

I MINA'TRENTAI UNU NA LIHESLATURAN GUÅHAN
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Resolution No. 178-31 (LS)

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Relative to honoring and commending the late Benny Mendiola Cruz for his outstanding service as a son of our island community.

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

3 **WHEREAS**, the late Benny Mendiola Cruz is the son of Joaquina Mendiola
4 Roberto and Juan Roberto, and the late Vicente Castro Cruz; and

5 **WHEREAS**, the late Benny Mendiola Cruz is married to Rosa Quitugua Cruz,
6 and they have six (6) children and twelve (12) grandchildren. His children, their
7 spouses, and grandchildren are: Gabriel and Julie Augustin Cruz (Mary, Nicolas,

1 Michael Vincent); Albert and Gloria Cruz Barretto (Christina, Aubrienne, Devon
2 John, Briante); CPT Joseph and Ana Celestial Cruz (Emmeline); MSGT Rodney and
3 Catherine Cruz Fernandez (Nicole); LTC Patrick and Selina Perez Cruz (Jared); and
4 Paul and Tana C. Cruz (Christian, Caley); and

5 **WHEREAS**, the late Benny Mendiola Cruz was formerly a resident of
6 *Talofofo*, Guam, before moving to Auburn, Washington; and

7 **WHEREAS**, the late Benny Mendiola Cruz worked for the government of
8 Guam for twenty-seven (27) years, and is a retired Lieutenant with the Guam Customs
9 & Quarantine Agency; and

10 **WHEREAS**, the late Benny Mendiola Cruz was fondly known at the Customs
11 and Quarantine Agency as the leader of the K-9 Unit, and he left many fond lessons
12 and memories behind with his fellow co-workers; and

13 **WHEREAS**, the late Benny Mendiola Cruz loved his career as a Customs
14 Officer and devoted many tiresome days as a servant of the people of Guam to ensure
15 that any restricted or prohibited items were kept from endangering the island and its
16 people; and

17 **WHEREAS**, before working at the Customs & Quarantine Agency, the late
18 Benny Mendiola Cruz had served for twelve (12) years as a Fireman, and after fifteen
19 (15) years of service at the Customs and Quarantine Agency, he retired in 1984; and

20 **WHEREAS**, the late Benny Mendiola Cruz was a hard-working and loyal
21 servant to the people of Guam and many times after completing his own duties, he
22 would stop and assist his fellow co-workers before securing for the day. He has left
23 many life lessons behind in his children and his fellow co-workers as they continue to
24 grow in their own careers; and

25 **WHEREAS**, the late Benny Mendiola Cruz was also a hard-working father, a
26 loving husband, and a devoted grandfather and father-in-law, and he was a very

1 talented man who has left his legacy behind in his children and his grandchildren. He
2 loved music, and he played the piano, guitar and ukulele, and enjoyed sharing those
3 talents with his family and close friends; and

4 **WHEREAS**, the late Benny Mendiola Cruz was also a very humble farmer,
5 who loved to tend to his farm. He was known for his generosity when it was time for
6 harvesting his crops, as he refused to take money and happily shared his harvest with
7 his fellow neighbors and friends; and

8 **WHEREAS**, the late Benny Mendiola Cruz has left his legacy behind as
9 someone who would go above and beyond, as he has contributed to all our lives, as
10 an outstanding citizen of our island; now therefore, be it

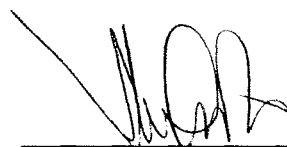
11 **RESOLVED**, that *I Mina'Trentai Unu Na Liheslaturan Guåhan* does hereby,
12 on behalf of the people of Guam, honor and commend the late Benny Mendiola Cruz
13 for his outstanding service as a son of our island community; and be it further

14 **RESOLVED**, that the Speaker certify, and the Legislative Secretary attest to,
15 the adoption hereof, and that copies of the same be thereafter transmitted to Mrs. Rosa
16 Quitugua Cruz; and to the Honorable Edward J.B. Calvo, *I Maga'lahren Guåhan*.

DULY AND REGULARLY ADOPTED BY *I MINA'TRENTAI UNU NA LIHESLATURAN GUÅHAN* ON THE 19TH DAY OF AUGUST 2011.



JUDITH T. WON PAT, Ed.D.
Speaker



TINA ROSE MUÑA BARNES
Legislative Secretary