

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
404-32 (COR)	Dennis G. Rodriguez, Jr.	Relative to recognizing and congratulating Mr. Ignacio L. Mercado on his ten years of leadership to the Apalit Association of Guam (AAG) and to further extend a warm and sincere Un Dângkolo Na Si Yu' os Ma'åse' for his benevolence and generosity to sharing his time, talents, and treasures anchored on the noble intention to spread spirituality and devotion to St. Peter and his brothers and sisters on Guam.	6/18/14 11:35 a.m.	6/29/14 1:30 p.m			06/27/14

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

Resolution No. 404-32 (COR)

Introduced by:

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Relative to recognizing and congratulating Mr. Ignacio L. Mercado for his ten years of leadership to the Apalit Association of Guam (AAG); and to further extending a warm and sincere *Un Dångkolo Na Si Yu'os Ma'åse'* to him for his benevolence and generosity in sharing his time, talents, and treasures, which are anchored on the noble intention to spread spirituality and devotion to St. Peter, with his brothers and sisters on Guam.

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

3 **WHEREAS**, in 1995, Mr. Ignacio L. Mercado and his family first set foot on
4 Guam as immigrants; and he began to actively attend the annual Feast of St. Peter
5 with his fellow Apaliteños, until he was requested to form an association in 2003; and

1 **WHEREAS**, in 2004, Mr. Mercado, as the “*Hermano Mayor*” of the annual
2 Feast, started inviting the public to the devotion to St. Peter through radio
3 announcements; and he initiated the nine-day novena at the Santa Barbara Parish in
4 *Dededo*. That was the same year that the historical Typhoon *Tingting* passed near
5 Guam; however, Mr. Mercado and his colleagues continued with the celebrations,
6 covering the pavilion with tents and courageously withstanding the strong winds and
7 record-breaking rains; and

8 **WHEREAS**, in 2005, under Mr. Mercado’s continuing leadership, the Apalit
9 Association of Guam was formally established; and

10 **WHEREAS**, in 2006, Mr. Mercado wanted to relive his hometown tradition,
11 and he brought a grand statue of St. Peter from the Philippines, with the supporting
12 efforts of the Association’s members; and

13 **WHEREAS**, in 2007, Father Paul Gofigan was invited to the Mercado
14 residence to inaugurate the statue of St. Peter; and

15 **WHEREAS**, in 2008, with Mr. Mercado at the helm, the annual celebrations
16 caught more attention from the community with its banquet-style ceremony, and was
17 also highlighted by the blessings given by Father Patrick Garcia; and

18 **WHEREAS**, in 2009, Mr. Mercado gave recognition plaques in appreciation to
19 all the past “*Hermano Mayors*.” He also invited the Philippine Consul General, Olivia
20 V. Palala, and Consulate staff, and proposed a full commemoration of the traditional
21 celebration of the Apaliteños. The inspiring Mr. Mercado further reenacted the “*libad*”
22 (fluvial parade); and sought the permission of the Guam Department of Agriculture to
23 hold it on Guam’s shores; and

24 **WHEREAS**, in 2010, the zeal and passion that Mr. Mercado has for St. Peter
25 made major headways for the Association. The festivity was recognized by the
26 Philippine Consulate Office and the Filipino Community of Guam as an annual

1 culminating activity of the Philippine Independence Day celebrations. Invited to the
2 event was Father Dan Bien, who inaugurated the makeshift barge where St. Peter was
3 put onboard and pulled by devotees along the waters of *Ypao* and *Matapang* beach
4 while the music from the Guam Territorial Band played. This marked the first Fluvial
5 Procession in the history of Guam; and

6 **WHEREAS**, in 2011, Mr. Mercado reached out to more devotees and invited
7 Father Paul Gofigan to speak at the first Mass held for the yearly program which was
8 called, “The Water Festival: Apalit Association of Guam Celebrates its Patron St.
9 Peter”; and which attracted many people from various communities, including,
10 legislators, associations, tourists, and the Pacific Daily News; and

11 **WHEREAS**, in 2012, Mr. Mercado invited Father Jason, the Archdiocese of
12 *Agaña*, Guam, to participate in the celebration of the Mass. This activity was again
13 featured in Pacific Daily News “Fluvial Procession of Patron St. Peter”; and

14 **WHEREAS**, in 2013, with Mr. Mercado’s steadfastness and devotion, the
15 Fiesta was highlighted by a Mass celebrated by the Most Reverend Anthony Sablan
16 Apuron, O.F.M., Cap., D.D., Archbishop of Guam; and

17 **WHEREAS**, through the initiatives of Mr. Mercado, the Association became
18 actively involved in socio-civic activities with its yearly contributions to the Catholic
19 Social Service, since the year of 2007. Mr. Mercado helped the Filipino Community
20 of Guam to raise funds for the disaster relief of the Typhoon *Ketsana (Ondoy)*
21 calamity. He took part in other inter-association activities, encouraging individual and
22 group support to help vulnerable members of the Association, especially during their
23 hospitalization and bereavement. The love and devotion Mr. Mercado, along with his
24 wife, Mrs. Aurora M. Mercado, and family have for St. Peter are reflected through the
25 many accomplishments that Mr. Ignacio L. Mercado has made while serving in his
26 position as President of the Apalit Association of Guam; now therefore, be it

1 **RESOLVED**, that the Committee on Rules of *I Mina'Trentai Dos Na*
2 *Liheslaturan Guåhan* does hereby, on behalf of *I Liheslaturan Guåhan* and the people
3 of Guam, recognize and congratulate Mr. Ignacio L. Mercado for his ten years of
4 leadership to the Apalit Association of Guam (AAG); and does further extend a warm
5 and sincere *Un Dångkolo Na Si Yu'os Ma'åse'* to him for his benevolence and
6 generosity in sharing his time, talents, and treasures, which are anchored on the noble
7 intention to spread spirituality and devotion to St. Peter, with his brothers and sisters
8 on Guam; and be it further

9 **RESOLVED**, that the Speaker and the Chairperson of the Committee on Rules
10 certify, and the Legislative Secretary attest to, the adoption hereof, and that copies of
11 the same be thereafter transmitted to Mr. Ignacio L. Mercado, President of the Apalit
12 Association of Guam; and to the Honorable Edward J.B. Calvo, *I Maga'lahren*
13 *Guåhan*.

**DULY AND REGULARLY ADOPTED BY THE COMMITTEE ON RULES OF
I MINA'TRENTAI DOS NA LIHESLATURAN GUÅHAN ON THE 27TH DAY OF
JUNE 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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	SIGNATURE	DATE	TO ADOPT	TO NOT ADOPT	TO ABSTAIN
SENATOR RORY J. RESPICIO Chairperson	E-VOTE	06/26/14	✓		
SENATOR THOMAS C. ADA Vice-Chairperson	E-VOTE	06/26/14	✓		
SPEAKER JUDITH T. WON PAT, Ed.D. Member	E-VOTE	6/26/14	✓		
VICE-SPEAKER BENJAMIN J.F. CRUZ Member	E-VOTE	6/26/14	✓		
LEGISLATIVE SECRETARY TINA ROSE MUÑA BARNES Member	E-VOTE	6/26/14	✓		
SENATOR VICENTE (Ben) C. PANGELINAN Member					
SENATOR DENNIS G. RODRIGUEZ, JR. Member	OR	6/27/14	✓		
SENATOR FRANK BLAS AGUON, JR. Member	E-VOTE	6/27/14	✓		
SENATOR MICHAEL F.Q. SAN NICOLAS Member	E-VOTE	6/27/14	✓		
SENATOR V. ANTHONY ADA Minority Member	E-VOTE	6/26/14	✓		
SENATOR ALINE YAMASHITA Minority Member	E-VOTE	6/26/14	✓		

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