

I MINA'TRENTAI UNU NA LIHESLATURAN GUÅHAN
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Resolution No. 144-31 (COR)

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Relative to recognizing and commending Congressman Florencio “Joeben” T. Miraflores of the Lone District of Aklan for his many achievements and accomplishments; and to further extending a sincere *Un Dångkolo Na Si Yu’us Ma’ase’* to him for being the Guest Speaker at the Aklan Association of Guam Forty-sixth (46th) Year Anniversary celebration, and Induction of new Officers.

1 **BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COMMITTEE ON RULES OF I**
2 ***MINA'TRENTAI UNU NA LIHESLATURAN GUÅHAN:***

1 **WHEREAS**, Congressman Florencio “Joeben” T. Miraflores was chosen by
2 the Aklan Association of Guam to be the Guest Speaker at their Forty-sixth (46th)
3 Year Anniversary celebration, and Induction of new Officers; and

4 **WHEREAS**, Congressman Miraflores, known as “Joeben” to his family,
5 friends and relatives, graduated from the De La Salle University with an Industrial and
6 Management Engineering Degree; and

7 **WHEREAS**, prior to entering politics in 1988, Congressman Miraflores
8 worked with the Ministry of Human Settlements, where he served as the Area
9 Manager for Region VI; and

10 **WHEREAS**, Congressman Miraflores’ parents are (†)Jose C. Miraflores and
11 Eusebia T. Miraflores, and he is a native son of Ibajay; and

12 **WHEREAS**, Congressman Miraflores is married to the former Ma. Lourdes V.
13 Martin, who is presently the Municipal Mayor of Ibajay, and together they have three
14 (3) children: Ma. Luisa Angeles, Jose Enrique and Jose Miguel; and

15 **WHEREAS**, Aklan Congressman Florencio Tumbokon Miraflores served in
16 the Congress of the Philippines, bringing with him sixteen (16) years of solid
17 experience in local governance and public service; and

18 **WHEREAS**, for eight (8) years, from 1988 to 1995, Congressman Miraflores
19 served as the Mayor of his hometown of Ibajay, where, during his incumbency, the
20 town was recognized as the Most Outstanding Municipal Government in the Province
21 of Aklan; and

22 **WHEREAS**, in 1995, Congressman Miraflores was elected to serve as the
23 Governor of the Province of Aklan, a position he held for three (3) consecutive terms,
24 ending in 2004. It was during his term that Aklan experienced unprecedented
25 economic growth, elevating the Province from fifth (5th) class to second (2nd) class
26 status. He accomplished this by implementing an aggressive development program

1 anchored on improving the Province's core infrastructure network. Congressman
2 Miraflores understood that embarking on these ambitious projects required vast
3 resources and he had to resort to creative and innovative means of financing these
4 projects; and during his term, funds were sourced out from the National Government
5 for the improvements of the Kalibo and the Caticlan Airports; and

6 **WHEREAS,** Congressman Miraflores was also responsible for the
7 rehabilitation and upgrading of the Dr. Rafael S. Tumbokon Memorial Hospital to
8 tertiary category, under a loan-grant agreement with the LOGOFIND. Under this
9 agreement, the Provincial Government would pay back only sixty percent (60%) of
10 the total project cost at a fixed interest rate lower than commercial banks, while the
11 remaining twenty percent (20%) is an outright grant, and the other twenty percent
12 (20%) is equity of the Provincial Government. By entering into this agreement alone,
13 Congressman Miraflores had saved the Provincial Government millions of pesos
14 already; and believing in the skills and technical expertise of local engineers and
15 architects, he further saved the Provincial Government a large sum of money by
16 undertaking in-house the detailed engineering design, as well as the construction
17 supervision of the whole project; and

18 **WHEREAS,** it was also through Congressman Miraflores' efforts that the
19 Caticlan Jetty Port and Passenger Terminal were constructed, the funds for which
20 were sourced out through a bond flotation, which was an innovative idea that no other
21 LGU had used before. Though new and untested, then Governor Miraflores pursued
22 this scheme to finance the project and it was a success. This project gave Aklan the
23 distinction of being the first LGU to successfully issue provisional funds to fund a
24 local project, and this experience is listed as one of the best practices of LGUs in local
25 financing by the Bureau of Local Government Finance. Since then, a number of LGUs
26 have followed the Aklan bond flotation model; and

1 **WHEREAS**, today the Caticlan Jetty Port and Passenger Terminal is the top
2 revenue earner for the Provincial Government of Aklan; and

3 **WHEREAS**, Congressman Miraflores' strong support of tourism helped
4 Boracay Island win the *Kalakbay* Award for the Best Tourism Destination of the
5 country in 2001; and

6 **WHEREAS**, Congressman Miraflores also led Aklan to receive another
7 distinction: the National Honor Award on Nutrition, the highest award given to a
8 Province for being a Consistent Regional Outstanding Winner in Nutrition (CROWN
9 AWARD) for a number of years; and

10 **WHEREAS**, during his term as Governor, the Provincial Government
11 computerized the Real Property Tax Management System (RPTMS) of the Provincial
12 Assessor's Office (PAO). Though this project, the Province of Aklan was able to
13 maximize real property revenue collection through a more efficient way of identifying
14 and recording of both the delinquent and loyal taxpayers; and

15 **WHEREAS**, in 1998, Congressman Miraflores was elected to serve as the
16 Chairman of the Regional Development Council (RDC) for Region VI, the first (1st)
17 Aklanon Governor to chair this regional body. By the time Congressman Miraflores
18 ended his term in 2001, the RDC had adopted the twin economic thrusts of
19 agricultural and tourism development that he advocated; and

20 **WHEREAS**, after chairing the RDC, Congressman Miraflores went on to Chair
21 the Regional Peace and Order Council (RPOC) for three (3) years, where he actively
22 participated in implementing the Peace Agreement between the Government of the
23 Republic of the Philippines (GRP) and the Rebolusyonaryong Partido ng
24 Manggagawa-Proletarian Army-Alex Boncayao Brigade (RPM-RPA-ABB) in
25 Western Visayas; and

1 **WHEREAS**, for all his accomplishments, the Honorable Florencio “Joeben” T.
2 Miraflones was recognized by the Asusasyon ng Kumentarista at Anaunser ng
3 Pilipinas Manila as the Outstanding Governor in Region VI; and

4 **WHEREAS**, Congressman Miraflones is serving in his third (3rd) and final term
5 as Congressman of the Lone District of Aklan. He is the newly designated Chairman
6 of the Committee on Tourism; the Vice Chairman of the Committee on Accounts; and
7 he is a Member of the Committee on Energy, the Committee on Appropriations, the
8 Committee on Natural Resources, the Committee on Ways and Means, the Committee
9 on Science and Technology, and the Committee on Local Government; now therefore,
10 be it

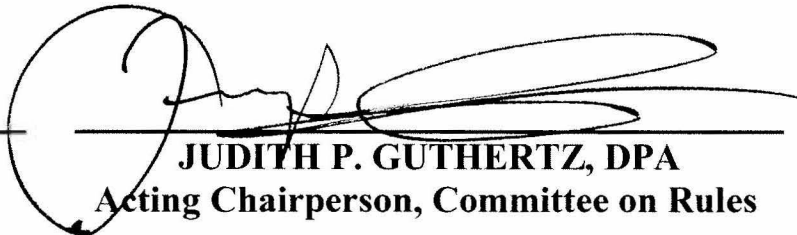
11 **RESOLVED**, that the Committee on Rules of *I Mina'Trentai Unu Na*
12 *Liheslaturan Guåhan* does hereby, on behalf of *I Liheslaturan Guåhan* and the people
13 of Guam, recognize and commend Congressman Florencio “Joeben” T. Miraflones for
14 his many achievements and accomplishments; and does further extend a sincere *Un*
15 *Dångkolo Na Si Yu'us Ma'ase'* to him for being the Guest Speaker at the Aklan
16 Association of Guam Forty-sixth (46th) Year Anniversary celebration and Induction of
17 new Officers; and be it further

18 **RESOLVED**, that the Speaker and the Chairperson of the Committee on Rules
19 certify, and the Legislative Secretary attest to, the adoption hereof, and that copies of
20 the same be thereafter transmitted to Congressman Florencio “Joeben” T. Miraflones;
21 and to the Honorable Edward J.B. Calvo, *I Maga'lahen Guåhan*.

**DULY AND REGULARLY ADOPTED BY THE COMMITTEE ON RULES OF
I MINA'TRENTAI UNU NA LIHESLATURAN GUÅHAN ON THE 28TH DAY
OF JUNE 2011.**



JUDITH T. WON PAT, Ed.D.
Speaker



JUDITH P. GUTHERTZ, DPA
Acting Chairperson, Committee on Rules



TINA ROSE MUÑA BARNES
Legislative Secretary