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Relative to commending and congratulating Gregorio Pangelinan on being awarded the title of “Master Carver” by the Guam Council on the Arts and Humanities Agency.

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

WHEREAS, Gregorio Pangelinan’s love for the arts started at the age of thirteen (13) when he undertook the art of scenic pencil sketching during his early teenage years; and in his pursuance of a wider scope of the arts, he then enrolled into an art class at *Barrigada* Jr. High School (now Untalan Middle School); and

1 **WHEREAS**, working as a Surveyor Trainee at the age of sixteen (16), the
2 natural resources that Gregorio encountered in his training turned his interest to
3 carving, and during his break time, he began carving wood with his pocket knife;
4 and

5 **WHEREAS**, Gregorio's curiosity about the grain, color and texture of the
6 different kinds of trees led him to discover that the hard wood *ifit*, was the best for
7 carving; and

8 **WHEREAS**, as a self-taught carver, one of Gregorio's first creations was of
9 the scenic view of Two Lover's Point carved out of *ifit* wood; and this carving
10 expanded to his carvings of other figures, such as wall clocks, latte stones,
11 furniture, coconut trees, spears, and many other scenic views of Guam; and

12 **WHEREAS**, Gregorio's most prized carving is the "carabao cart", as this
13 carving was inspired by his eighty-two (82) year old mother, Dolores Techaira
14 Pangelinan, who shared her knowledge and experience with him as she reminisced
15 about her early years; and

16 **WHEREAS**, in 1973, Gregorio participated at the Jeff Pirate's Cove Art
17 Fair, along with crafters Jesus Gomez and Robert Taitano; he also participated in
18 the Micronesian Art Fair at the *Plaza De España* in 1974 and 1975, and at *Ypao*
19 Beach in 2000; later in the year he exhibited his bone carvings at the *Tumon* Sands
20 Plaza, at Two Lover's Point, at *Gef Pa'go*, at the Governor's Complex, and at
21 various schools; and

1 **WHEREAS**, during Gregorio’s employment at the Guam Environmental
2 Protection Agency, his work in wood carving expanded as his colleagues placed
3 orders for plaques to be given as gifts to Federal USEPA dignitaries. Other
4 GovGuam agencies, such as the Department of Public Works, the Department of
5 Commerce, the Department of Education, the Superior Court, as well as private
6 companies and the Military, ordered plaques for awards; and

7 **WHEREAS**, Gregorio retired as a Monitoring and Surveillance
8 Enforcement Officer of the Guam Environmental Protection Agency in December
9 2000, and this afforded him additional time to focus on his love for the art of
10 carving, venturing into carving simple fish hooks and latte stone pendants out of
11 cow bones; and

12 **WHEREAS**, in the year 2000, Gregorio’s involvement in the art of carving
13 culminated, and he was selected to be one of the craftsmen representing Guam in
14 New Caledonia at the Festival of Pacific Arts; and aside from learning about other
15 Pacific Island artists, Gregorio discovered the art work of blacksmiths Francisco
16 Lizama and Joseph San Nicolas, who were both from Guam; and

17 **WHEREAS**, Gregorio’s nomination was recommended by many artisans
18 who are considered “masters” in their own fields of expertise, and Gregorio is
19 highly respected in many fields such as carving, sculpting and blacksmithing; now
20 therefore, be it

21 **RESOLVED**, that *I Mina’Trentai Unu Na Liheslaturan Guåhan* does
22 hereby, on behalf of the people of Guam, commend and congratulate Gregorio
23 Pangelinan on being awarded the title of “**Master Carver**” by the Guam Council on
24 the Arts and Humanities Agency; and be it further

25 **RESOLVED**, that the Speaker certify, and the Legislative Secretary attest
26 to, the adoption hereof, and that copies of the same be thereafter transmitted to
27 Gregorio Pangelinan; to Joseph Artero Cameron, President, Guam Council on the

- 1 Arts and Humanities Agency; and to the Honorable Edward J.B. Calvo, *I*
- 2 *Maga'lahaen Guåhan.*

DULY AND REGULARLY ADOPTED BY *I MINA'TRENTAI UNU NA LIHESLATURAN GUÅHAN* ON THE 26TH DAY OF NOVEMBER 2012.



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