

I MINA'TRENTAI UNU NA LIHESLATURAN GUÁHAN
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Resolution No. 297-31 (COR)

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Relative to commending, recognizing and thanking Mr. Romeo “Sam” Hernandez Sanguenza for his commitment and dedication to the protection of the United States and its people for nearly forty (40) years; and to further congratulating him on the occasion of his seventy-fifth (75th) birthday celebration.

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

3 **WHEREAS,** Mr. Romeo “Sam” Hernandez Sanguenza dedicated himself to the
4 protection of the United States of America, serving as a Sailor in the U.S. Navy for
5 twenty-eight (28) years, from 1959 to 1987; and upon his retirement from the U.S.
6 military, serving for another eleven (11) years as a U.S. Immigration Officer with the
7 United States Immigration, Guam Office, from 1989 to 2000; totaling thirty-nine (39)
8 years of honorable Federal service; and

1 **WHEREAS**, Mr. Sanguenza was born on February 18, 1937; and is the son of
2 Mr. Damaso Verde Sanguenza and Mrs. Remedios Hernandez Sanguenza of San Pablo,
3 Nueva Ecija, Philippines; Mr. Sanguenza is the eldest child of five (5) children, and his
4 siblings are Mrs. Cora Sanguenza Ramirez, Mr. Nestor H. Sanguenza, Mrs. Lolita
5 Sanguenza Carman, and Mr. Nario H. Sanguenza; and

6 **WHEREAS**, Mr. Sanguenza attended Nueva Ecija High School and graduated
7 in 1954; and five (5) years later, in 1959, he enlisted in the U.S. Navy from the
8 Philippines, after his mother was informed that the U.S. military was recruiting
9 Filipino workers, and she had encouraged her son to enlist; and

10 **WHEREAS**, at that time, non-U.S. citizen military members were relegated to
11 employment assignments such as mess hall attendants; and while Mr. Sanguenza began
12 his military career serving as a cook, he later studied to become an Ocean Systems
13 Technician; and he would serve as an Ocean Systems Technician Chief for the rest of
14 his commission; and

15 **WHEREAS**, after serving for six (6) years in the U.S. Navy, Mr. Sanguenza met
16 Ms. Corazon Ramirez, a teacher, through a mutual friend; –and they fell in love and
17 eventually married in a church in the Philippines in January 1965; and

18 **WHEREAS**, during his nearly three (3) decades of military service, Mr.
19 Sanguenza traveled the world and was assigned to various duty stations, including: at
20 the Charleston Naval Station in South Carolina, from December 1959 to July 1960; on
21 the USS *Proteus* in Scotland, from July 1960 to August 1961; on the USS *Perch* in the
22 Philippines, from November 1961 to August 1965; on the USS *Segundo* in California,
23 from September 1965 to February 1967; at the Commander Submarine Division in
24 San Diego, California, from March 1967 to May 1968; at the Naval Weapons Station
25 in Virginia, from June 1968 to July 1970; on the USS *Tullibee* in Connecticut, from
26 December 1970 to March 1973; at Naval Facility in Lewes, Delaware, from July 1973

1 to July 1976; at Naval Facility, Guam, from September 1976 to September 1980; at
2 Patrol Squadron Wing ONE Detachment, Guam, from September 1980 to September
3 1984; and at the Naval Ocean Processing Facility in Hawaii, from November 1984 to
4 December 1987, where Mr. Sanguenza retired as a U.S. Navy Chief Petty Officer; and

5 **WHEREAS**, in 1976, after an assignment in Delaware, Mr. Sanguenza was
6 transferred to Guam, where he and Mrs. Sanguenza would live and raise their children
7 for the next eight (8) years, from 1976 to 1984; and they had bought a home in
8 Marianas Terrace, *Yigo*, in 1980 (where they continue to reside), before being
9 transferred to his last duty station in Hawaii, where he retired from U.S. military
10 service in 1987; and

11 **WHEREAS**, after Mr. Sanguenza retired, the Sanguenzas returned home to
12 Guam, where they raised their children; and Mrs. Sanguenza continued to serve as a
13 teacher in Guam's public schools, and Mr. Sanguenza served as a U.S. Immigration
14 Officer with the United States Immigration, Guam Office, because of the close
15 proximity to their native Philippines; and

16 **WHEREAS**, Mr. and Mrs. Sanguenza would raise a young family throughout
17 the duration of Mr. Sanguenza's military career; and are the proud parents of Juancho
18 Rey Ramirez Sanguenza, an engineer; Cheryl Ramirez Sanguenza, PhD; Cora Sanguenza
19 Brown, RN; and Charlyn Sanguenza Haun, an administrator/CEO; and they are also the
20 proud grandparents of Jasmine Renee Sanguenza Brown, 20, a junior at the University
21 of Texas, Arlington; Zena Rae Sanguenza Brown, 16, a high school junior in San
22 Antonio, Texas; and James Romeo Sanguenza, born on June 1, 2011; and

23 **WHEREAS**, throughout their lives, Mr. Sanguenza instilled in his children
24 values, ethics and the practice of hard work, humility, and the importance of a smile
25 and a great sense of humor,— and that ultimately it would lead to a life of success and
26 happiness; and Mr. Sanguenza never fathomed “calling in sick” or leaving a job before

1 its completion, and he had always given his best effort, and never viewed working as
2 an optional endeavor; and he continues to ensure that his adult children remain
3 humble regardless of status or educational accomplishments; his family continues to
4 gather for weekly dinners; and they continue to be a presence during their children's
5 and grandchildren's life events, including births, christenings, graduations and
6 weddings, and the family continues to celebrate holidays together, appreciating and
7 enjoying the gift of togetherness; and Mr. Sanguenza, without avail, continually greets
8 people with his genuine smile filled with a warmth that connects him with all those he
9 encounters; now therefore, be it

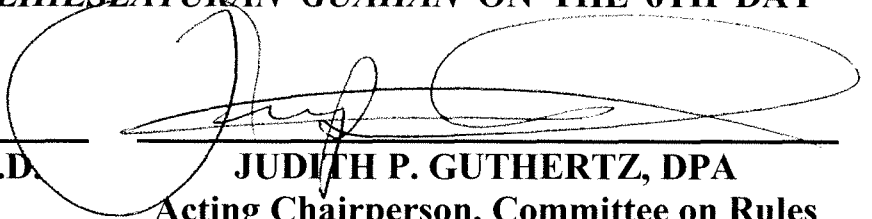
10 **RESOLVED**, that the Committee on Rules of *I Mina'Trentai Unu Na*
11 *Liheslaturan Guåhan* does hereby, on behalf *I Liheslaturan Guåhan* and the people of
12 Guam, commend, recognize and thank Mr. Romeo "Sam" Hernandez Sanguenza for his
13 commitment and dedication to the protection of the United States and its people for
14 nearly forty (40) years; and does further congratulate him on the occasion of his
15 seventy-fifth (75th) birthday celebration; 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 Mr. Romeo "Sam" Hernandez Sanguenza; and to
19 the 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 6TH DAY
OF JANUARY 2012.**



JUDITH T. WON PAT, Ed.D.
Speaker



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



TINA ROSE MUÑA BARNES.
Legislative Secretary