


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

Introduced by:

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**RELATIVE TO RECOGNIZING AND
HONORING MS. ANUNCIA REYES SALAS AS
SHE CELEBRATES HER ONE HUNDRED AND
FIRST (101ST) YEAR OF LIFE AND FURTHER
COMMENDING HER AS A “2012 SENIOR
CITIZENS’ MONTH CENTENERIAN.”**

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

1 **WHEREAS**, Anuncia Reyes Salas was the third born of six (6)
2 children to †Antonio Reyes and †Ana Quitugua on March 25, 1911 in
3 Hagatña, Guam; and

4 **WHEREAS**, Anuncia is of Chamorro descent and fluent in speaking
5 the Chamorro language; and

6 **WHEREAS**, Anuncia was married to † Mr. Juan Guerrero Balajadia
7 for twenty-four (24) years and together they raised ten (10) children:
8 †Priscilla, Rosario, Concepcion, †Priscilla, Maria, Anna, Lourdes, Barbara,
9 Prepedigna and Joseph, as well as Rufina Taijeron Megofna, a niece that she
10 reared since nine (9) years of age due to the passing of her parents; and

11 **WHEREAS**, Anuncia and her family eventually moved to Tiyan from
12 Hagatña when the Japanese military invaded Guam in 1941. During this
13 time, Anuncia helped her husband raise chickens and pigs, as well as grow
14 crops. She and her family continued to reside in Tiyan until 1944, when
15 they marched to Mata in Talafofo, which was one of the concentration
16 camps during the Japanese occupation of the island; and

17 **WHEREAS**, during that time, when Anuncia and her reared daughter
18 were fishing in the San Antonio District, presently known as East Agana,
19 Anuncia heard a cry from a nearby house where she found an infant who
20 was only a few weeks old left alone. After waiting several hours, the
21 infant's mother returned and told Anuncia that she did not want the infant.
22 Being the devoted and caring person that Anuncia is, she and her family
23 cared for the infant, who later passed away at the Mata Concentration Camp;
24 and

25 **WHEREAS**, after the war and Japanese occupation, Anuncia moved
26 to Socio, Tamuning with Mr. Balajadia and their children. In 1952,
27 Anuncia's husband passed away, which resulted in Anuncia becoming a
28 single parent and sole provider for the family; and

29 **WHEREAS**, to ensure that she provided for her children's livelihood,
30 Anuncia made and sold doughnuts, washed and ironed people's clothes and
31 planted vegetables; and

32 **WHEREAS**, in 1963, she married †Juan Benavente Salas who loved
33 her and cared for her children. Anuncia and Mr. Salas were married for
34 eight (8) years until his passing in 1971; and

35 **WHEREAS**, although Anuncia worked hard to provide for the needs
36 of her children, she enjoys planting flowers, playing bingo and making
37 herbal medicine, which she practiced as a *Suruhana*; and

38 **WHEREAS**, as a *Suruhana*, Anuncia's skills and compassion in
39 helping to heal others attracted people from around the island. Anuncia
40 refused to be paid monetarily for her services; however, the people that she
41 helped were grateful to the point that she remembered sometimes coming
42 home and finding a freshly cooked chicken with a note of "Thanks" on the
43 table for her services; and

44 **WHEREAS**, Anuncia is a devout Catholic and known to be deeply
45 rooted in her faith. When she was approached to be recognized as a
46 *Suruhana* Master, she turned down the offer because she said the only award
47 she wants is from God who gave her the gift of healing. Anuncia had
48 expressed that everything that she has is from God; and

49 **WHEREAS**, Anuncia is known to be a devoted, loving and caring
50 mother, grandmother, great grandmother and great-great grandmother. She
51 is blessed with thirty-one (31) grandchildren, eighty-six (86) great

52 grandchildren and thirty (30) great-great grandchildren; and now therefore,
53 be it

54 **RESOLVED**, *I Mina'Trentai Unu Na Liheslaturan Guåhan*, does
55 hereby, on behalf of the People of Guam, recognize Ms. Anuncia Reyes
56 Salas on one hundred and one (101) years of life and dedication and service
57 to the people of Guam; and be it further

58 **RESOLVED**, that the Speaker of *I Liheslaturan Guåhan* and the
59 Chairman of the Committee on Rules certify, and the Secretary of the
60 Legislature attest to, the adoption hereof, and that copies of the same be
61 thereafter transmitted to Ms. Anuncia Reyes Salas; and to the Honorable
62 Edward J. B. Calvo, *I Maga'lahaen Guåhan*.

**DULY AND REGULARLY ADOPTED BY THE COMMITTEE ON
RULES OF *I MINA'TRENTAI UNU NA LIHESLATURAN GUÅHAN*
ON THE _____ DAY OF APRIL, 2012**

JUDITH T. WON PAT, Ed.D
Speaker

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Chairman, Committee on Rules

TINA ROSE MUÑA BARNES
Legislative Secretary