

I MINA' TRENTAI UNU NA LIHESLATURAN GUÅHAN
2011 (FIRST) REGULAR SESSION

Resolution No. 178-31(LS)

Introduced By:

T.R.Muna Barnes

Relative to honoring and commending Mr. Benny Mediola Cruz for his outstanding service as a son of our island community.

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

WHEREAS, the late Benny Mendiola Cruz is the son of the Joaquina Mendiola Roberto and Juan Roberto and the late Vicente Castro Cruz; and


WHEREAS, Cruz is married to Rosa Quitugua Cruz and they have seven children and twelve grand children. His children, their spouses and grandchildren are: Gabriel and Julie Augustin Cruz (Mary, Nicolas, Michael Vincent); Albert and Gloria Cruz Barretto (Christina, Aubrienne, Devon John, Briante); CPT Joseph and Ana Celestial Cruz (Emmeline); MSGT Rodney and Catherine Cruz Fernandez (Nicole); LTC Patrick and Selina Perez Cruz (Jared); and Paul and Tana C. Cruz (Christian, Caley); and

WHEREAS, Cruz is formerly of Talofoto before he moved to Auburn, Washington; and

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

1 **WHEREAS**, the late Benny Mendiola Cruz is the son of the Joaquina Mendiola
2 Roberto and Juan Roberto and the late Vicente Castro Cruz; and

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4 children and twelve grand children. His children, their spouses and grandchildren are:
5 Gabriel and Julie Augustin Cruz (Mary, Nicolas, Michael Vincent); Albert and Gloria
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8 LTC Patrick and Selina Perez Cruz (Jared); and Paul and Tana C. Cruz (Christian,
9 Caley); and

10 **WHEREAS**, Cruz is formerly of Talofofo before he moved to Auburn,
11 Washington; and

12 **WHEREAS**, Cruz worked for the Government of Guam for 27 years and is a
13 retired Lieutenant with the Guam Customs & Quarantine Agency; and

WHEREAS, Cruz was fondly known to the Customs and Quarantine Agency as the leader of their K-9 Unit in and left many fond lessons and memories behind with his fellow co-workers; and

WHEREAS, Cruz loved his career as a Customs Officer and devoted many tiresome days as a servant to the Island of Guam to ensure that any restricted or prohibited Items are kept from endangering the Island and its people; and

WHEREAS, Cruz before moving to Customs, Cruz served twelve (12) years as a fireman, and after fifteen (15) years of service to the Customs and Quarantine Agency he retired in 1984; and

WHEREAS, Cruz was a hard working and loyal servant to the people of Guam and many times after completing his own duties, would stop and assist his fellow co-workers before securing for the day. He has left many lessons behind in his children and his fellow co-workers as they continue to grow in their own careers; and

WHEREAS, Cruz was also a hard working father, loving husband and devoted grandfather and father-in-law, and a very talented man who has left his legacy behind in his children and his grand children. He loved music and played the piano, guitar and ukulele and enjoyed those talents with his family and close friends.; and

WHEREAS, Cruz was also a very humble farmer, who loved to tend to his farm. He was known for his generosity when it came to his harvest as he refused to take

33 money and in turn, happily shared his harvest with his fellow neighbors and friends;
34 and

35 **WHEREAS**, Cruz has left his legacy behind as someone who will go above and
36 beyond, as he has contributed in the lives of outstanding citizens in our Island; now
37 therefore, be it

38 **RESOLVED**, that the Committee on Rules of *I Mina'Trentai Unu Na Liheslaturan*
39 *Guåhan* does hereby, on behalf of the people of Guam, honor and commend Mr. Benny
40 Mendiola Cruz for his outstanding service as a son of our island community; does
41 extend a sincere *Un Dangkolo Na Si Yu'os Ma'ase* to them for their valuable
42 contributions to our island community; and wish them many more happy years
43 together; and be it further

44 **RESOLVED**, that the Speaker and the Chairperson of the Committee of Rules
45 certify, and the Legislative Secretary attest to, the adoption hereof, and that copies of
46 the same be thereafter transmitted to Mrs. Rosa Quitugua Cruz; and to the Honorable
47 Edward B. Calvo, *I Maga'lahen Guåhan*.

**DULY AND REGULARLY ADOPTED BY I MINA'TRENTAI UNU NA
LIHESLATURAN GUÅHAN ON THIS 22nd DAY OF JUNE 2011.**

JUDITH T. WON PAT, Ed.D.
Speaker

TINA ROSE MUNA BARNES
Legislative Secretary