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**Relative to honoring and congratulating Dr. and Mrs.
Benjamin and Ofelia Sison on the celebration of their
Fiftieth (50th) Wedding Anniversary.**

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

3 **WHEREAS**, Dr. Benjamin Sitier Sison was born on April 9, 1932, in Baguio,
4 Philippines, the ninth (9th) child of the (10) children of Jose and Amparo Sison; and

5 **WHEREAS**, Ofelia Lopez Corcino Sison was born on May 27, 1934, in
6 Mambusao, Capiz, Philippines, the fifth (5th) child of the seven (7) children of
7 Baltazar and Eulalia Corcino; and

1 **WHEREAS**, in 1957, Ben received his Medical Degree from the University of
2 the Philippines in Manila, and he later went to the United States to further his training;
3 and

4 **WHEREAS**, Ofelia obtained her Bachelor of Science in Nursing Degree from
5 the University of Santo Tomas in Manila, and she was accepted in the Visitors
6 Exchange Program to the United States; and

7 **WHEREAS**, Ben was completing a residency program in Pulmonary Disease
8 at the Philadelphia General Hospital, and Ofelia was working at the Philadelphia
9 Graduate Hospital in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, when they first met and fell in love;
10 and

11 **WHEREAS**, Ben and Ofelia were united in the Holy Bond of Matrimony on
12 April 8, 1961, at St. Patrick's Cathedral in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, with their close
13 friends and colleagues in attendance; and

14 **WHEREAS**, in 1961, Ben and Ofelia moved back to the Philippines to be
15 closer to family; and in 1966, they saw a newspaper advertisement for doctors to come
16 and work on Guam; and

17 **WHEREAS**, in December 1966, Ben moved to Guam, and in January 1967,
18 Ofelia followed him with their three (3) young children for an opportunity for a better
19 life; and

20 **WHEREAS**, from 1966 to 1969, Ben worked as a Staff Physician at the Guam
21 Memorial Hospital before moving to the Department of Public Health and Social
22 Services, where he served as the Chief Public Health Officer from 1969 to 1973; and

23 **WHEREAS**, in 1973, Ben started his private medical practice in Carlos
24 Heights, and later moved his practice to the Polyclinic at *Ypao* Road, and then finally
25 moved his practice to the ITC Building in 1975; and

1 **WHEREAS**, from 1967 to 1973, Ofelia worked as a Staff Nurse at the Guam
2 Memorial Hospital before moving to the Department of Public Health and Social
3 Services, where she served as a Community Health Nurse, and later as a Community
4 Health Nurse Supervisor I, and eventually became a Community Health Nurse
5 Supervisor II; and

6 **WHEREAS**, Ben and Ofelia were two (2) of the first medical professionals to
7 come to Guam to take care of the medical needs of the people of Guam, alongside
8 other medical pioneers, such as Dr. Luis Arguelles, Dr. Jose Cariaga, Dr. Marciano
9 Santos, Dr. Rodolfo Silan, Dr. Tom Veloria, and the late Dr. Ernesto Espaldon; and

10 **WHEREAS**, Ben became a diplomat in both Internal Medicine and Geriatric
11 Medicine, as well as a Fellow of the American College of Physicians; and

12 **WHEREAS**, from 1987 to 1993, Ben served in the U.S. Army Reserves and
13 held the rank of Lieutenant Colonel before resigning his commission; and

14 **WHEREAS**, Ben volunteered his time and services to help the late Dr. Ernesto
15 Espaldon with his medical missions to Mindanao, Philippines, in the 1970s; and

16 **WHEREAS**, in 1992, Ofelia retired from the Department of Public Health and
17 Social Services after twenty-eight (28) years of public service to the people of Guam,
18 and she started working with Ben at his private practice; and

19 **WHEREAS**, in 2004, Ben retired from private practice after being a physician
20 for fifty-seven (57) years, and dedicating forty-eight (48) years of his life to serving
21 the people of Guam; and

22 **WHEREAS**, Ben and Ofelia Sison are the proud parents of four (4) children:
23 Suzanne Sison Kaneshiro, a dentist; Benjamin Sison, Jr., an attorney; Sheila Sison
24 Wahlman, a registered nurse; and Sidney Sison, a businessman; and

25 **WHEREAS**, Ben and Ofelia are also the loving grandparents of Kimberly,
26 Renee, Paul, Benjamin, Breyton and Samara; now, therefore, be it

1 **RESOLVED**, that *I Mina'Trentai Unu Na Liheslaturan Guåhan* does hereby,
2 on behalf of the people of Guam, honor and congratulate Dr. and Mrs. Benjamin and
3 Ofelia Sison on the celebration of their Fiftieth (50th) Wedding Anniversary; and be it
4 further

5 **RESOLVED**, that the Speaker certify, and the Legislative Secretary attest to,
6 the adoption hereof, and that copies of the same be thereafter transmitted to Dr. and
7 Mrs. Benjamin and Ofelia Sison; and to the Honorable Edward J.B. Calvo, *I*
8 *Maga'lahaen Guåhan*.

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



JUDITH T. WON PAT, Ed.D.
Speaker



TINA ROSE MUÑA BARNES
Legislative Secretary