

***I MINA'TRENTAI UNU NA LIHESLATURAN GUÁHAN***  
**2012 (SECOND) Regular Session**

**Resolution No. 306-31 (LS)**

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**Relative to honoring and memorializing the late Honorable Ramon Valero Diaz, former Judge of the Superior Court of Guam, in recognition of his illustrious career and outstanding record of accomplishments during his years of judicial service to the people of Guam, and his commitment to the preservation of peace and justice; and to further extending sincere condolences to his family on his passing.**

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

2 ***GUÁHAN*:**

3           **WHEREAS**, on October 13, 1918, in Manila, Republic of the Philippines, Dr.

4 Vicente Lozada Diaz and Mrs. Bibiana Valero Diaz became the proud parents of

5 Ramon Valero Diaz, the eldest child of their four (4) children; and

1           **WHEREAS**, in 1935, at the age of seventeen (17), Ramon Valero Diaz earned  
2 his high school diploma from the University of Santo Tomas, Manila, Philippines;  
3 and

4           **WHEREAS**, Ramon Diaz earned his Associate’s Degree in 1937, a Bachelor’s  
5 Degree in Philosophy and Letters in 1940, and a second Bachelor’s Degree in Law in  
6 1941, all from the University of Santo Tomas; and

7           **WHEREAS**, Ramon Valero Diaz obtained the rank of Cadet Colonel as the  
8 Cadet Corps Commander in 1941, and was an Advance ROTC Graduate, Department  
9 of Military Science & Tactics, University of Santo Tomas; and

10           **WHEREAS**, on June 27, 1941, Ramon Diaz was commissioned as a 3<sup>rd</sup>  
11 Lieutenant, Philippines Army Reserve, Quezon City, Philippines; on August 30, 1941,  
12 he was called into Active Duty with the 41<sup>st</sup> JO “K” Company, 41<sup>st</sup> Division,  
13 Philippines Army, under the command of General Vicente Lim; and the following  
14 day, on August 31, 1941, he was inducted into the United States Armed Forces of the  
15 Far East (USAFFE), where he served as an Infantry Line Officer, and assigned to  
16 Lipa, Batangas; and

17           **WHEREAS**, on February 10, 1942, Ramon Valero Diaz was promoted to the  
18 rank of 1<sup>st</sup> Lieutenant, United States Armed Forces of the Far East (USAFFE),  
19 Philippines Army; and

20           **WHEREAS**, on April 9, 1942, tragedy struck when 1<sup>st</sup> Lieutenant Ramon Diaz  
21 was captured by the Japanese Imperial Army and was held as a Prisoner of War  
22 (POW) for nearly five (5) months at the Capas Concentration Camp until September  
23 2, 1942, when 1<sup>st</sup> Lieutenant Diaz was released to his parents as a “Sick Parolee”; and

24           **WHEREAS**, finding his calling in his chosen profession, Ramon Valero Diaz  
25 was first admitted to practice law as a member of the Philippines Bar Association in  
26 1941, and actively practiced law as a Legal Assistant from 1943 to 1944; and

1           **WHEREAS**, on March 6, 1945, Ramon Valero Diaz returned to military  
2 service in the Philippines Army, and served at Camp Olivas. He obtained his  
3 Graduate Diploma in Military Justice, War Crimes and War Claims from the  
4 University of Michigan; he attended the United States Army Judge Advocate  
5 General’s School for Commissioned Officers in Ann Arbor, Michigan; and he was  
6 subsequently assigned as the Claims Branch Chief, overseeing over fifty (50)  
7 attorneys who adjudicated all types of war claims in favor of heirs under the laws of  
8 succession; and

9           **WHEREAS**, on July 3<sup>rd</sup>, 1946, Ramon Valero Diaz married his “soul mate”,  
10 the beautiful Josefina de la Concepcion; and

11           **WHEREAS**, Ramon Diaz was eventually promoted to Permanent Captain on  
12 March 1948, and he retired from military service in 1951 as a Permanent Captain  
13 with the Judge Advocate General Division (JAGD), Armed Forces of the Philippines;  
14 and

15           **WHEREAS**, in 1951, Ramon Valero Diaz moved to Guam with his family. He  
16 became a member of the Guam Bar Association in 1956, and became a Naturalized  
17 Citizen of the United States in 1958. Mr. Diaz continued in his passion for the legal  
18 profession while working for several notable Guam law firms as a *praeceptor*, from  
19 1951 to 1960. He was assigned as an Assistant Attorney to the United States District  
20 Court of Guam, where he served from 1960 to 1962. Ramon Valero Diaz entered  
21 private practice, serving from 1962 to 1980; and

22           **WHEREAS**, Ramon Valero Diaz was assigned to the United States Ninth  
23 Circuit Court of Appeals in San Francisco in 1969; and served in the Trust Territory  
24 of the Pacific Islands from 1970 to 1980; and

25           **WHEREAS**, on September 8, 1980, the Honorable Paul M. Calvo, former  
26 Governor of Guam, appointed Ramon Valero Diaz to serve as a Judge of the Superior

1 Court of Guam. The Honorable Ramon Valero Diaz was confirmed by the Fifteenth  
2 (15<sup>th</sup>) Guam Legislature, and served the people of Guam in his capacity as a Judge  
3 until his retirement on April 4, 1994; and

4 **WHEREAS**, during his lifetime, the late Honorable Ramon Valero Diaz had  
5 received numerous awards and honors, notably, a Letter of Commendation in 1945  
6 from the Judge Advocate General of the United States Army for “Exemplary  
7 Conduct” while attending the Judge Advocate General School, University of  
8 Michigan; he was awarded the “Philippine Military Merit Medal” in 1981 by former  
9 Philippine President, Ramon Magsaysay, for “Outstanding Service” as the Chief of  
10 the Claims Branch; in 1951, he was honored as an “Outstanding University of Santo  
11 Tomas Law Alumnus”; and his biography was listed in the “Who’s Who in the  
12 West”, the “Who’s Who in American Law”, and the “Who’s Who in America”; and

13 **WHEREAS**, the late Honorable Ramon Valero Diaz was also involved in  
14 several professional associations, notably, as a Presidential appointee member of the  
15 United States Selective Service Appeal Board, from 1971 to 1976; he was a Guam  
16 Bar Association member from 1956 to 1994; and a member of the American  
17 Academy of Judicial Education in the 1980s; and

18 **WHEREAS**, the late Honorable Ramon Valero Diaz was also very active in  
19 numerous faith-based organizations, notably, as a Fourth Degree Knight of Columbus  
20 in the 1950s; he was ordained as a permanent Deacon for the Catholic Diocese of  
21 Hagåtña on April 27, 1973; he was a Co-Organizer for the Knights of Columbus,  
22 Guam Council and Assembly in the 1980s; and he was a Founding Member of the  
23 Board of Directors, Catholic Social Services, Guam; and

24 **WHEREAS**, the late Honorable Ramon Valero Diaz was also active in several  
25 Civic Organizations, notably, as a Founding Member, Spanish Club of Guam in the  
26 1950s; Founding Member of the Chapter of Bataan-Corregidor Veterans of Guam in

1 the 1960s; Founding Member, Past President and Director, Filipino Community of  
2 Guam, as well as Past Officer and Director, Filipino American Chamber of  
3 Commerce, Guam Chapter; Founding Member, Guam Audubon Society; Founding  
4 Member, University of Santo Tomas Alumni Association of Guam; and Past Vice  
5 President, Guam Girls Scout Council, all in the 1960s; and

6 **WHEREAS**, in his passing, the late Honorable Ramon Valero Diaz joins his  
7 late son, Carl; and he will be forever missed by his loving wife, Josefina, his children,  
8 Marilu, Mariles, Marilen, Maribel, Mariann, Maricar, Tony, Vince and Ramon Jr., as  
9 well as numerous grandchildren; now therefore, be it

10 **RESOLVED**, that *I Mina'Trentai Unu Na Liheslaturan Guåhan* does hereby,  
11 on behalf of the people of Guam, recognize and commend the late Honorable Ramon  
12 Valero Diaz, former Judge of the Superior Court of Guam, for his many  
13 accomplishments; does honor and memorialize him for the invaluable contributions he  
14 has made to the people of Guam, and for his commitment to the preservation of peace  
15 and justice; and does further extend sincere condolences to his family on his passing;  
16 and be it further

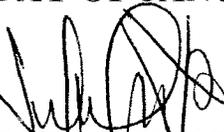
17 **RESOLVED**, that the Speaker certify, and the Legislative Secretary attest to,  
18 the adoption hereof, and that copies of the same be thereafter transmitted to the family  
19 of the late Honorable Ramon Valero Diaz; and to the Honorable Edward J. B. Calvo, *I*  
20 *Maga'lahaen Guåhan*.

**DULY AND REGULARLY ADOPTED BY I MINA'TRENTAI UNU NA LIHESLATURAN GUÅHAN ON THE 19<sup>TH</sup> DAY OF JANUARY 2012.**



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**JUDITH T. WON PAT, Ed.D.**  
Speaker



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**TINA ROSE MUÑA BARNES**  
Legislative Secretary