

I MINA'TRENTAI UNU NA LIHESLATURAN GUÅHAN
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Resolution No. 381-31 (LS)

Introduced by:

Adolpho B. Palacios, Sr.

Relative to commending and congratulating the Honorable Judge Elizabeth Barrett-Anderson on the occasion of her retirement from the Unified Judiciary of Guam; and to further recognizing her for thirty (30) years of service to the people of Guam.

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

WHEREAS, on July 21st, 1953, while stationed in Florida, Mr. Jack and Mrs. Concepcion Barrett became the proud parents of Elizabeth, the youngest of three children; and

WHEREAS, upon settling in Guam, Elizabeth graduated from the Academy of Our Lady of Guam in 1971 and was a recipient of a Professional and Technical Scholarship to attend Chaminade College in Hawaii, from 1971 to 1973, and further at the University of San Francisco where Elizabeth graduated with a Bachelor of Arts Degree in Political Science in 1974; and

WHEREAS, continuing her graduate education under the government of Guam's scholarship program, Elizabeth earned her Juris Doctorate Degree from the University of Santa Clara School of Law in 1979; and

1 **WHEREAS**, upon returning to Guam, Elizabeth married Mr. Daniel Anderson
2 on January 1, 1980 and in the years following were blessed with three children: Scott,
3 Thomas and Angela; and

4 **WHEREAS**, Elizabeth started her career in public service at the Superior Court
5 of Guam as a Law Clerk intern, and was admitted into the Guam Bar Association on
6 January 5, 1980, and later became the Legal Counsel for the Department of Education
7 from 1981 to 1984; and

8 **WHEREAS**, in 1987, then Governor Joseph F. Ada nominated Attorney
9 Barrett-Anderson to the post of Attorney General of Guam and on July 23, 1987, with
10 legislative confirmation, Attorney Barrett-Anderson became Guam's first female
11 Attorney General; and

12 **WHEREAS**, from 1987 to 1994, as Attorney General of Guam, Attorney
13 General Barrett-Anderson established the Family Division within the Office of the
14 Attorney General to strengthen Guam's Child Support Enforcement Program, directed
15 attention to the needs of abused children to address a growing juvenile problem, was
16 instrumental in the enactment of Guam's Consumer Protection Law, modernized
17 Guam's Notary Public Statute, was selected as Director of the Year in recognition of
18 her innovative ideas and for strengthening the Prosecutorial and Civil Divisions of the
19 Office of the Attorney General of Guam, and was a recipient of the Achievement
20 Award by the National Association of Notary Public; and

21 **WHEREAS**, in November 1984, Attorney Barrett-Anderson was elected by the
22 people of Guam to serve as a Senator in the Twenty-third (23rd) Guam Legislature and
23 Senator Barrett-Anderson was re-elected to serve in the Twenty-fourth (24th) Guam
24 Legislature where she served as the Chairperson for the Committee on Judiciary,
25 Public Safety and Consumer Protection; and

1 **WHEREAS**, on November 7, 1997, Senator Barrett-Anderson was nominated
2 by then Governor Carl T.C. Gutierrez to serve as a Superior Court of Guam Judge,
3 and on April 14, 1998, Superior Court Judge Nominee Elizabeth Barrett-Anderson
4 was sworn in after confirmation by the Twenty-fifth (25th) Guam Legislature and
5 became the seventh Judge on the Superior Court of Guam, assigned to the Family
6 Court; and

7 **WHEREAS**, during her tenure on the Bench, Judge Barrett-Anderson
8 worked closely with Superior Court of Guam Presiding Judge Alberto C. Lamorena
9 III in developing Guam's Therapeutic Court approach to address Family Violence,
10 Drug & Alcohol Related Crimes, Juvenile Justice and is credited with the creation of
11 the Driving While Influenced (DWI) Court. Judge Barrett-Anderson was also
12 instrumental in the establishment of the Rules of Procedure and Practice in the field of
13 domestic violence and received national recognition for her work. Judge Barrett-
14 Anderson also served on the Board of Directors of the National Association of Drug
15 Court Professionals and as a member of the Federal Advisory Council on Juvenile
16 Justice; and

17 **WHEREAS**, Judge Barrett-Anderson has contributed over thirty (30) years of
18 service to the people of Guam through her tenure as a Law Clerk with the Superior
19 Court of Guam, Legal Counsel for the Department of Education, Attorney General of
20 Guam, elected Senator and Honorable Superior Court Judge; now therefore, be it

21 **RESOLVED**, that the Committee on Rules of *I Mina'Trentai Unu Na*
22 *Liheslaturan Guåhan* does hereby, on behalf of *I Liheslaturan Guåhan* and the people
23 of Guam, commend and congratulate the Honorable Judge Elizabeth Barrett-Anderson
24 on the occasion of her retirement from the Unified Judiciary of Guam and the
25 Government of Guam; does express a most sincere *Un Dångkolo Na Si Yu'os Ma'åse'*
26 in recognition of over thirty (30) years of service and community contribution to the

1 people of Guam; and does further extend best wishes to the Honorable Elizabeth
2 Barrett-Anderson as she enters the ranks of the retired class; and be it further

3 **RESOLVED**, that the Speaker and the Chairperson of the Committee on Rules
4 certify, and the Legislative Secretary attest to, the adoption hereof, and that copies of
5 the same be thereafter be transmitted to the Honorable Judge Elizabeth Barrett-
6 Anderson; the Honorable Chief Justice F. Philip Carbullido, Chief Justice of Guam;
7 and to the Honorable Edward J.B. Calvo, *I Maga'lahen Guåhan*.

**DULY AND REGULARLY ADOPTED BY THE COMMITTEE ON RULES OF
I MINA'TRENTAI UNU NA LIHESLATURAN GUÅHAN ON THE 4TH DAY
OF MAY 2012.**

JUDITH T. WON PAT, Ed.D.
Speaker

RORY J. RESPICIO
Chairperson, Committee on Rules