

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

**Resolution No. 283-31 (COR)**

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**Relative to recognizing and commending all those involved in the restoration and rededication of the “Justice Josephine Gofigan Taitague Memorial Park” in *Umatac*, in commemoration and remembrance of Guam’s littlest hero, Justice Taitague, whose memorable battle with cancer inspired many to join in the worthwhile cause of Guam’s first “Bone Marrow Drive.”**

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

3        **WHEREAS**, Justice Josephine Gofigan Taitague was diagnosed in August  
4        2002 with T-cell lymphoma, a cancer of the white blood cells, and her illness and

1 bravery touched the hearts of the people of Guam as Guam’s first ever “Bone Marrow  
2 Drive” was conducted, a transplant of bone marrow being the treatment necessary to  
3 save her life; and

4       **WHEREAS**, the community’s concern for young Justice prompted thousands  
5 of people on Guam to be voluntarily tested to see if they were a bone marrow match  
6 for Justice, and many also donated to what would become the “Justice Foundation,”  
7 raising money to care for other similarly afflicted children; and

8       **WHEREAS**, despite the best efforts of her doctors and the community, little  
9 Justice succumbed to her illness before a matching donor could be found, and she  
10 passed away on February 9, 2003, at just five (5) years old; and

11       **WHEREAS**, Justice’s short life deeply touched so many that even after her  
12 passing, work continued in her name, including the establishment of the “Guam  
13 National Bone Marrow Registry”, and the passage of Public Law 27-134 on  
14 December 30, 2004, which officially named the children’s playground behind the  
15 *Umatac* Mayor’s Office as the “Justice Josephine Gofigan Taitague Memorial Park”  
16 in an effort to keep her memory alive; and

17       **WHEREAS**, in the years since 2004, sun damage, severe storms, and other  
18 natural occurrences had damaged the original playground equipment to the extent that  
19 it became unusable; and

20       **WHEREAS**, the people of Guam are once again joining together to remember  
21 Justice, and to honor her through the repair and rededication of the “Justice Josephine  
22 Gofigan Taitague Memorial Park”; and

23       **WHEREAS**, local telecommunications company IT&E has been a major  
24 sponsor in the providing of playground equipment for Guam’s children throughout the  
25 island, and has also adopted the “Justice Josephine Gofigan Taitague Memorial Park”  
26 in *Umatac*; and


1       **WHEREAS**, the “Justice Josephine Gofigan Taitague Memorial Park” has  
2       been restored to its former glory and is ready for children to once again create positive  
3       memories of childhood as they play in the Park named for the brave little girl who will  
4       be able to join them only in spirit; and

5       **WHEREAS**, the people, and especially the children of Guam, come together  
6       on this day to celebrate the re-opening of the newly restored “Justice Josephine  
7       Gofigan Taitague Memorial Park”; now therefore, be it

8       **RESOLVED**, that the Committee on Rules of *I Mina'Trentai Unu Na*  
9       *Liheslaturan Guåhan* does hereby, on behalf of *I Liheslaturan Guåhan* and the people  
10      of Guam, join in thanking major sponsor IT&E; Dr. Thomas Shieh and Mrs. Erlinda  
11      Monte Calvo, Co-Chairs of the Justice Park Restoration Committee; parents Anthony  
12      and Lynn Taitague; the community of *Umatac*; and the many people who have  
13      contributed to the restoration of the “Justice Josephine Gofigan Taitague Memorial  
14      Park”, the “Justice Foundation”, and the “Guam National Bone Marrow Registry”;  
15      and be it further

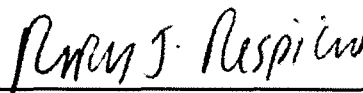
16      **RESOLVED**, that the Speaker and the Chairperson of the Committee on Rules  
17      certify, and the Legislative Secretary attest to, the adoption hereof, and that copies of  
18      the same be thereafter transmitted to IT&E; to Dr. Thomas Shieh; to Erlinda Monte  
19      Calvo; to Anthony and Lynn Taitague; and to the Honorable Edward J.B. Calvo, *I*  
20      *Maga'lahen Guåhan*.

**DULY AND REGULARLY ADOPTED BY THE COMMITTEE ON RULES OF  
I MINA'TRENTAI UNU NA LIHESLATURAN GUÁHAN ON THE 15TH DAY  
DECEMBER 2011.**



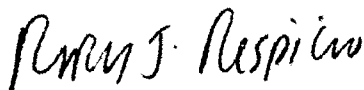
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