

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

**Resolution No. 92-31(COR)**

Introduced by:

Dennis G. Rodriguez, Jr. ✓

**RELATIVE TO RECOGNIZING AND  
HONORING THE LATE MR. MELCHOR DAVID  
PONCE ON ONE HUNDRED AND ONE (101)  
YEARS OF LIFE, HIS 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**, Melchor David Ponce was born on January 6, 1910 in  
2       Porac, Philippines. His parents, Miguel and Paula Ponce had seven (7)  
3       children; and

4       **WHEREAS**, In 1940, he married Felisa Galang and together they  
5       raised eight (8) children who are Orlando "Roland", Leonardo (†), Cora,  
6       Lina, Cely (†), Fred, Benito "Bong" and Zaldy in the province of Sapang  
7       Bato, Pampanga; and

8       **WHEREAS**, Melchor worked as a laborer at Clark Air Force Base  
9       and was a farmer for many years. He grew crops of sugar cane, sweet  
10      potato, corn, tomatoes, and taro on their land; and

11           **WHEREAS**, He was petitioned by his son and arrived on Guam in  
12 1974; and

13           **WHEREAS**, He did landscaping for a few private homes, before  
14 working as a gardener at Agana Shopping Center formerly Town House, for  
15 Mr. Ken Jones. After years of doing what he loved to do, he retired; and

16           **WHEREAS**, In 1991, 11 years after the passing of his wife, Felisa,  
17 Melchor married Ligaya Muldong in Pampanga, Philippines. In that same  
18 year, they were forced to evacuate when Mount Pinatubo erupted. Many  
19 homes in their province were destroyed and damaged, buried beneath  
20 volcanic ashes and lava. He returned to Guam with his new wife, living a  
21 simple life together in Harmon; and

22           **WHEREAS**, Melchor is blessed with 17 Grandchildren and 23 Great-  
23 grandchildren. His children, grandchildren, and numerous great-grand  
24 children reside in Guam, Washington, Hawaii, Canada, and the Philippines;  
25 and

26           **WHEREAS**, Melchor enjoyed gardening, even while he required the  
27 use of a wheelchair. He also enjoyed watching Eternal Word Television  
28 Network (EWTN), an American cable television network, which presents  
29 Catholic themed programming; and

30           **WHEREAS**, Melchor read the Bible and prayed daily to God. He  
31 believed in the power of prayer. Melchor prayed not only for himself but

also for the well-being of his wife, his children and their families, relatives,  
and everyone. He credited God for his long life; and

**WHEREAS,** he was known to be God-fearing, loving, kind,  
humorous, and true to his family; and

**WHEREAS,** Melchor was able to celebrate his 101<sup>st</sup> birthday with his  
family prior to his passing on January 25, 2011; and now therefore, be it

**RESOLVED,** *I Mina'Trentai Unu Na Liheslaturan Guåhan*, does  
hereby, on behalf of the People of Guam, recognize and commend the late  
Mr. Melchor David Ponce on one hundred and one years (101) of life; and  
be it further

**RESOLVED,** that the Speaker of *I Liheslaturan Guåhan* and the  
Chairman of the Committee on Rules certify, and the Secretary of the  
Legislature attest to, the adoption hereof, and that copies of the same be  
thereafter transmitted to the family of the late Melchor David Ponce; and to  
the Honorable 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**

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**JUDITH T. WON PAT, Ed.D**  
Speaker

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**RORY RESPICIO**  
Chairman, Committee on Rules

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**TINA ROSE MUÑA BARNES**

## **Legislative Secretary**