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Relative to recognizing, commending and congratulating Jose Pangelinan Lujan (*Atdot*) for his significant contributions to Guam's culture through his exceptional carpentry skills; and to celebrating and commemorating the renovation and restoration of the 1911 Historic Jose P. Lujan House in *Hagåtña* by the Guam Preservation Trust.

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

WHEREAS, Jose Pangelinan Lujan (*Atdot*) was born on July 16, 1891, in *San Ignacio, Hagåtña*, and died on June 10, 1969. He was the son of Salvador Diaz Lujan and Luisa Blas Pangelinan. *Señot* Lujan was a carpenter and cabinet-maker of high repute; and

1 **WHEREAS**, *Señot* Lujan was an industrious teenager who entered the
2 Carpentry Apprentice Program at the Navy Yard in *Hagåtña* in 1907. Four (4) years
3 later, at the age of twenty (20), he completed his first building called the Jose P. Lujan
4 House; and

5 **WHEREAS**, in constructing the house, *Señot* Lujan carried much of the stones
6 that he used for the walls from the *Hagåtña* seashore. The overall massing of the
7 structure columns is significant with its steeply pitched roof shape. The *ifil* hardwood
8 members are wonderful examples of precise lumbering sizes, and their extreme
9 uniformity holds fast to the vintage architecture of early 20th century; and

10 **WHEREAS**, *Señot* Lujan used the classic “*mamposteria*” technique of the
11 Spanish colonial period to allow air to flow in and out. For the flooring, stairwell,
12 balcony and shutters, *Señot* Lujan used the strong native *ifil* hardwood. He also
13 included indoor plumbing, an innovation just coming into vogue; and

14 **WHEREAS**, the Lujan House is one of the few remaining pre-war houses in
15 *Hagåtña* to offer island residents a glimpse of life in old *Hagåtña*. One of the first
16 modern structures built in the American Era, it was a center of lively social activity.
17 The general store on the first floor was a natural gathering place and *Señot* Lujan and
18 his bride, Dolores Untalan Cruz, and other families, lived in the Lujan House; and

19 **WHEREAS**, in 1928, the Guam Institute, founded by Nieves M. Flores in
20 1922, moved into the Lujan House, where students paid a monthly fee of One Dollar
21 (\$1.00) to attend this private school. Among the notable leaders to graduate from this
22 school were Governor Ricardo J. Bordallo, Archbishop Felixberto C. Flores, and
23 Judge Cristobal Duenas; and

24 **WHEREAS**, throughout his life, *Señot* Lujan elevated his master carpentry
25 skills to an exacting standard of building design and construction. In the 1930s, he

1 was the first *Chamorro* to advance to the head of his department at the U.S. Navy
2 Public Works Center; and

3 **WHEREAS**, *Señot* Lujan had built many homes and businesses, and he was
4 instrumental in the construction of many of the island's churches, including the 1911
5 Santa Cruz Church in *Anigua*; the 1939 St. Joseph's Church in *Inarajan*; the 1939 San
6 Dionicio Church in *Umatac*; and the 1951 Our Lady of the Blessed Sacrament in
7 *Agana Heights*. Many of these structures are still standing; and

8 **WHEREAS**, after World War II, *Señot* Lujan worked at the U.S. Navy Public
9 Works Center until retirement from his position as foreman in 1952. *Señot* Lujan died
10 on June 10, 1969; and

11 **WHEREAS**, after one hundred (100) years, *Señot* Lujan's first building is
12 among those still standing on Guam. The Jose P. Lujan House serves the community
13 as a meeting place, and as the headquarters of the Guam Preservation Trust. The
14 traditional architectural features and the construction techniques that the young
15 *Chamorro* employed have withstood the natural disasters of earthquakes and
16 typhoons, the bombings during World War II and the bulldozers of reconstruction, and
17 the ravages of time that included decades of disuse and neglect; and


18 **WHEREAS**, the Jose P. Lujan House is listed on the National and Guam
19 Registers of Historic Sites as the Jose P. Lujan House and Guam Institute. The Jose P.
20 Lujan House is an enduring testament to the undying hard work and innovative
21 thinking of *Señot* Lujan. The Jose P. Lujan House, like the *Plaza De España* and the
22 original Guam Legislature Building, is a reminder of the undying *Chamorro* culture
23 and spirit that lives on in our residents today, and for generations to come; now
24 therefore, be it


25 **RESOLVED**, that the Committee on Rules of *I Mina'trentai Unu Na*
26 *Liheslaturan Guåhan* does hereby, on behalf of *I Liheslaturan Guåhan* and the people


1 of Guam, recognize, congratulate and highly commend Jose Pangelinan Lujan (*Atdot*)
2 for his timeless construction of the Jose P. Lujan House, and does further commend
3 the Guam Preservation Trust for its tireless efforts towards the renovation and
4 restoration of the 1911 Historic Jose P. Lujan House in *Hagåtña*; and be it further

5 **RESOLVED**, that the Speaker and the Chairperson of the Committee on Rules
6 certify, and the Legislative Secretary attest to, the adoption hereof, and that copies of
7 the same be thereafter transmitted to the Guam Preservation Trust; and to the
8 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 15TH DAY
OF JULY 2011.**


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