



I MINA'TRENTAI UNU NA LIHESLATURAN GUÅHAN
2011(FIRST) Regular Session

Resolution No. 90-31(COR)

Introduced by:

Dennis G. Rodriguez, Jr. 

**RELATIVE TO RECOGNIZING AND
CONGRATULATING MRS. ANUNCIA REYES
SALAS ON ONE HUNDRED (100) YEARS OF
LIFE, HER ACCOMPLISHMENTS AND
CONTRIBUTIONS TO THE ISLAND OF GUAM
AND FOR BEING A 2011 SENIOR CITIZENS'
MONTH CENTENARIAN.**

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

1 **WHEREAS**, Anuncia Reyes Salas was the third (3rd) born to Antonio
2 Reyes and Ana Quitugua on March 25, 1911 in Agana, Guam, among their
3 six (6) children; and

4 **WHEREAS**, she is of Chamorro descent and fluent in speaking the
5 Chamorro language; and

6 **WHEREAS**, Anuncia was married to Mr. Juan Guerrero Balajadia
7 for 24 years and together they raised ten (10) children who are Priscilla (†),
8 Rosario, Concepcion, Priscilla (†), Maria, Anna, Lourdes, Barbara,
9 Prepedigna and Joseph, as well as one (1) reared daughter known as Rufina

10 Taijeron Megofna, a niece that she reared since nine (9) years of age due to
11 the passing of her parents; and

12 **WHEREAS**, Anuncia and her family eventually moved to Tiyan from
13 Agana when the Japanese military invaded Guam in 1941. During this time,
14 Anuncia helped her husband raise chickens and pigs, as well as planted
15 crops. She and her family continued to reside in Tiyan until 1944, when
16 they marched to Mata in Talafofo, which was the Concentration Camp
17 during the Japanese occupation of the island; and

18 **WHEREAS**, during that time, when Anuncia and her reared daughter
19 were fishing in the San Antonio District, presently known as East Agana,
20 Anuncia heard a cry from a nearby house where she found an infant who
21 was only a few weeks old left alone. After waiting several hours, the
22 infant's mother returned and told Anuncia that she did not want the infant.
23 Being the devoted and caring person that Anuncia is, she and her family
24 cared for the infant, who later passed away at the Mata Concentration Camp;
25 and

26 **WHEREAS**, after the war and Japanese occupation, Anuncia moved
27 to Socio, Tamuning with Mr. Balajadia and their children. In 1952, Mr.
28 Balajadia passed away, which resulted in Anuncia becoming a single parent
29 and sole provider for the family; and

30 **WHEREAS**, To ensure that she provided for her children's
31 livelihood, Anuncia made and sold doughnuts, washed and ironed people's
32 clothes and planted vegetables; and

33 **WHEREAS**, in 1963, she married Mr. Juan Benavente Salas who
34 loved her and cared for her children. Anuncia and Mr. Salas were married
35 for eight (8) years until his passing in 1971; and

36 **WHEREAS**, although Anuncia worked hard to provide for the needs
37 of her children, she enjoys planting flowers, playing bingo and making
38 herbal medicine, which she practiced as a Suruhana; and

39 **WHEREAS**, as a Suruhana, Anuncia's skills and compassion in
40 helping to heal others attracted people from around the island. Anuncia
41 refused to be paid monetarily for her services; however, the people that she
42 helped were grateful to the point that she remembered sometimes coming
43 home and finding a freshly cooked chicken with a note of "Thanks" on the
44 table for her services; and

45 **WHEREAS**, Anuncia is a devout Catholic and known to be deeply rooted in
46 her faith. When she was approached to be recognized as a Suruhana Master,
47 she turned down the offer because she said the only award she wants is from
48 God who gave her the gift of healing. Anuncia had expressed that
49 everything that she has is from God; and

50 **WHEREAS**, Anuncia is known to be a devoted, loving and caring mother,
51 grandmother, great grandmother and great-great grandmother. She is
52 blessed with 31 grandchildren, 86 great grandchildren and 30 great-great
53 grandchildren; and now therefore, be it

54 **RESOLVED**, *I Mina'Trentai Unu Na Liheslaturan Guåhan*, does
55 hereby, on behalf of the People of Guam, recognize Ms. Anuncia Reyes
56 Salas on one hundred (100) years of life and dedication and service to the
57 people of Guam ; and be it further

58 **RESOLVED**, that the Speaker of *I Liheslaturan Guåhan* and the
59 Chairman of the Committee on Rules certify, and the Secretary of the
60 Legislature attest to, the adoption hereof, and that copies of the same be
61 thereafter transmitted to Ms. Anuncia Reyes Salas; and to the Honorable
62 Edward J. B. Calvo, *I Maga'lahaen Guåhan*.

**DULY AND REGULARLY ADOPTED BY THE COMMITTEE ON
RULES OF *I MINA'TRENTAI UNU NA LIHESLATURAN GUÅHAN*
ON THE _____ DAY OF APRIL, 2011**

JUDITH T. WON PAT, Ed.D
Speaker

RORY RESPICIO
Chairman, Committee on Rules

TINA ROSE MUÑA BARNES
Legislative Secretary

