

I MINA' TRENTAI UNU NA LIHESLATURAN GUÅHAN
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Introduced By:

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Relative to commending and congratulating Mrs. Yvonne Cruz Benavente on her retirement from the Department of Public Health and Social Services, and extending a most sincere *Un Dangkolo Na Si Yu'os Ma'ase'* to her for her thirty-one (31) years of service to the People of Guam.

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

1 **WHEREAS**, Yvonne Cruz Benavente was born on April 2, 1960 to David Duenas
2 Cruz and Brigida Camacho Cruz; and

3 **WHEREAS**, Yvonne graduated from George Washington High School in 1978;
4 and

5 **WHEREAS**, Yvonne is married to Joseph Benavente and together have three
6 children Brian, Darlene and Michelle and three grandchildren Caleb, Ariana and
7 Brianna; and

8 **WHEREAS**, Yvonne started working for the Government of Guam at the
9 Department of Public Works on October 1978 as a CETA worker; and

10 **WHEREAS**, Yvonne started her career at the Department of Public Health and
11 Social Services , Division of Public Health Nursing Section on February 27, 1979 as a
12 Clerk Helper Trainee; she was promoted one day later to General Helper; and

13 **WHEREAS**, Yvonne was promoted to Clerk I on December 12, 1979 and seven
14 months later to Clerk Typist II; She then laterally transferred to the Division of Public
15 Welfare Assistance Payment Section (now Bureau of Economic Security); and

16 **WHEREAS**, Yvonne was promoted to Assistance Payment Worker I on May 30,
17 1984 and one year later to Assistance Payment Worker II (later reclassified to Eligibility
18 Specialist II on October 1, 1988); Her job was to determine the eligibility of individuals
19 and their families for public welfare benefits; and

20 **WHEREAS**, Yvonne transferred to the Bureau of Management Support on
21 August 27, 1990 when she was promoted to Social Services Field Representative II,
22 where she investigated allegations of fraud and abuse of the Food Stamp and Public
23 Welfare Assistance Programs; Her position was later reclassified to Public Welfare
24 Investigator II on October I, 1990; a position she held until her retirement; and

25 **WHEREAS**, Yvonne was an active member of the DPHSS Employee Association
26 and served as president from 2007 until her retirement; under her leadership, the
27 Employee Association had a record number of employees sign up for membership and
28 is credited for holding successful fundraising activities including basket raffles and

lunch plates which paid for Christmas parties, lunches, door prizes, t-shirts, umbrellas,
gas coupons, movie tickets, and birthday cakes for the members; and

WHEREAS, Yvonne and the Employee Association actively participated in the
American Cancer Society Relay for Life, the Liberation Day parade, the Labor Day
picnic and other activities in support of DPHSS and its employees; and now, therefore
be it

RESOLVED, that the Committee on Rules of *I Mina'Trentai Unu Na Liheslaturan*
Guåhan does hereby, on behalf of the people of Guam, commend and congratulate Mrs.
Yvonne Cruz Benavente on the occasion of her retirement from the Department of
Public Health and Social Services; does extend a sincere *Un Dangkolo Na Si Yu'os Ma'ase*
to them for their valuable contributions to our island community; and wish them many
more happy years together; and be it further

RESOLVED, that the Speaker and the Chairperson of the Committee of Rules
certify, and the Legislative Secretary attest to, the adoption hereof, and that copies of
the same be thereafter transmitted to Mrs. Yvonne Cruz Benavente; and to the
Honorable Edward B. Calvo, *I Maga'lahaen Guåhan*.

DULY AND REGULARLY ADOPTED BY I MINA'TRENTAI UNU
NA LIHESLATURAN GUÅHAN ON THIS 18th DAY OF AUGUST
2011.

JUDITH T. WON PAT, Ed.D.
Speaker

TINA ROSE MUNA BARNES
Legislative Secretary