

I MINA'TRENTAI UNU NA LIHESLATURAN GUÁHAN
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Resolution No. 381-31 (LS)

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Relative to recognizing and congratulating the Honorable Elizabeth Barrett-Anderson on the occasion of her retirement as Judge of the Superior Court of Guam; and to further commending her for her more than thirty (30) years of service to the people of Guam.

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

3 **WHEREAS**, on July 21, 1953, while stationed in Florida, Mr. and Mrs. Jack
4 and Concepcion Barrett became the proud parents of Elizabeth, the youngest of their
5 three (3) children; and

6 **WHEREAS**, the family eventually moved back and settled on Guam, where
7 Elizabeth graduated from the Academy of Our Lady of Guam in 1971; and she was a

1 recipient of a Professional and Technical Scholarship to attend Chaminade College in
2 Hawaii, where she attended from 1971 to 1973; and she then went on to further her
3 education at the University of San Francisco, where Elizabeth graduated with a
4 Bachelor of Arts Degree in Political Science in 1974; and

5 **WHEREAS**, continuing her graduate education under the government of
6 Guam's scholarship program, Elizabeth earned her Juris Doctorate Degree from the
7 University of Santa Clara School of Law in 1979; and

8 **WHEREAS**, upon returning to Guam, Elizabeth married Mr. Daniel Anderson
9 on January 1, 1980, and in the years that followed they were blessed with three (3)
10 children: Scott, Thomas and Angela; and

11 **WHEREAS**, Elizabeth started her career in public service working at the
12 Superior Court of Guam as a Law Clerk intern, and she was admitted to the Guam Bar
13 Association on January 5, 1980; and from 1981 to 1984, she served as the Legal
14 Counsel for the Guam Department of Education; and

15 **WHEREAS**, in 1987, then Governor Joseph F. Ada nominated Attorney
16 Barrett-Anderson to the post of Attorney General of Guam; and on July 23, 1987, with
17 Legislative confirmation, Attorney Elizabeth Barrett-Anderson became Guam's first
18 female Attorney General; and

19 **WHEREAS**, from 1987 to 1994, while serving as the Attorney General of
20 Guam, the Honorable Elizabeth Barrett-Anderson established the Family Division
21 within the Office of the Attorney General to strengthen Guam's Child Support
22 Enforcement Program; she directed attention to the needs of abused children to
23 address a growing juvenile problem; she was instrumental in the enactment of Guam's
24 Consumer Protection Laws; and she modernized Guam's notary public statutes.
25 Attorney General Barrett-Anderson was selected as Director of the Year, in
26 recognition of her innovative ideas and for strengthening the Prosecutorial and Civil

1 Divisions of the Office of the Attorney General of Guam; and she was a recipient of
2 the Achievement Award by the National Association of Notary Publics; and

3 **WHEREAS**, in November 1984, Elizabeth Barrett-Anderson was elected by
4 the people of Guam to serve as a Senator in the Twenty-Third (23rd) Guam
5 Legislature; and then was re-elected to serve in the Twenty-Fourth (24th) Guam
6 Legislature, where she served as the Chairperson of the Committee on Judiciary,
7 Public Safety and Consumer Protection; and

8 **WHEREAS**, on November 7, 1997, Senator Elizabeth Barrett-Anderson was
9 nominated by then Governor Carl T.C. Gutierrez to serve as Judge of the Superior
10 Court of Guam; and on April 14, 1998, Superior Court Judge Nominee Elizabeth
11 Barrett-Anderson was sworn in after confirmation by the Twenty-Fifth (25th) Guam
12 Legislature, becoming the seventh (7th) Judge of the Superior Court of Guam, where
13 she was assigned to the Family Court; and

14 **WHEREAS**, during her tenure on the Bench, Judge Elizabeth Barrett-Anderson
15 worked closely with Superior Court of Guam Presiding Judge Alberto C. Lamorena
16 III in developing Guam's Therapeutic Court approach to address family violence, drug
17 and alcohol-related crimes, and juvenile justice; and she is credited with the creation
18 of the Driving While Influenced (DWI) Court. Judge Barrett-Anderson was also
19 instrumental in the establishment of the Rules of Procedure and Practice in the field of
20 domestic violence, and she received national recognition for her work. Judge Barrett-
21 Anderson also served on the Board of Directors of the National Association of Drug
22 Court Professionals, and served as a member of the Federal Advisory Council on
23 Juvenile Justice; and

24 **WHEREAS**, the Honorable Elizabeth Barrett-Anderson has contributed over
25 thirty (30) years of service to the people of Guam through her tenure as a Law Clerk
26 with the Superior Court of Guam; as the Legal Counsel for the Guam Department of


1 Education; as the Attorney General of Guam; as a Senator of *I Liheslaturan Guåhan*;
2 and as a Judge of the Superior Court of Guam; now therefore, be it

3 **RESOLVED**, that *I Mina'Trentai Unu Na Liheslaturan Guåhan* does hereby,
4 on behalf of the people of Guam, commend and congratulate the Honorable Elizabeth
5 Barrett-Anderson on the occasion of her retirement as Judge of the Superior Court of
6 Guam, and from Government of Guam service; does express a most sincere *Un*
7 *Dangkolo Na Si Yu'os Ma'åse'* to her in recognition of her more than thirty (30) years
8 of public service and invaluable contributions to the people of Guam; and does further
9 extend best wishes to her on her future endeavors; and be it further

10 **RESOLVED**, that the Speaker certify, and the Legislative Secretary attest to,
11 the adoption hereof, and that copies of the same be thereafter be transmitted to the
12 Honorable Elizabeth Barrett-Anderson; to the Honorable F. Philip Carbullido, Chief
13 Justice of Guam; and to the Honorable Edward J.B. Calvo, *I Maga'lahaen Guåhan*.

DULY AND REGULARLY ADOPTED BY *I MINA'TRENTAI UNU NA LIHESLATURAN GUÅHAN* ON THE 23rd DAY OF APRIL 2012.


BENJAMIN J.F. CRUZ
Acting Speaker


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