

I Mina' Trentai Dos Na Liheslaturan Guåhan

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

Resolution No. 478-32 (COR)

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

3 **WHEREAS,** the Filipinos had been on Guam long before the arrival of
4 Americans. By the end of the Spanish rule, there was a big influx of Filipinos. Many of

1 them were exiles, both penal and political, during the Spanish administration of the
2 Philippines and Guam; and

3 **WHEREAS**, when the Americans took possession of the Philippines in the early
4 1900s, more Filipinos were exiled to Guam. In 1902, fifty-two (52) Filipinos were exiled,
5 including Apolinario Mabini, one of the great Filipino revolutionary leaders, and known
6 to the Filipinos as the “Brain of the Revolution and the Sublime Paralytic.” Other
7 repatriates included noted Generals of the revolution, namely: Artemio Ricarte, Pio del
8 Pilar, Mariano Trias and General Santos; and two famous lawyers, Pablo Ocampo and
9 Julian Gerona; and

10 **WHEREAS**, of the fifty-two (52) exiles, Leon Flores, Pancrasio Palting and
11 Maximo Tolentino remained on Guam and later adopted the island as their home, while
12 all the others returned to the Philippines. Leon Flores, who became the island attorney of
13 Guam, is the father of the late Archbishop Felixberto Flores; and Pancrasio Palting is the
14 father of the late Honorable Paul Palting, former Senator; and

15 **WHEREAS**, during the Spanish rule, the Filipinos did not enjoy civil rights.
16 However, the Americans changed the atmosphere when they arrived; and the Filipinos
17 were allowed to hold gatherings and conduct their own community affairs. These
18 gatherings transformed the Filipino community into a closely-knit group, recalling their
19 happy days together in the Philippines, and sharing the pains of the separation from their
20 relatives. They were the pioneers who paved the path for the present Filipino Community
21 of Guam; and

22 **WHEREAS**, after the war, many more Filipinos came to Guam, this time not as
23 exiles, but as adventurous young men. Mark Pangilinan was one of them. They settled
24 down here and their achievements have earned for them the undying affection and kind
25 hospitality of the people of Guam. These men did the spadework and laid the foundation
26 on which the present Filipino Community of Guam built its organization; and

1 **WHEREAS**, the Filipino Community of Guam was officially organized in 1954,
2 immediately after the July 4th observance of the Independence Anniversary. The zeal of
3 these Filipino-Americans gave birth to the founding of the Filipino Community of Guam,
4 with Mr. Henry Schnabel serving as the Chairman of the Steering Committee; and he was
5 ably assisted by the late Attorney Al Lamorena, father of Presiding Judge Alberto
6 Lamorena and former Senator Tony Lamorena; and Angel Ilagan, Cesar Sison (all
7 deceased), Art Gamboa, and Tony Dimalanta, who was elected as the first President.
8 Consul Bartolome Umayam (deceased) of the Philippine Consulate General actively
9 participated in the founding of the association; and

10 **WHEREAS**, the constitution and by-laws were approved and adopted and the first
11 board of directors was elected on September 8, 1954. The objectives were enumerated as
12 follows: to foster unity and closer relations among Filipinos on Guam; to preserve the
13 cherished traditions of the Filipino people; to cooperate with the duly constituted
14 authorities of the Territory of Guam in the promotion of civic, social and moral welfare;
15 to improve and conserve the bonds of friendship existing between the Filipinos and the
16 Americans, Guamanians and other residents of Guam; to undertake any lawful acts or
17 things necessary and expedient for the promotion of the commonwealth; to establish a
18 cultural center on Guam, which shall be known as the “Philippine Cultural Center”; and
19 to acquire, purchase, sell, mortgage, lease or encumber any real or personal properties;
20 and

21 **WHEREAS**, during its early years, the biggest and most important activity
22 sponsored by the Filipino Community of Guam was the carnival that was held in
23 *Tamuning*, entitled: “KNOW THE PHILIPPINES EXPOSITION.” There were booths
24 representing the various provinces; and the affair was climaxed with the Coronation of
25 Miss Philippines and her Court of Honor (Miss Luzon, Miss Visayas and Miss Mindoro);
26 and

1 **WHEREAS**, on March 6, 1955, during the incumbency of Mrs. Carmen Dela
2 Cruz (the only woman President), the *Filipiniana*, an official organ of the Filipino
3 Community of Guam, made its maiden bow. The publication, which was conceived out
4 of a desire to reach out to all the Filipinos on the island, filled a long-felt need of the
5 association; and

6 **WHEREAS**, in 1965, the Guam Heroes Memorial Park project at the Skinner
7 Plaza was conceived. It must be said that since its inception, the Filipino Community of
8 Guam has dedicated itself to the realization of its principal goal: to be part and parcel of
9 the entire community striving for a common goal; and the Guam Heroes Memorial Park
10 is tangible proof of their dedication to that objective; and

11 **WHEREAS**, the FCG is the parent organization of sixty-five (65) member associations.
12 The various Filipino associations have contributed to undertaking several community
13 projects on Guam. In addition to establishing the Guam Heroes Memorial Park, the statue
14 of the late Archbishop Felixberto Flores was refurbished for the betterment of the
15 community; and the current project of the FCG is to build a clubhouse where its meetings
16 and other activities will be held; and

17 **WHEREAS**, the Mr. and Mrs. FCG Popularity Contest, spearheaded by Emelio
18 Uy in 1993, has until now contributed significantly in raising funds for the project. By the
19 end of December 31, 1994, the FCG's fund balance had amounted to One Hundred
20 Thirty-two Thousand One Hundred Sixty-nine Dollars (\$132,169) under the leadership of
21 Mr. Ed Bernal; and

22 **WHEREAS**, in 1995, with Peter S. Dumaliang at the helm, other programs such
23 as the first raffle drawing for the various community projects and the 1st Annual Golf
24 Tournament were launched, and proved to be very successful fundraisers. These
25 fundraisers helped generate One Hundred Forty-four Thousand Five Dollars (\$144,005)
26 in net proceeds for 1995 alone, boosting its fund balance as of December 31, 1995 to
27 Two Hundred Seventy-six Thousand One Hundred Seventy-four Dollars (\$276,174); and

1 **WHEREAS**, on July 12, 1998, Mr. Emelio Uy and Consul General Antonio
2 Villamor spearheaded the centennial celebration of the 100th Anniversary of Philippine
3 Independence through dance, music, and the showcasing of regional costumes. Their
4 show proved to be a hit on Guam as even non-Filipinos were enchanted by the group’s
5 skill and grace; and

6 **WHEREAS**, a Celebrity Golf Tournament chaired by Ted Neri and former FCG
7 president Roger Ruelos was also completed under Mr. Emelio Uy’s administration. This
8 tournament helped raise funds for the FCG’s clubhouse projects, as well as other
9 charitable projects of the group; and

10 **WHEREAS**, another noteworthy project was the FCG fundraising drive initiated
11 by Mr. Emelio Uy for the disaster relief of the victims of Typhoon Babs in the
12 Philippines. The Typhoon Babs Relief Fundraising Drive, chaired by FCG Vice
13 Presidents, Bert Jurinario and Rene Quintans, was able to raise more than Thirty
14 Thousand Dollars (\$30,000) in cash donations; as well as the donation of two 40-foot
15 containers, courtesy of Matson Navigation, that were filled with relief goods, to include
16 clothing, blankets, and canned goods. Thanks to Continental Micronesia and other
17 sponsors, Mr. Uy accompanied a delegation from the FCG to personally present the
18 group’s donation to none other than Philippine President Joseph “Erap” Estrada, who
19 thanked the FCG effusively for the group’s generosity, noting that the FCG was one of
20 the first Filipino overseas groups to respond to the typhoon relief efforts in the
21 Philippines; and

22 **WHEREAS**, the first *GAWAD ULIRANG PILIPINO* has also been conceived to
23 honor the milestone of sixty (60) years of civic engagement and humanitarian services of
24 the Filipino Community of Guam. This award is to give recognition to notable Filipino-
25 Americans of the island of Guam; and

26 **WHEREAS**, the Filipino Community of Guam believes in the future of Guam and
27 respects its relationship with its people and the different ethnic groups constituting the

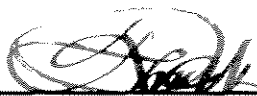
1 population of the island. It exists not to seek rewards or commendations, but to pursue
2 that noble task of helping to make Guam progressive, and offering gratitude to an island
3 that has been a generous home to them; and

4 **WHEREAS**, just as it has lived in an era of its own and has become a part of the
5 history of Guam, the Filipino Community of Guam is here to stay forever; now therefore,
6 be it

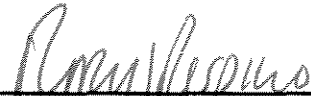
7 **RESOLVED**, that the Committee on Rules of *I Mina'Trentai Dos Na Liheslaturan*
8 *Guåhan* does hereby, on behalf of *I Liheslaturan Guåhan* and the people of Guam,
9 recognize and congratulate the Filipino Community of Guam (FCG) on the occasion of
10 its Sixtieth (60th) Year Anniversary; and does further extend a warm and sincere *Un*
11 *Dångkolo Na Si Yu'os Ma'åse'* to the FCG for keeping the Philippine culture and heritage
12 strong among the Filipinos of our island community; 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 the
15 same be thereafter transmitted to Roy Salvador A. Adonay, President of the Filipino
16 Community of Guam; and to the Honorable 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 24TH DAY OF
OCTOBER 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					
SENATOR THOMAS C. ADA Vice-Chairperson					
SPEAKER JUDITH T. WON PAT, Ed.D. Member					
VICE-SPEAKER BENJAMIN J.F. CRUZ Member	E-VOTE		✓		
LEGISLATIVE SECRETARY TINA ROSE MUÑA BARNES Member					
SENATOR DENNIS G. RODRIGUEZ, JR. Member	<i>[Signature]</i>	10/24/14	✓		
SENATOR FRANK BLAS AGUON, JR. Member	E-VOTE		✓		
SENATOR MICHAEL F.Q. SAN NICOLAS Member	E-VOTE		✓		
SENATOR V. ANTHONY ADA Minority Member	E-VOTE		✓		
SENATOR ALINE YAMASHITA Minority Member	E-VOTE		✓		

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