

MINA'TRENTAI UNU NA LIHESLATURAN GUÅHAN
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Resolution No. 10-31(COR)

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RELATIVE TO RECOGNIZING THE OUTSTANDING LEADERSHIP OF THE HONORABLE CHIEF JUSTICE ROBERT J. TORRES DURING HIS RECENT TERM AS THE CHIEF JUSTICE OF THE JUDICIARY OF GUAM AND EXTENDING A DANGKOLO' NA SI YU'OS MA'ASE' FOR HIS EXCELLENT CONTRIBUTION AND ACCOMPLISHMENTS IN REALIZING SIGNIFICANT PROGRESS IN THE ADMINISTRATION OF JUSTICE TO THE PEOPLE OF GUAM.

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

1 WHEREAS, The Honorable Robert J. Torres served as the Chief Justice for the
2 Judiciary of Guam and as Chairman of the Judicial Council of Guam from January 15, 2008
3 through January 18, 2011; and

4 WHEREAS, During his three years as the Chief Justice of the Judicial branch of the
5 Government of Guam, significant progress and improvement was realized in numerous
6 areas to include, to mention a few, the following: establishment of the Northern Satellite
7 Court, creation of the magistrate judge position; construction of the regional crime
8 laboratory; creation of the self-represented Litigants Kiosks; creation of the DWI and
9 Mental Health therapeutic courts; spearheaded Guam's hosting of the 2010 Pacific Region
10 Judicial Conference; encouraged the development of a successful recycling and waste

1 management program within the judicial branch; created an active community partnership
2 with the Department of Education through the Play By the Rules , Children at Risk and the
3 Anti-Bullying Programs; Developed a Judiciary Facilities Master Plan in anticipation of the
4 impending military buildup and the future requirements of the Judicial branch;
5 successfully secured financial resources for the eventual enhancement of the Criminal
6 Justice Information System; and served as the Second Vice-President to the Conference of
7 Chief Justices, exposing Guam's presence in the national arena; and

8 **WHEREAS**, Chief Justice Torres further expanded the Judiciary of Guam's overall
9 involvement in community activities and programs resulting in increased visibility of the
10 court's presence throughout the island, to include, but not limited to, the following:
11 improved the Law Week and Law Day activities which earned the unique recognition by
12 the American Bar Association for the Outstanding Law Day Activity Award for two
13 consecutive years; encouraged active participation of court employees and family members
14 in the construction of a Liberation Day float within the government category, attaining first
15 place awards in three consecutive years; and increased Team Kotte's participation in
16 community sporting activities, i.e., volleyball, basketball and softball; now, therefore, be it

17 **RESOLVED**, that *I Mina'Trentai Unu Na Liheslaturan Guåhan* does hereby, on behalf
18 of the people of Guam, extend special recognition to The Honorable Robert J. Torres, Chief
19 Justice Emeritus, for his exemplary service to the Judiciary of Guam in providing valuable
20 leadership in the administration of justice and the enhancement of judicial services to all

1 the people of Guam during his tenure as Chief Justice of the Judiciary, and for increasing
2 the support and involvement of the Judiciary employees and management in community
3 activities, and be it further

4 **RESOLVED**, that *I Mina'Trentai Unu Na Liheslaturan Guåhan* does hereby, further
5 extends a **Dangkolo' Na Si Yu'os Ma'ase'** for his wonderful service and excellent
6 contribution to the island community;; and be it further

7 **RESOLVED**, that the Speaker certify and the Secretary of the Legislature attest to,
8 the adoption hereof, and that copies of the same be thereafter transmitted to the Honorable
9 Robert J. Torres, Chief Justice Emeritus of the Judiciary; the Honorable Chief Justice F.
10 Phillip Carbullido, Chairman, Judicial Council of Guam; the President of I Familian I Kotte'
11 (Court Employees Association); and to the Honorable Edward J. B. Calvo, *I Maga'lahren*
12 *Guåhan*.

**DULY AND REGULARLY ADOPTED BY I MINA'TRENTAI UNO NA LIHESLATURAN
GUÅHAN ON THIS ____ DAY OF _____, 2011.**

JUDITH T. WON PAT
Speaker

TINA ROSE MUÑA-BARNES
Senator and Legislative Secretary