries in the 1970s, including
12 real estate, travel, and restaurants, and bought Guam Fast Foods, which owns and
13 operates Kentucky Fried Chicken; and

14 **WHEREAS**, Mr. Kerr also founded Travel Pacificana, and built that business
15 into one of the largest travel agencies on Guam; and

16 **WHEREAS**, Mr. Kerr was instrumental in the development of apartment
17 buildings, including the Guam Towers and the *Chamorro* Gardens, as well as the
18 development of the *Macheche* Plaza retail complex; and

19 **WHEREAS**, Mr. Kerr was also an active civic participant, serving our
20 community as Chairman of the Board of the Guam Power Authority from 1979 to
21 1982; as a Board Member of The Employers Council; and as the Chairman of the
22 Board of Governors for St. John's School; and

23 **WHEREAS**, in that aim, Mr. Kerr also served as President of the Navy League
24 of Guam; as a member of the Board of Directors of the Guam Visitors Bureau from
25 1975 to 1977; and as President and Chairman of the Guam Chamber of Commerce;
26 now, therefore, be it

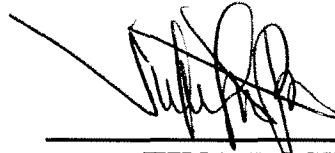
1 **RESOLVED**, that *I Mina'Trentai Unu Na Liheslaturan Guåhan*, does hereby,
2 on behalf of the people of Guam, commend and honor the late Mr. John L. Kerr on
3 being selected as the 2011 Individual Laureate to be inducted into the Guam Business
4 Hall of Fame, and does further extend a sincere *Un Dangkolo Na Si Yu'os Ma'åse'* to
5 him for his outstanding contributions for the betterment of our community; and be it
6 further

7 **RESOLVED**, that the Speaker certify, and the Legislative Secretary attest to,
8 the adoption hereof, and that copies of the same be thereafter transmitted to the family
9 of the late Mr. John L. Kerr; to the Guam Chamber of Commerce; and to the
10 Honorable Edward J.B. Calvo, *I Maga'lahaen 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