

I MINA'TRENTAI UNU NA LIHESLATURAN GUÅHAN
2011 (FIRST) Regular Session

Resolution No. 273-31 (COR)

Introduced by:

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v. c. pangelinan
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Relative to commending and congratulating the Honorable Joseph Norita Camacho on his nomination and confirmation to serve as the first (1st) Refaluwasch Superior Court Judge of the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands (CNMI).

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

WHEREAS, Judge Joseph Norita Camacho is an indigenous son of the Marianas Archipelago who has dedicated his life to serving his fellow citizens living at home, and throughout the Marianas region; and

WHEREAS, Judge Camacho is the son of Vicente (Ben “*Dinga*”) Tudela Camacho and Marcella Lieto Norita Camacho. He is married to Attorney Viola Alepuyo, and they have a son, Ulen Joseph Vicente Alepuyo Camacho; and

1 **WHEREAS**, Judge Joseph Norita Camacho graduated from Marianas High
2 School in 1987, and went on to earn his Associate of Arts Degree from the Northern
3 Marianas College in 1992, and his Bachelor of Arts Degree in History from San Jose
4 State University in 1994. He then continued in his studies and obtained a Master's
5 Degree in Public Administration from Seattle University in 1998, and obtained his
6 Juris Doctorate from Gonzaga University School of Law in 2001; and

7 **WHEREAS**, Judge Joseph Norita Camacho is admitted to practice law in the
8 U.S. Supreme Court, the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Ninth (9th) Circuit, the U.S.
9 District Court for the Northern Mariana Islands, and the Commonwealth Courts; and

10 **WHEREAS**, in 2008, Judge Joseph Norita Camacho was elected to serve in the
11 Seventeenth (17th) CNMI House of Representatives, and he was unanimously chosen
12 by his colleagues to serve as the Floor Leader; and

13 **WHEREAS**, Judge Joseph Norita Camacho led one of the largest law practices
14 in the CNMI during his practice, and had been one of the Commonwealth's leading
15 criminal defense attorneys for over ten (10) years before his appointment to the bench;
16 and

17 **WHEREAS**, *I Liheslaturan Guahan* is proud to recognize and commend
18 Governor Benjamin Repeki Fitial of the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana
19 Islands for his nomination of the Honorable Joseph Norita Camacho to serve in the
20 Superior Court; as well as the CNMI House of Representatives and Senate, who voted
21 unanimously to confirm the nomination of Joseph Norita Camacho to the Superior
22 Court of the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands; and

23 **WHEREAS**, Judge Joseph Norita Camacho's vocation and dedication as an
24 attorney and a public servant has been rooted in his pursuit of social, economic and
25 environmental justice for the people of the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana
26 Islands; and

1 **WHEREAS**, Judge Joseph Norita Camacho possesses the skills, talents, and
2 the insight essential to supporting fair and effective government, jurisprudence, and to
3 furthering the well-being of the Commonwealth and her people; now therefore, be it

4 **RESOLVED**, that the Committee of Rules of *I Mina'Trentai Unu Na*
5 *Liheslaturan Guåhan* does hereby, on behalf of *I Liheslaturan Guåhan* and the
6 people of Guam, commend and congratulate the Honorable Joseph Norita Camacho
7 on his nomination and confirmation to serve as Judge of the Commonwealth of the
8 Northern Mariana Islands Superior Court; and be it further

9 **RESOLVED**, that the Speaker and Chairperson of the Committee on Rules
10 certify, and the Legislative Secretary attest to, the adoption hereof, and that copies
11 of the same be thereafter be transmitted to the Honorable Joseph Norita Camacho,
12 Judge of the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands Superior Court; to the
13 Honorable Benjamin Repeki Fitial, Governor of the Commonwealth of the Northern
14 Mariana Islands; and to the Honorable Edward J.B. Calvo, *I Maga'lahren Guåhan*.

**DULY AND REGULARLY ADOPTED BY THE COMMITTEE ON RULES OF
I MINA'TRENTAI UNU NA LIHESLATURAN GUÅHAN ON THE 17TH DAY
OF NOVEMBER 2011.**



TINA ROSE MUÑA BARNES
Acting Speaker

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

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Acting Legislative Secretary