

I Mina' Trentai Dos Na Lihelaturan Guåhan

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

Resolution No. 513-32 (LS)

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Relative to recognizing and extending a warm *Dångkolo Na Si Yu'os Ma'åse'* to Mr. John Michael Weisenberger on his retirement after forty (40) years of government and private service in the field of law, and for the outstanding contributions he has made as an attorney and community service advocate; and to further extending our best wishes to him in his future endeavors, on behalf of the people of Guam.

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

3 **WHEREAS**, it is the sense of the Guam Legislature to recognize and honor
4 those distinguished citizens of this great island who have devoted themselves to

1 faithfully serving the best interests of their community and the needs of its residents;
2 and

3 **WHEREAS**, attendant to such concern, and in full accord with its long-
4 standing traditions, the Guam Legislature is justly proud to honor Mr. John Michael
5 Weisenberger on the occasion of his retirement after serving as an Assistant Attorney
6 General for Guam, to be celebrated on Friday, December 12, 2014; and

7 **WHEREAS**, in 1970, Mr. John Michael Weisenberger received his Bachelor of
8 Science in Accounting degree from Wayne State University in Detroit, Michigan; and
9 he obtained his Juris Doctor Cum Laude degree from Wayne State University in 1974;
10 and

11 **WHEREAS**, before making Guam his home, John was an accountant for the
12 Wayne Center for the Retarded, from September 1974 to September 1975; and from
13 September 1975 to September 1976, he also served as the Executive Director for the
14 Association for the Jewish Retarded in Detroit, Michigan; and

15 **WHEREAS**, John was licensed to practice law in Michigan in 1974, and he has
16 been an active member of the Guam Bar Association since he obtained his license to
17 practice law on Guam in 1977; and

18 **WHEREAS**, in April 1991, John began his government of Guam career
19 working at the Office of the Attorney General (OAG), where he served as the
20 Assistant Attorney General for the Family Division, until February 2001; and

21 **WHEREAS**, John had also served as the island's first Public Guardian, after
22 being appointed by the Honorable Chief Justice Benjamin J.F. Cruz in January 2001;
23 and he served in that office for seven (7) years until 2008, when he returned to his
24 duties at the OAG; and

25 **WHEREAS**, John then served as the Assistant Attorney General for the Civil
26 Division, first serving in this capacity from August 2008 until June 2010, when he

1 was appointed to serve as the interim Attorney General of Guam until the AG-Elect
2 Leonardo M. Rapadas was sworn in on January 3, 2011; and he then returned to his
3 position as an Assistant Attorney General for the Civil Division in January 2011,
4 where he stayed until September 2014; and

5 **WHEREAS**, in October 2014, John became the Deputy Attorney General in
6 the Civil Litigation and Solicitors Division, the last post from which he retires after
7 twenty-three (23) years of government of Guam service; and

8 **WHEREAS**, John's dedication to serving the people, including the less
9 fortunate and the disabled, led him to become a Charter Member of the Guam Special
10 Olympics in 1977; to serve as the Legal Counsel for the Guam Special Olympics
11 Board of Directors from 1977 to 1983; to work as a social work instructor for the
12 University of Guam from 1980 to 1981; and to serve as a Charter Member of the
13 Guam Association of Social Workers in 1978, serving on its Board of Directors in
14 1981, and again in 2001, at which time he undertook the role of Historian; and

15 **WHEREAS**, after co-founding the Guam Legal Services Corporation (GLSC)
16 in 1979, John served on the Board of Directors through 1981; and for many years,
17 from 1981 to 1991, John assisted many island residents as an attorney with the GLSC;
18 he also served as an Advocate and the Director of the Advocacy Office for
19 Handicapped People from 1977 to 1981, during which he opened the Guam Protection
20 and Advocacy Program; and

21 **WHEREAS**, in 1981, John co-founded *Guma' Mami*, Inc., a private nonprofit
22 organization that provides a variety of services and support for adults with
23 intellectual/cognitive disabilities and adults with psychiatric disabilities, and their
24 families; and served on its Board of Directors through 1987; and

1 **WHEREAS**, John also has experience serving in the role of Accountant and
2 Executive Director of numerous non-profit organizations that assist persons with
3 disabilities, and their families; and

4 **WHEREAS**, in addition to his extensive and diverse work experience, John
5 also dedicated his time to the church community while serving as a board member of
6 Catholic Social Service from 1995 to 2001; and he was a Board of Trustees member
7 from 1997 to 2001, and again from 2010 to the present; and

8 **WHEREAS**, John received numerous accolades and awards throughout his
9 lifetime, including, “Social Worker of the Year” from the Guam Association of Social
10 Workers in 1981; “Outstanding Adult Volunteer” from the First Lady’s Outstanding
11 Volunteer Awards in 1988; the Commissioner’s Award for Outstanding Contribution
12 to Prevention of Child Abuse and Neglect by the U.S. Department of Health and
13 Human Services in 1998; and the “Employee of the Year” Award from the
14 Department of Law, government of Guam, in 1998; and in 2012, he was also
15 appointed by the Most Reverend Anthony Sablan Apuron, OFM Cap., D.D.,
16 Archbishop of *Agaña*, to serve on the Archdiocesan Finance Council; and

17 **WHEREAS**, on behalf of the people of Guam, this Legislature joins John’s
18 family, including his wife, Elizabeth Ann Mandell; and their four (4) children - David,
19 John and his wife Brianne, Luke and Pia in celebrating John’s lifelong dedication to
20 public welfare and civic engagement; and

21 **WHEREAS**, after forty (40) years of steadfast service and committed public
22 involvement, especially in assisting the indigent and the disabled, John Weisenberger
23 will be remembered for his honesty, integrity, keen sense of duty, and the ability to
24 show a unique grasp of human problems in his official acts; and

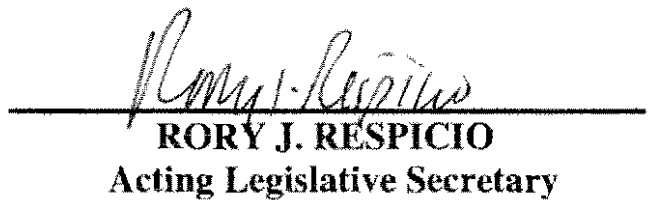
1 **WHEREAS**, it is the sense of the Guam Legislature that when individuals of
2 such noble aims and accomplishments are brought to our attention, they should be
3 celebrated and recognized throughout the island; now therefore, be it

4 **RESOLVED**, that *I Mina'Trentai Dos Na Liheslaturan Guåhan* does hereby,
5 on behalf of the people of Guam, recognize and congratulate Mr. John Michael
6 Weisenberger on his retirement after forty (40) years of government and private
7 service in the field of law; and does further express our heartfelt appreciation and
8 extend *Un Dångkolo Na Si Yu'os Ma'åse'* to John for the outstanding contributions he
9 has made as an attorney and community service advocate; and be it further

10 **RESOLVED**, that the Speaker certify, and the Legislative Secretary attest to,
11 the adoption hereof, and that copies of the same be thereafter transmitted to Mr. John
12 Michael Weisenberger; and to the Honorable Edward J.B. Calvo, *I Maga'lahren*
13 *Guåhan*.

DULY AND REGULARLY ADOPTED BY I MINA'TRENTAI DOS NA LIHESLATURAN GUÅHAN ON THE 9TH DAY OF DECEMBER 2014.


BENJAMIN J.F. CRUZ
Acting Speaker


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Acting Legislative Secretary