

I Mina' Trentai Dos Na Liheslaturan Guåhan
Resolutions Log Sheet

Resolution No.	Sponsor	Title	Date Intro	Date of Presentation	Date Referred	Committee / Ofc Referred	Date Adopted
240-32 (COR)	Aline A. Yamashita, Ph.D.	Relative to I Mina'Trentai Dos Na Liheslaturan Guåhan, on behalf of the people of Guam, expressing its sincere gratitude, commendation and recognition of Mr. Monte Mafnas for his diligent work to ensure a better life for future Guamanian generations through his service, commitment, zeal and love as a dedicated public servant as the Director of the Department Land Management.	9/30/2013 8:26 a.m.				09/30/13

I MINA TRENTAI DOS NA LIHESLATURAN GUÅHAN
2013 (FIRST) Regular Session

Resolution No. 240-32 (COR)

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Relative to recognizing, commending and expressing the sincere gratitude of *I Mina'Trentai Dos Na Liheslaturan Guåhan*, on behalf of the people of Guam, to Mr. Monte Mafnas for his diligent work as the Director of the Department of Land Management in ensuring a better life for future Guamanian generations, through his service, commitment, zeal and love as a dedicated public servant.

1 **BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COMMITTEE ON RULES OF I MINA**
2 **TRENTAI DOS NA LIHESLATURAN GUÅHAN:**

3 **WHEREAS**, in December 2011, the Honorable Edward Baza Calvo, Governor
4 of Guam, appointed Mr. Monte Mafnas to serve as Director of the Department of

1 Land Management, trusting in his wealth of knowledge of Guam's land issues,
2 and in his love and commitment to the island and its people; and

3 **WHEREAS**, just a few short months later, after a public hearing on Mr.
4 Mafnas' nomination, where he received overwhelming support from his friends and
5 colleagues, whether they knew him for decades or for just a short period of time, and
6 vouched for his character, praised his knowledge of land management issues, admired
7 his commitment and drive to serve as a public steward who listened to and worked
8 with all, and spoke to his ethics and principles, the Guam Legislature confirmed Mr.
9 Mafnas to serve as the Director of the Department of Land Management in March
10 2012; and

11 **WHEREAS**, when Mr. Mafnas took the helm of the Department of Land
12 Management, it was at the dawn of Governor Calvo's administration's new
13 reorganization efforts that consolidated the government of Guam's land-related
14 agencies, including the Department of Land Management, the Chamorro Land Trust
15 Commission (CLTC) and the Guam Ancestral Lands Commission, under the
16 collective umbrella of the Department of Land Management; and Mr. Mafnas
17 approached the effort with characteristic vigor and determination to transform the land
18 agencies into a cohesive organization that would effectively serve the needs of the
19 people; and

20 **WHEREAS**, during Monte Mafnas' tenure as land management chief, the
21 Department of Land Management rolled out its mission statement: "To maintain
22 public trust, analyzing daily land complexities, and making recommendations,
23 conforming to department rules and regulation; to serve as stewards of all public and
24 federally-returned excess lands; to master plan proper zoning applications and uses of
25 public and private land; to serve in the best interest of public health, general welfare,
26 necessity and convenience; (and,) to conform to the laws of the land insuring

1 accountability and transparency;” and its vision statement: “To serve, grow, maintain
2 and ensure (Department of Land Management’s) land knowledge and capacity helping
3 the people of Guam and fellow governmental departments”; and

4 **WHEREAS**, Mr. Mafnas’ new style of leadership was open and engaging, as
5 exhibited during his tenure as acting Director of the Chamorro Land Trust
6 Commission where he instituted policies, such as “The Peoples Day” on Wednesdays,
7 when he met with and/or called several individuals to address questions or concerns
8 about the Commission; his leadership style was encouraging, and he enabled his
9 subordinates to continue in their work as he had confidence in their knowledge and
10 skills; and his leadership style was bold as he publicly announced that he would take
11 legal action against companies to recoup an identified \$1.3 Million Dollars in overdue
12 lease payments for Chamorro Land Trust Commission lands owed to the people of
13 Guam resulting from an investigation he diligently conducted after noticing
14 abnormalities in past practices related to leasing Chamorro Land Trust Commission
15 properties; and in January 2013, because of Mr. Mafnas’ due diligence, the
16 government of Guam, through the Chamorro Land Trust Commission, was able to
17 collect more than \$2 Million Dollars in past due fees; additionally, in September 2013,
18 the CLTC was able to collect \$191,000 from the Guam International Country Club in
19 back lease payments; and

20 **WHEREAS**, Mr. Mafnas’ leadership style was dynamic and visionary as he
21 and his staff worked with the Calvo administration and the U.S. Department of
22 Agriculture (USDA) to qualify Dededo properties back in the USDA loan program,
23 and to quantify the Chamorro Land Trust Commission in to the Substantially
24 Underserved Trust Area (SUTA) program, making it the first time that Guam was
25 accepted in the Federal Registry; this program enables the Chamorro Land Trust
26 Commission with the ability to acquire a two (2) percent loan for a term of forty (40)

1 years, and the possible extension of seventy-five (75) years, allowing not only for the
2 capacity of infrastructure in all of Dededo and Yigo, which would protect the northern
3 water lens, but to also provide the capacity for internet accessibility to Chamorro Land
4 Trust Commission beneficiaries when future Chamorro Land Trust Commission
5 homes are constructed, allowing for accessible educational resources for Chamorro
6 Land Trust Commission recipients and their families; and additionally, one of Mr.
7 Mafnas' future endeavors is to create a scholarship fund for all those who qualify as
8 Chamorro Land Trust Commission beneficiaries to further avail them of educational
9 opportunities; and

10 **WHEREAS**, Mr. Monte Mafnas was born on November 1, 1951, and he has
11 amassed a lifetime of friends and colleagues who speak highly and lovingly of his
12 easy-going character, and one who lives and loves life; and in his youth, he was
13 known for his enthusiastic personality; and he was competitive and accomplished in
14 sports, a talented musician who played the keyboards in a band, a skilled chess player,
15 and a surfer, who hailed from a large family with several siblings; and

16 **WHEREAS**, Mr. Mafnas grew up in the village of Barrigada; he graduated
17 from George Washington High School and then attended the University of Guam in
18 1970; and he would go on to develop a very versatile resume in his professional career
19 and civic endeavors, including being a freelance photographer for Guam Publications,
20 Inc.; working as a Property Manager for E.C. Development; moving on to work with
21 Calvo's Enterprises, Inc. as a Real Property Manager; serving as a Territorial Planning
22 Commission Vice Chairman; being a member of the Territorial Seashore Protection
23 Commission; being a member of the Central Planning Council; serving on the Place
24 Name Commission; serving as a Notary Public; serving as a Vice Chairman of the
25 Merizo Planning Council, as well as a member of the Tamuning, Tumon and Harmon
26 Municipal Planning Council; participating in the Junior Achievement program;

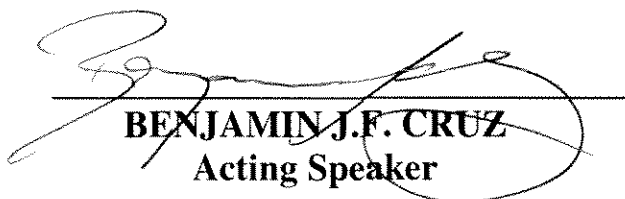
1 serving as a member of the Guam Chamber of Commerce; contributing as a major
2 sponsor for the Guam Special Olympics; and serving as a member of the Toto Parish
3 Charismatic Group; and

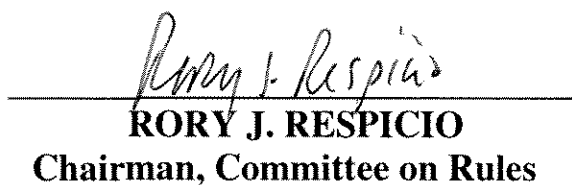
4 **WHEREAS**, Mr. Mafnas currently resides in the village of Tamuning with his
5 wife, Mrs. Elizabeth Acfalle Mafnas, formerly of Merizo, and are the parents of
6 Monte, Joshua, Mariah Beth and Suzann Rose; now therefore, be it

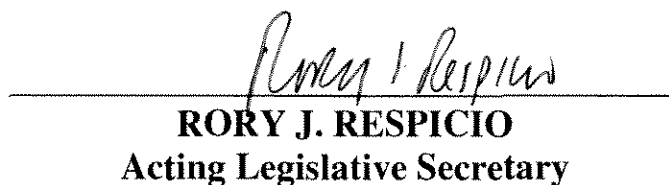
7 **RESOLVED**, that the Committee on Rules of *I Mina'Trentai Dos Na*
8 *Liheslaturan Guåhan* does hereby, on behalf of *I Liheslaturan Guåhan* and the people
9 of Guam, recognize, commend and express its sincere gratitude to Mr. Monte Mafnas
10 for his diligence as the Director of the Department of Land Management in working to
11 ensure a better life for future Guamanian generations through his service,
12 commitment, zeal and love as a dedicated public servant; and be it further

13 **RESOLVED**, that the Speaker and the Chairperson of the Committee on Rules
14 certify, and the Legislative Secretary attest to, the adoption hereof, and that copies of
15 the same be thereafter transmitted to Mr. Monte Mafnas; and to the Honorable Edward
16 J.B. Calvo, *I Maga'lahaen Guåhan*.

**DULY AND REGULARLY ADOPTED BY THE COMMITTEE ON RULES OF
I MINA'TRENTAI DOS NA LIHESLATURAN GUÅHAN ON THE 30TH DAY OF
SEPTEMBER 2013**


BENJAMIN J.F. CRUZ
Acting Speaker


RORY J. RESPICIO
Chairman, Committee on Rules


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	SIGNATURE	DATE	TO ADOPT	TO NOT ADOPT	TO ABSTAIN
SENATOR RORY J. RESPICIO Chairperson	EMAIL	9/30/13	✓		
SENATOR THOMAS C. ADA Vice-Chairperson					
SPEAKER JUDITH T. WON PAT, Ed.D. Member					
VICE-SPEAKER BENJAMIN J.F. CRUZ Member	EMAIL	9/30/13	✓		
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Name: *MARICAP BAW'SIL*

Date: *9/30/13*

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