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

Resolution No. *203-31 (Car)*

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Relative to recognizing and congratulating Mr. Edward H. Taitano for his thirty-one (31) years of exemplary social work service to Guam's youth; to expressing *Un Dangkulo Na Si Yu'us Ma'ase* to him for his invaluable contributions to Guam; and to extending congratulations to him on his retirement, on behalf of the people of Guam.

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

WHEREAS, Mr. Edward H. Taitano began his exceptional career at the Department of Education, Brodie Memorial School, on August 1980 as a Social Work Practicum Student whose duties included counseling, advocating for the rights of the handicapped and preparing and planning the educational program packets for handicapped individuals; and

WHEREAS, In October 1982, Mr. Taitano began working in the Department of Public Health and Social Services (DPHSS), Medical Social Services, as a Social Worker I preparing psychosocial assessments on patients in the Services for Handicapped Children clinics, conducting home visits, and providing counseling

1 services to patients and their families regarding their family members medical
2 condition; and

3 **WHEREAS**, In October 1984, as Social Worker II in DPHSS, Mr. Taitano
4 continued his diligent work in the Medically Indigent Program (MIP) by
5 explaining and interpreting the program policies and procedures of MIP to patients
6 and their families, providing counseling to patients regarding their medical
7 condition, assisted patients to help alleviate emotional, social and/or financial
8 problems related to their illness; and

9 **WHEREAS**, From August 1986 to March 1989, Mr. Taitano continued his
10 outstanding work as a Social Worker III at DPHSS in the Residential Treatment
11 Services Division providing primary care to emotionally disturbed children in the
12 Guam Manhoben Program (GMP), provided on-site counseling to assist with
13 adjustment problems and immediate crisis intervention to clients and their families
14 through the transitional phase of placement into GMP; and

15 **WHEREAS**, Mr. Taitano provided subordinate social workers with guidance
16 relative to GMP policies and procedures, assisted in the planning and coordination
17 of GMP activities, assisted in planning, scheduling, and conducting case
18 conferences with other disciplines for treatment planning and evaluation of clients,
19 acted as a liaison between the subordinate social workers, residence staff and
20 supervisor and administrator of the program; and

21 **WHEREAS**, From 1989 to 1993 Mr. Taitano continued his dedicated work
22 to residents of Guam as a Social Worker III at the Department of Mental Health
23 and Substance Abuse in the Case Management Branch where he Conducted on-
24 going client assessments and outreach follow-ups to ensure smooth client
25 adjustment and social functioning into the community for the adult mentally ill
26 population; and

1 **WHEREAS**, Mr. Taitano coordinated and participated in case conferences
2 (i.e., Adult Inpatient Treatment meetings, Group Consults, Guam Manhoben and
3 Day Treatment meetings) for treatment planning and evaluation of cases, provided
4 supportive counseling to clients, their family and/or significant others and assisted
5 clients in overcoming the barriers of discrimination and stigma due to their mental
6 disability; and

7 **WHEREAS**, From 1993 to 1994, Mr. Taitano began working in the
8 Department of Youth Affairs (DYA) as a Social Worker III in Youth Development
9 to assist and rehabilitate Guam's youth; and

10 **WHEREAS**, Mr. Taitano Provided case management services to clients
11 confined at the Youth Correctional Facility and Cottage Homes, provided each
12 minor with casework representation at court by presenting both verbal and written
13 reports of their progress and worker's recommendations during progress and
14 dispositional hearings. Mr. Taitano assumed the roles of liaison and advocate,
15 while collaborating with other agencies on the minor's behalf and maintained daily
16 contacts with Youth Service workers to insure compliance with all court orders,
17 treatment plans and stipulations; and

18 **WHEREAS**, Mr. Taitano developed a Counseling Unit with one licensed
19 therapist on board, and one Youth Service worker to assist in coordinating the
20 "Jumpstart" program, to transition clients back into their home environment, with
21 community and agency support; and

22 **WHEREAS**, Mr. Taitano consulted with other specialists in the field of
23 counseling to ensure consistency of standards and professional ethics within this
24 unit and he continued to develop and modify the two programs, based on client and
25 staffing needs, relative to a youth correctional environment. Mr. Taitano
26 developed a database of all clients confined at the DYA and conducted daily

1 assessments to identify the treatments needed, and make the appropriate
2 recommendations; and

3 **WHEREAS**, from 1998 to the present, Mr. Taitano has continued his
4 illustrious career in social work as a Supervisor I at DYA where he diligently
5 continues his work relative to Work Planning and Performance Evaluation of
6 subordinate staff; to implemented and administered the Jumpstart Program and he
7 continues to develop, update and maintain the DYA Client Database and the
8 Jumpstart Client Database; and

9 **WHEREAS**, Mr. Taitano has fulfilled various other tasks at DYA including
10 Acting Administrator for Youth Development, Court Officer, Acting Casework
11 Supervisor; and

12 **WHEREAS**, Mr. Taitano has inspired the minds of students at the University
13 of Guam where he was an Adjunct Instructor that taught SO 386 – Juvenile
14 Delinquency – and SO 400 – Fields of Social Work Practice: Youth Services – for
15 the Sociology Department; and

16 **WHEREAS**, Since 2003, Mr. Taitano has been working in the Juvenile Drug
17 Court (JDC) Program as an Individual, Marriage and Family Therapist where he
18 works with families referred by the JDC program to identify problematic areas,
19 dysfunctional thoughts and/or behaviors; and

20 **WHEREAS**, Mr. Taitano's innovations at DYA, teaching at UOG, and work
21 at DYA, DMHSA, and the DPHSS along with continuous participation in
22 community activities has made him an important altruistic asset to the residents of
23 Guam; now therefore, be it

24 **RESOLVED**, that the Committee on Rules of *I Mina 'Trentai Unu Na*
25 *Liheslaturan Guåhan* does hereby, on behalf of *I Liheslaturan Guåhan* and the
26 people of Guam, recognize and honor Mr. Edward H. Taitano, a proud father of
27 two sons and one granddaughter that is married to Karen Y. Taitano, for the

1 invaluable contributions he has made for over thirty (30) years in social work, and
2 does congratulate him on the occasion of his retirement, and does further extend a
3 most sincere *Un Dangkolo Na Si Yu'us Ma'åse* to Mr. Edward H. Taitano for his
4 diligent dedicated service to our island and its people; and be it further

5 **RESOLVED**, that the Speaker and the Chairperson of the Committee on
6 Rules certify, and the Legislative Secretary attest to the adoption hereof, and that
7 copies of the same be thereafter transmitted to Mr. Edward H. Taitano, to the
8 Department of Youth Affairs, to the Department of Public Health and Social
9 Services, to the Department of Mental Health and Substance Abuse, to the
10 University of Guam, to the Superior Court of Guam, and to the Honorable Edward
11 J.B. Calvo, I Maga'lāhen Guåhan.

**DULY AND REGULARLY ADOPTED BY THE COMMITTEE ON RULES
OF I MINA'TRENTAI UNU NA LIHESLATURAN GUAHAN ON THE -----
DAY OF SEPTEMBER 2011.**

JUDITH T. WON PAT, Ed.D.
Speaker

RORY J. RESPICIO
Chairperson, Committee on Rules

TINA ROSE MUÑA BARNES
Legislative Secretary