

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

Resolution No. 306-31 (LS)

Introduced By:

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Relative to recognizing and commending the late Honorable Judge Ramon Valero Diaz for his service and the many contributions he has made to the people of Guam and to the preservation of peace and justice.

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

- 1 **WHEREAS**, on October 13th, 1918, Dr. Vicente Lozada Diaz and Mrs.
- 2 Bibiana Valero Diaz became the proud parents of Ramon Valero Diaz, the
- 3 eldest of their four (4) children, in Manila, Philippines; and
- 4 **WHEREAS**, in 1935, at the age of seventeen (17), Ramon Valero Diaz
- 5 earned his high school diploma from the University of Santo Tomas,
- 6 Manila, Philippines; and
- 7 **WHEREAS**, Ramon Diaz earned his Associates' Degree in 1937, a
- 8 Bachelors' Degree in Philosophy and Letters in 1940 and a second
- 9 Bachelors' Degree in Law in 1941 at the University of Santo Tomas in
- 10 Manila, Philippines; and

11 **WHEREAS**, Ramon Valero Diaz obtained the rank of Cadet Colonel
12 as the Cadet Corps Commander in 1941, as an Advance ROTC Graduate,
13 Department of Military Science & Tactics, University of Santo Tomas; and

14 **WHEREAS**, on June 27th, 1941, Ramon Diaz was commissioned as a
15 3rd Lt. Philippines Army Reserve, Quezon City, Philippines, and, on
16 August 30th, was called into Active Duty with the 41st JO "K" Company, 41st
17 Division, Philippines Army under the command of General Vicente Lim,
18 and was inducted into the United States Armed Forces of the Far East
19 (USAFFE) as an Infantry Line Officer assigned to Lipa, Batangas, the
20 following day on August 31st, 1941; and

21 **WHEREAS**, on February 10th, 1942, Ramon Valero Diaz was
22 promoted to the rank of 1st Lt., United States Armed Forces of the Far East
23 (USAFFE), Philippines Army; and

24 **WHEREAS**, on April 9th, 1942, tragedy struck when 1st Lt. Ramon
25 Diaz was captured by the Japanese Imperial Army and was held as a
26 Prisoner of War (POW) for nearly five (5) months at the Capas
27 Concentration Camp until September 2nd, 1942 when 1st Lt. Diaz was
28 released to his parents as a "Sick Parolee"; and

29 **Whereas**, finding his calling in his chosen profession, Ramon Valero
30 Diaz was first admitted to practice law as a member of the Philippines Bar
31 Association in 1941 and actively practiced law as a Legal Assistant from
32 1943 to 1944; and

33 **Whereas**, in 1945, Ramon Valero Diaz returned to military service in
34 the Philippines Army at Camp Olivas on March 6th. He obtained his
35 Graduate Diploma in Military Justice, War Crimes and War Claims from
36 the University of Michigan, United States Army Judge Advocate General's
37 School for Commissioned Officers, Ann Arbor, Michigan and was
38 subsequently assigned as the Claims Branch Chief, overseeing over fifty
39 (50) attorneys who adjudicated all types of war claims in favor of heirs
40 under the laws of succession; and

41 **Whereas**, on July 3rd, 1946, Ramon Valero Diaz married his "soul
42 mate", the beautiful Josefina de la Concepcion; and

43 **Whereas**, Ramon Diaz was eventually promoted to Permanent
44 Captain on March 1948 and retired from military service in 1951 as a
45 Permanent Captain with the Judge Advocate General Division (JAGD),
46 Armed Forces of the Philippines; and

47 **Whereas**, in 1951, Ramon Valero Diaz moved to Guam with his
48 family. He became a member of the Guam Bar Association in 1956 and
49 became a naturalized citizen of the United States in 1958. Mr. Diaz
50 continued his passion in the legal profession working for several notable
51 Guam Law Firms as a praeceptor from 1951 to 1960. He was assigned as
52 an Assistant Attorney to the United States District Court of Guam from
53 1960 to 1962. Ramon Valero Diaz entered private practice from 1962 to
54 1980; and

55 **Whereas**, Ramon Valero Diaz was assigned to the United States
56 Ninth Circuit Court of Appeals in San Francisco in 1969, and the Trust
57 Territory of the Pacific Islands from 1970 to 1980; and

58 **Whereas**, on September 8th, 1980, former Governor of Guam, the
59 Honorable Paul M. Calvo, appointed Ramon Valero Diaz serve as a Judge
60 on the Superior Court of Guam. The Honorable Ramon Valero Diaz was
61 confirmed by the Fifteenth (15th) Guam Legislature and served the people
62 of Guam in his capacity as a Judge until his retirement on April 4th, 1994;
63 and

64 **Whereas**, during his lifetime, the late Honorable Judge Ramon Valero
65 Diaz received numerous Awards and Honors, notably, a Letter of
66 Commendation in 1945 from the Judge Advocate General of the United
67 States Army for “Exemplary Conduct” while attending the Judge
68 Advocate General School, University of Michigan, was awarded the
69 “Philippine Military Merit Medal” in 1981 by former Philippine President,
70 Ramon Magsaysay, for “Outstanding Service” as the Chief of the Claims
71 Branch in 1951, honored as an “Outstanding University of Santo Tomas
72 Law Alumnus”, and his biography was listed in “Who’s Who in the
73 West”, “Who’s Who in American Law” and “Who’s Who in America”; and

74 **Whereas**, the late Honorable Judge Ramon Valero Diaz also was also
75 involved in several professional associations, notably, as a presidential
76 appointee member of the United States Selective Service Appeal Board

from 1971 to 1976, Guam Bar Association member from 1956 to 1994, and the American Academy of Judicial Education member in the 1980's; and

Whereas, the late Honorable Judge Ramon Valero Diaz was also active in numerous faith-based organizations, notably, as a Fourth Degree Knight of Columbus in the 1950's, was ordained as a permanent Deacon for the Catholic Diocese of Hagatna on April 27th, 1973, was a Co-Organizer for the Knights of Columbus, Guam Council and Assembly in the 1980's and was a Founding Member and member of the Board of Directors, Catholic Social Services, Guam; and

Whereas, the late Honorable Judge Ramon Valero Diaz was also active in several Civic Organizations, notably, as a Founding Member, Spanish Club of Guam in the 1950's, Founding Member of the Chapter of Bataan-Corregidor Veterans of Guam in the 1960's, Founding Member, Past President and Director, Filipino Community of Guam as well as Past Officer and Director, Filipino American Chamber of Commerce, Guam Chapter, Founding Member, Guam Audubon Society, Founding Member, University of Santo Tomas Alumni Association of Guam and Past Vice President, Guam Girls Scout Council, all in the 1960's; and

Whereas, in his passing, the late Honorable Judge Ramon Valero Diaz joins his late son, Carl, and will be forever missed by his loving wife Josefina, his children Marilu, Mariles, Marilen, Maribel, Mariann, Maricar, Tony, Vince and Ramon Jr., as well as numerous grandchildren; now, therefore be it

100 **RESOLVED**, that the Committee on Rules of *I Mina'Trentai Unu Na*
101 *Liheslaturan Guåhan* does hereby, on behalf of the people of Guam,
102 recognize and commend the late Honorable Judge Ramon Valero Diaz for
103 the many contributions he has made to the people of Guam and to the
104 preservation of peace and justice; and be it further

105 **RESOLVED**, that the Speaker and the Chairperson of the
106 Committee of Rules certify, and the Legislative Secretary attest to, the
107 adoption hereof, and that copies of the same be thereafter transmitted to
108 the family of the late Honorable Judge Ramon Valero Diaz and to the
109 Honorable Edward B. Calvo, *I Måga'lahen Guåhan*.

**DULY AND REGULARLY ADOPTED BY I MINA'TRENTAI UNU NA
LIHESLATURAN GUÅHAN ON THIS ____DAY OF JANUARY ____.**

JUDITH T. WON PAT, Ed.D.
Speaker

TINA ROSE MUNA BARNES
Legislative Secretary