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

## Resolution No. 318-31 (COR)

As amended.

Introduced by:

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Relative to recognizing, memorializing, and honoring the late Honorable Gregorio Acosta Calvo, former Commissioner/Mayor of *Tamuning-Tumon-Harmon*, for his many accomplishments throughout his professional career and lifetime, and to commending him for his selfless service to Guam and its people; and to further extending sincere condolences to his family on his passing.

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

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1 WHEREAS, Mr. Gregorio Acosta Calvo was born on November 9, 1924, and 2 is the son of +Gregorio Leon Guerrero Calvo and +Maria Acosta Calvo from the 3 beautiful village of *Yigo*; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Gregorio Acosta Calvo, also known as "*Greg*" to close
family and friends, has seven (7) brothers and sisters: Pedro, Rita, Maria, Manuel,
Antonio, Jose Flores, and Antonio Flores; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Calvo had attended grade school at the Nieves Memorial
School, and soon afterwards World War II began and the Japanese military took over
Guam in December 1941; and

WHEREAS, in 1945, after the war was over, Mr. Calvo started working for
Guam Bus Line as a truck driver, driving from *Agaña* to *Umatac* every day; and

WHEREAS, in 1946, after Mr. Calvo turned twenty-one (21) years old, he married his first love, Felicidad Borja Salas, and together they had thirteen (13) beautiful children: Gregorio, Julia, Jo, Linda, Anthony, Joseph, Marie, Manuel, Mari, Peter, Roque, John and Franc; and

WHEREAS, in 1952, Mr. Calvo started working for the government of Guam
at the Department of Public Works, while also serving as the Chairman of Parks and
Recreation; and

WHEREAS, in 1960, Mr. Calvo first entered into municipal public service when he was elected to serve as the Assistant Commissioner of the beautiful village of *Tamuning-Tumon-Harmon*, where he served for four (4) years; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Calvo then sought higher office, and he was elected to serve as the Commissioner of *Tamuning-Tumon-Harmon*, where he served for twenty (20) years, from 1965 to 1985, retiring with the title of Village Mayor; and WHEREAS, Mr. Calvo was also a sports enthusiast. He formed, managed or
 coached youth baseball, softball, and basketball teams in *Tamuning-Tumon-Harmon*;
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4 WHEREAS, in the late 1960s, Mr. Calvo worked for the betterment of the 5 youth and community in *Tamuning-Tumon-Harmon* by collaborating with then 6 Director Franklin Quitugua and Deputy Lola Nelson to develop the large property 7 below the *Tamuning* Elementary School for a baseball and recreation area; and

8 WHEREAS, today, that area is known as the *Tamuning* Recreation Park, a 9 multi-faceted baseball field for the Little League, Girls and Seniors, and which 10 converts for football and soccer, and a basketball court; and

WHEREAS, in 1967, Mr. Calvo was selected as the first All-Star Manager to
 head Guam's entry into the Little League Baseball Far East Tournament at Camp
 Zama, Japan; and

WHEREAS, upon Mr. Calvo's return from Camp Zama, he was a changed man, determining from then on that he forgave the Japanese for the island's two-anda-half (2<sup>1</sup>/<sub>2</sub>)-year tragic occupation; and

WHEREAS, in 1975, during the planning of the first South Pacific Games to
be hosted by Guam, Mr. Calvo and former Senator Ted Nelson, along with the
Department of Land Management, paved the way by reserving almost seventy-two
(72) acres of government land for the development of an island-wide sports complex,
to be used especially for international tournaments; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Calvo was the Guam Little League Baseball District
Administrator for eighteen (18) years. He also served as the Northern Little League
President and Chairman of the Board; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Calvo had attended all the Far East Tournaments, and
 traveled to the Little League World Series many times; and

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WHEREAS, one of Mr. Calvo's greatest joys was to watch the first of several
 Guam entries into the Little League and Senior Little League World Series over the
 years; and

WHEREAS, for many years, Mr. Calvo had encouraged regional sports
participation and development, and saw the first fruits of his labor with many Little
League teams coming out of Micronesia, including from Saipan, Rota, Tinian, Palau,
Chuuk, Pohnpei, and the Marshalls; and

8 WHEREAS, Mr. Calvo was also very active in the Mobil Games, with his son
9 Peter, in all the years of its existence; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Calvo always had a passion for the sport of baseball, from the
Little League to the Senior League; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Calvo is a contemporary of such sports pioneers as the late Pedro Rosario, who started the Guam Recreation Commission; Atanacio Salas of *Agana Heights*; the late Guam Police Major Vicente Munoz, Guam's first Little League District Administrator; the late Jose Guerrero, Guam's first umpire at the Little League World Series in Williamsport, Pennsylvania; and Mayor Gregorio Borja; they are all sports pioneers, athlete builders and friends, in their contributions to the legacy of baseball and other sports on Guam; now therefore, be it

19 **RESOLVED,** that the Committee on Rules of *I Mina'Trentai Unu Na* 20 *Liheslaturan Guåhan* does hereby, on behalf of *I Liheslaturan Guåhan* and the people 21 of Guam, honor, memorialize and highly recognize the late Honorable Gregorio 22 Acosta Calvo, former Commissioner/Mayor of *Tamuning-Tumon-Harmon*, for his 23 many accomplishments; does commend him for his selfless service to Guam and its 24 people; and does further extend sincere condolences to his family on his passing; and 25 be it further RESOLVED, that the Speaker and the Chairperson of the Committee on Rules certify, and the Legislative Secretary attest to, the adoption hereof, and that copies of the same be thereafter transmitted to the children of the late Honorable Gregorio Acosta Calvo: Gregorio, Julie, Joey, Linda, Anthony, Joseph, Marie, Manuel, Mari, Peter, Roque, John and Franc; and to the Honorable Edward J.B. Calvo, *I Maga'lahen Guåhan*.

## DULY AND REGULARLY ADOPTED BY THE COMMITTEE ON RULES OF *I MINA'TRENTAI UNU NA LIHESLATURAN GUÅHAN* ON THE DAY 8<sup>TH</sup> OF FEBRUARY 2012.

JUDITH T. WON PAT, Ed.D. Speaker

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**RORY J. RESPICIO** Chairperson, Committee on Rules

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