


I MINA' TRENTAI UNU NA LIHESLATURAN GUÅHAN
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Resolution No. 130.31(45)

Introduced By:

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Relative to honoring and congratulating Dr. and Mrs. Benjamin and Ofelia Sison on the celebration of their Fiftieth (50th) Wedding Anniversary.

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

1 **WHEREAS**, Dr. Benjamin Sitier Sison was born on April 9, 1932, to Jose and
2 Amparo Sison in Baguio, Philippines, the ninth of 10 children; and

3 **WHEREAS**, Ofelia Lopez Corcino Sison was born on May 27, 1934, to Baltazar
4 and Eulalia Corcino of Mambusao, Capiz, Philippines, the fifth of seven children; and

5 **WHEREAS**, Ben received his Medical Degree from the University of the
6 Philippines in Manila in 1957 and later went to the United States to further his training;
7 and

8 **WHEREAS**, Ofelia obtained her Bachelor of Science in Nursing Degree from the
9 University of Santo Tomas in Manila, and was accepted in the Visitors Exchange
10 Program to the United States; and

11 **WHEREAS**, Ben was completing a residency program in Pulmonary Disease at
12 Philadelphia General Hospital and Ofelia was working at Philadelphia Graduate
13 Hospital in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania when they first met and fell in love; and

14 **WHEREAS**, Ben and Ofelia were united in the Holy Bonds of Matrimony on
15 April 8, 1961 at St. Patrick's Cathedral in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, with their close
16 friends and colleagues in attendance; and

17 **WHEREAS**, Ben and Ofelia moved back to the Philippines in 1961 to be closer to
18 family; and in 1966 saw a newspaper advertisement asking for doctors to move and
19 work on Guam; and

20 **WHEREAS**, Ben moved to Guam in December 1966 and Ofelia followed him in
21 January 1967 with their three young children for an opportunity for a better life; and

22 **WHEREAS**, Ben worked for the Guam Memorial Hospital from 1966 to 1969 as a
23 Staff Physician before moving to the Department of Public Health and Social Services as
24 the Chief Public Health Officer from 1969 to 1973; and

25 **WHEREAS**, Ben started his private medical practice in Carlos Heights in 1973,
26 later moving his practice to the Polyclinic at Ypao Road and finally to the ITC Building
27 in 1975; and

28 **WHEREAS**, Ofelia worked as a Staff Nurse at the Guam Memorial Hospital from
29 1967 to 1973 before moving to the Department of Public Health and Social Services as a

Community Health Nurse and later a Community Health Nurse Supervisor I and eventually a Community Health Nurse Supervisor II; and

WHEREAS, Ben and Ofelia were one of the first medical professionals to come to Guam to take care of the medical needs of the people of Guam, alongside other pioneers such as Dr. Luis Arguelles, Dr. Jose Cariaga, Dr. Marciano Santos, Dr. Rodolfo Silan, Dr. Tom Veloria, and the late Dr. Ernesto Espaldon; and

WHEREAS, Ben became a diplomat in both Internal Medicine and Geriatric Medicine, as well as a Fellow of the American College of Physicians; and

WHEREAS, Ben served in the U.S. Army Reserves from 1987 to 1993 and held the rank of Lieutenant Colonel before resigning his commission; and

WHEREAS, Ben volunteered his time and services to help the late Dr. Ernesto Espaldon with his medical missions to Mindanao in the 1970's; and

WHEREAS, Ofelia retired from the Department of Public Health and Social Services in 1992 after 28 years of public service to the People of Guam, and started working with Ben at his private practice; and

WHEREAS, Ben retired from private practice in 2004 after being a physician for 57 years and dedicating 48 years of his life serving the people of Guam; and

WHEREAS, Ben and Ofelia are the proud parents of four children: Suzanne Sison Kaneshiro, a dentist; Benjamin Sison, Jr., an attorney; Sheila Sison Wahlman, a registered nurse; and Sidney Sison, a businessman; and

50 **WHEREAS**, Ben and Ofelia are the loving grandparents of Kimberly, Renee,
51 Paul, Benjamin, Breyton and Samara; now, therefore, be it

52 **RESOLVED**, that the Committee on Rules of *I Mina'Trentai Unu Na Liheslaturan*
53 *Guåhan* does hereby, on behalf of the people of Guam, honor and congratulate Dr. and
54 Mrs. Benjamin and Ofelia Sison on the celebration of their Fiftieth (50th) Wedding
55 Anniversary; and be it further

56 **RESOLVED**, that the Speaker and the Chairperson of the Committee of Rules
57 certify, and the Legislative Secretary attest to, the adoption hereof, and that copies of
58 the same be thereafter transmitted to Dr. and Mrs. Benjamin and Ofelia Sison; and to
59 the Honorable Edward B. Calvo, *I Maga'lahaen Guåhan*.

DULY AND REGULARLY ADOPTED BY I MINA'TRENTAI UNU
NA LIHESLATURAN GUÅHAN ON THIS 3rd DAY OF JUNE 2011.

JUDITH T. WON PAT, Ed.D.
Speaker

TINA ROSE MUNA BARNES
Legislative Secretary