

I Mina' Trentai Dos Na Liheslaturan Guåhan

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Resolution No. 431-32 (LS)

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Relative to recognizing and honoring the late Mr. Mathew Sung for his invaluable contributions to our island; and to further extending deep condolences to his family on the passing of a loving father, dedicated husband, respected soldier, successful businessman, and distinguished leader of the community, on behalf of the people of Guam.

1 **BE IT RESOLVED BY *I MINA'TRENTAI DOS NA LIHESLATURAN***
2 ***GUÅHAN*:**

3 **WHEREAS**, Mr. Mathew Sung, who was a loving father, a dedicated husband,
4 a highly decorated soldier, a successful businessman, and an outstanding community
5 leader, passed away on August 8, 2014, at the age of ninety-one (91), leaving behind
6 his loving wife of fifty-six (56) years, Nancy L.C. Sung; his son, York; his daughter,

1 Nancy; his daughter-in-law, Jennifer Li; his son-in-law, Robert Steinberg; and his
2 grandchildren: Jason Gianni and Tim; as well as numerous relatives and friends in
3 Guam, and other places around the world; and

4 **WHEREAS**, Mr. Mathew Sung was born in 1923, and is from a prominent
5 family of Hunan Province in China. He entered formal schooling at the age of six (6),
6 and he excelled throughout his school years. Upon his graduation from college, Mr.
7 Sung taught classes for a few months; and he then felt the hardship of the country, and
8 took upon himself the responsibility to serve the country; and he was successfully
9 accepted into the Central Military Academy. After three (3) years of hard work and
10 training, Mathew graduated among the top five (5) out of one thousand five hundred
11 (1,500) graduates, and he was personally awarded with a saber by then Principal,
12 Generalissimo Chiang Kai Shek. Mr. Sung then began training future officers from
13 August 1945 when Japan announced their unconditional surrender until 1949 when
14 the Kuomintang Forces retreated to the island of Taiwan. Despite being an
15 accomplished educator, Mathew still continued to study and learn the English
16 language on his own; and he was successfully accepted into the Foreign Institute of
17 the Defense Academy, and was eventually sent to a military engineering university in
18 the United States. This changed the direction of his life and he prepared himself for
19 his future employment opportunities. Mr. Sung had also received numerous awards
20 and decorations while serving his country in his various positions nationally and
21 internationally; and

22 **WHEREAS**, in 1971, Mr. Sung officially retired from the Army with the rank
23 of Colonel; and he eventually found his way to Guam to assume the management of
24 RSEA Construction Company, which was comprised mostly of retired military
25 personnel from Taiwan. The company was awarded with various projects for the U.S.
26 military; and at one time, the company had one of the largest workers' camp on

1 Guam. Despite his busy work schedule, Mathew found time to serve the needs of the
2 local Chinese community, and he built good relationships with the local community.
3 To better improve the communication with one another, Mr. Sung, together with other
4 prominent Chinese leaders of that time, founded the United Chinese Association of
5 Guam in 1972, and he was elected to serve as its President in 1974; and

6 **WHEREAS**, some of the most memorable accomplishments of Mr. Sung was
7 when he organized the Guam delegation to attend the inauguration of President
8 Chiang Kai Shek in May 1972. He also arranged the official visit of former Guam
9 Governor Carlos Camacho to Taiwan. In 1974, Mr. Sung assisted the Government of
10 Guam to invite then Taipei City Mayor Chang to visit Guam; and he helped to form a
11 sister city relationship between Guam and Taipei City. He built the Guam Chinese
12 Park through the cooperation of RSEA Construction Company and the United Chinese
13 Association of Guam; and

14 **WHEREAS**, Mr. Sung was instrumental in building the Guam Chinese School
15 Building in Upper *Tumon*; he established the Fung Ling Educational Foundation to
16 help underprivileged youths to pursue higher education; and he set up the Sung Tuan
17 Sheng Scholarship in honor of his father; and

18 **WHEREAS**, some of the positions Mr. Sung had held in his many acts of
19 community service include: being the past President of the United Chinese
20 Association of Guam; past Chairman of the Guam Chinese School Foundation; past
21 Secretary General of the Guam Chinese School Board of Trustees; and past Publisher
22 of the Guam Chinese Overseas News; now therefore, be it

23 **RESOLVED**, that *I Mina'Trentai Dos Na Liheslaturan Guåhan* does hereby,
24 on behalf of the people of Guam, recognize and honor the late Mr. Mathew Sung for
25 his invaluable contributions to our island; and does further extend deep condolences to
26 his family on the passing of a loving father, dedicated husband, respected soldier,

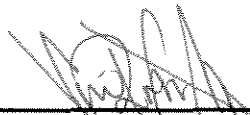
1 successful businessman, and distinguished leader of the community, on behalf of the
2 people of Guam; and be it further

3 **RESOLVED**, that the Speaker certify, and the Legislative Secretary attest to,
4 the adoption hereof, and that copies of the same be thereafter transmitted to the late
5 Mathew Sung's wife, Mrs. Nancy L.C. Sung; to his son, Mr. York Sung; to his
6 daughter, Mrs. Nancy Steinberg; to the President of the United Chinese Association of
7 Guam; to the Director General of the Taipei Economic and Cultural Office in Guam;
8 and to the Honorable Edward J.B. Calvo, *I Maga'lahren Guåhan*.

**DULY AND REGULARLY ADOPTED BY I MINA'TRENTAI DOS NA
LIHESLATURAN GUÅHAN ON THE 12TH DAY OF AUGUST 2014.**



JUDITH T. WON PAT, Ed.D.
Speaker



TINA ROSE MUÑA BARNES
Legislative Secretary