

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
308-32 (COR)	Dennis G. Rodriguez, Jr.	Relative to commending and congratulating Mr. Bernard 'Ben' D. Cruz on his retirement on December 27, 2013 after twenty two (22) years and ten (10) months of dedicated government service and to further extending an Un Dangkolo na Si Yu'os Ma'åse' to him for excellence in service and outstanding support of all the people of Guam.	1/14/14 @ 12:15 p.m.	1/17/14 @ 11 a.m.			01/17/14

I MINA'TRENTAI DOS NA LIHESLATURAN GUÅHAN
2014 (SECOND) Regular Session

Resolution No. 308-32 (COR)

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Relative to commending and congratulating Mr. Bernard “Ben” D. Cruz on his retirement after more than twenty-two (22) years of dedicated government of Guam service; and to further extending *Un Dângkolo Na Si Yu'os Ma'åse'* to him for his excellent service and outstanding support of the people of Guam.

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

3 **WHEREAS**, Mr. Bernard “Ben” D. Cruz is a graduate of the first graduating class
4 of John F. Kennedy High School, in 1965; and

5 **WHEREAS**, Ben continued in his educational path and attended the University of
6 Guam in 1977, taking pre-requisite courses in Business, Personal Law, Sociology, and
7 English; as well as taking special courses at the American Institute of Banking, to include
8 consumer lending, personnel and management, accounting, commercial lending ,

1 successful in establishing the Credit Department for in-house financing, and later served
2 as the Acting Store Manager; and eventually, as Sterling Home Improvement Center
3 merged with the Sterling Department Store, Ben held the position of Customer
4 Convenience Center Manager until his resignation in December 1990; and

5 **WHEREAS**, in 1991, Ben decided to enter public service with the government of
6 Guam, and began working at the Guam Department of Public Health and Social Services.
7 Under the Bureau of Economic Security, Work Programs Section, and the Division of
8 Public Welfare State Office, Ben worked his way up the ranks to the positions of
9 Management Analyst I, II and III; and

10 **WHEREAS**, Ben was assigned to the Program Compliance and Coordination
11 Unit, and he worked closely with the Department of Administration Data Section, where
12 data matching reports were compiled for distribution. For the greater part of his career
13 with the government of Guam, he was instrumental in setting up the financial reports for
14 the various public assistance programs, such as the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance
15 Program (SNAP), formerly known as Food Stamps, Cash Assistance, and the Child Care
16 Development Fund. Ben was the key individual in ensuring the timely submission and
17 accurate filing of financial reports; and

18 **WHEREAS**, Ben has left a lasting legacy amongst his colleagues, friends and
19 family that will continue as he proudly retires from a noteworthy career at the
20 Department of Public Health and Social Services; and

21 **WHEREAS**, Ben will continue to experience life's precious gifts in his
22 retirement, enjoying the company of his wife, children and grandchildren; and

23 **WHEREAS**, Ben's years of upbringing with strong family values, principles and
24 pride, together with his family life and life experiences, have made him both motivational
25 and inspirational to those whose lives he has touched, allowing him to selflessly dedicate
26 many years of his life to serving his community on Guam and throughout the United
27 States; now therefore, be it

1 international banking, and letter of credit. Ben had always taken his education seriously
2 and always to heart, making his parents and family proud of his accomplishments; and

3 **WHEREAS**, Ben was drafted into the United States Army, and served our country
4 from 1966 to 1972. In 1966, he attended Basic Training at Fort Ord, California; and from
5 February to May 1967, he attended Signal School at Fort Gordon, Georgia. He was then
6 assigned to the 596th Signal Combat Support Company at Fort Huachuca in Arizona.
7 Continuing his service, Ben was assigned to the 36th Signal Combat Support Battalion, D
8 Company at Cam Ranh Bay, Vietnam, where he served from January 1968 to September
9 1969. While serving in Vietnam, Ben was given other assignments at the U.S. Air Force
10 Base in Vietnam, in 1968; and later at the U.S. Army Base in Fanhtiet, Vietnam through
11 1969. Throughout his military career, Ben served his country with pride and
12 determination, ultimately being given an Honorable Discharge on October 31, 1972; and

13 **WHEREAS**, in 1971, Ben met and married his soul-mate, Mrs. Eleanore Cruz;
14 and they are the proud parents of Amanda, Christopher and Melanie; and are the
15 grandparents of eight (8) precious grandchildren. The lives of Ben's children are a
16 reflection of their father's teachings and character, as they are hardworking individuals in
17 their professions and personal lives; and

18 **WHEREAS**, after retiring from the United States Army and reacquainting with
19 family and friends, Ben reentered the workforce and worked as a Management Trainee
20 with the Bank of Hawaii in 1969. He continued to exert positive energy, with his work
21 ethic moving him up the corporate ladder, and he became the Operations Manager for the
22 Bank's Saipan Branch, later returning home to serve as the Control Department/General
23 Ledger Supervisor, and finally as a Mortgage Loan Officer; and


24 **WHEREAS**, from 1984 to 1987, Ben worked for Atkins Kroll Corporation; and

25 **WHEREAS**, Ben continued to utilize his experience, abilities and knowledge, and
26 served as the Credit Manager and Store Assistant Manager for GoodWind Corporation,
27 also known as Sterling Home Improvement Center. While working there, he was


1 **RESOLVED**, that the Committee on Rules of *I Mina'Trentai Dos Na Liheslaturan*
2 *Guåhan* does hereby, on behalf of *I Liheslaturan Guåhan* and the people of Guam,
3 commend and congratulate Mr. Bernard “Ben” D. Cruz on the occasion of his retirement,
4 after more than twenty-two (22) years of service to the people and the government of
5 Guam; and does further extend a warm *Un Dångkolo Na Si Yu'os Ma'åse'* to him for his
6 commitment to excellence in service, and his outstanding support of the people of Guam;
7 and be it further

8 **RESOLVED**, that the Speaker and the Chairperson of the Committee on Rules
9 certify, and the Legislative Secretary attest to, the adoption hereof, and that copies of the
10 same be thereafter transmitted to Mr. Bernard “Ben” D. Cruz; and to the Honorable
11 Edward J.B. Calvo, *I Maga'lahren Guåhan*.

**DULY AND REGULARLY ADOPTED BY THE COMMITTEE ON RULES OF I
MINA'TRENTAI DOS NA LIHESLATURAN GUÅHAN ON THE 17TH DAY OF
JANUARY 2014.**



JUDITH T. WON PAT, Ed.D.
Speaker



RORY J. RESPICIO
Chairperson, Committee on Rules



TINA ROSE MUÑA BARNES
Legislative Secretary



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VOTING SHEET

Resolution No. 308-32 (COR) Dennis G. Rodriguez, Jr. - "Relative to commending and congratulating Mr. Bernard "Ben" D. Cruz on his retirement after more than twenty-two (22) years of dedicated government of Guam service; and to further extending *Un Dangkolo Na Si Yu'os Ma'åse'* to him for his excellent service and outstanding support of the people of Guam."

	SIGNATURE	DATE	TO ADOPT	TO NOT ADOPT	TO ABSTAIN
SENATOR RORY J. RESPICIO Chairperson	<i>e-vote</i>	<i>1/17/14</i>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>		
SENATOR THOMAS C. ADA Vice-Chairperson	<i>e-vote</i>	<i>1/17/14</i>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>		
SPEAKER JUDITH T. WON PAT, Ed.D. Member	<i>evote</i>	<i>1/16/14</i>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>		
VICE-SPEAKER BENJAMIN J.F. CRUZ Member	<i>evote</i>	<i>1/17/14</i>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>		
LEGISLATIVE SECRETARY TINA ROSE MUÑA BARNES Member					
SENATOR VICENTE (Ben) C. PANGELINAN Member	<i>evote</i>	<i>1/16/14</i>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>		
SENATOR DENNIS G. RODRIGUEZ, JR. Member	<i>[Signature]</i>	<i>1/16/14</i>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>		
SENATOR FRANK BLAS AGUON, JR. Member	<i>evote</i>	<i>1/16/14</i>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>		
SENATOR MICHAEL F.Q. SAN NICOLAS Member					
SENATOR V. ANTHONY ADA Minority Member	<i>evote</i>	<i>1/16/14</i>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>		
SENATOR ALINE YAMASHITA Minority Member					

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Name: *Tricia Pocaigue*

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