

*I Mina Trentai Tres Na Liheslaturan Guåhan*  
**Resolutions Log Sheet**

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***I MINA'TRENTAI TRES NA LIHESLATURAN GUÁHAN***  
**2015 (FIRST) Regular Session**

**Resolution No. 122-33 (LS)**

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**Relative to recognizing, memorializing, and distinguishing the life and work of the late Atanasio Taitano Perez, and all his contributions to the political and economic development of the island of Guam; and to further extending *Un Dångkolo Na Si Yu'os Ma'åse'* to the descendants of Atanasio Taitano Perez for their diligence in keeping alive the history of their family.**

1        **BE IT RESOLVED BY *I MINA'TRENTAI TRES NA LIHESLATURAN***  
2 ***GUÁHAN:***

3        **WHEREAS,** the late Atanasio Taitano Perez was born on June 5, 1874, in  
4 Hong Kong; and he is the only son of †Francisco T. Perez and †Maria Encarnacion;  
5 and

1           **WHEREAS**, the late Atanasio Taitano Perez attended Saint Joseph’s College in  
2 Hong Kong, which was led by the Christian Brothers, and is where he received his  
3 English education; and

4           **WHEREAS**, after finishing school, the late Atanasio Taitano Perez was  
5 employed as a Clerk at the well-known firm of Hall and Holtz & Company of Hong  
6 Kong. The late Atanasio Taitano Perez was only employed for several months before  
7 his father decided to return to his old home in Guam; and it did not take long for the  
8 late Atanasio Taitano Perez to find suitable employment after coming to Guam with  
9 his father; and

10           **WHEREAS**, the late Atanasio Taitano Perez fell in love with Carmen Arriola  
11 Dueñas, and they were married on January 11, 1894; and they had thirteen (13)  
12 children - three (3) sons and ten (10) daughters. Unfortunately, however, only six  
13 daughters survived beyond childhood, to include Rosalia, Maria, Isabel, Eliza Rita,  
14 Beatrice, Ursula and Brigida Taitano Perez; and in keeping with tradition, he insisted  
15 that each of his children carry his “Taitano” surname as their middle name, in addition  
16 to his “Perez” surname; and

17           **WHEREAS**, from September 1897 to March 1898, the late Atanasio Taitano  
18 Perez served as a Clerk and Translator to James Austin Wilder of W.S.S. Corporation  
19 in Honolulu, where he was described as one who was quick at accounts, able to read  
20 and write English extremely well, speak and write Spanish and Portuguese, speak  
21 Cantonese-Chinese, and was fluent in *Chamorro*; and

22           **WHEREAS**, the late Atanasio Taitano Perez served as a Clerk and Interpreter  
23 for the Government of Spain in the late 1890s to 1899; and

24           **WHEREAS**, the late Atanasio Taitano Perez was appointed to serve as  
25 Government Translator Interpreter / Clerk of the U.S. Naval Government of Guam by  
26 William Coe, Acting Governor of Guam, on July 12, 1899; and

1           **WHEREAS**, in 1901, three (3) years after Guam was ceded to the United  
2 States of America, the late Atanasio Taitano Perez signed his name to a petition to  
3 express his loyalty to the United States of America, and requested that the U.S.  
4 Congress establish a permanent civilian government for Guam; and although his  
5 request was not granted, the late Atanasio Taitano Perez remained loyal to the United  
6 States, and he spent the next thirty-six (36) years of his life serving with the U.S.  
7 Naval Government of Guam; and

8           **WHEREAS**, on March 14, 1902, the late Atanasio Taitano Perez was promoted  
9 to Chief Clerk to the Governor by the U.S. Naval Governor of Guam; and he was also  
10 placed in charge of the newly established U.S. Post Office, giving him the distinction  
11 of being Guam's first Postmaster; and

12           **WHEREAS**, then in 1903, the late Atanasio Taitano Perez was appointed to  
13 serve as Special Laborer, with duties under the Disbursing Officer, and was in charge  
14 of the commissary store, clothing, and small stores; and

15           **WHEREAS**, on March 5, 1906, the late Atanasio Taitano Perez was promoted  
16 to First Clerk to the Commandant by the Assistant Secretary of the Navy; and he had  
17 additional duties as Chief Clerk to the Governor; and

18           **WHEREAS**, in 1908, the late Atanasio Taitano Perez met with President  
19 Theodore Roosevelt, becoming the first person of *Chamorro* ancestry to do so; and he  
20 also was the first native of Guam that President Roosevelt ever met; and

21           **WHEREAS**, in 1910, the late Atanasio Taitano Perez assisted Governor Dorn  
22 in lobbying the U.S. Navy on Guam's behalf via the Office of Naval Intelligence; and

23           **WHEREAS**, the late Atanasio Taitano Perez wrote various circulars on  
24 farming, especially about the coconut and copra; and he gave lectures in Guam  
25 schools in the villages of *Umatac*, *Merizo*, and *Inarajan*, trying to boost island  
26 commerce; and

1           **WHEREAS**, on May 15, 1914, Atanasio Taitano Perez was appointed again as  
2 Chief Clerk to the Governor, and appointed a membership in the Guam Government  
3 Service Pension Foundation with a credit of ten percent (10%) of base pay transferred  
4 to a pension fund created by Executive General Order No. 182; and

5           **WHEREAS**, the late Atanasio Taitano Perez was designated as a member of  
6 the Higher Court of Equity by Executive General Order No. 197 on June 23, 1916;  
7 and in addition to his existing duties, he was appointed to serve as an Associate  
8 Justice of the Guam Court of Appeals on July 15, 1916; and

9           **WHEREAS**, the late Atanasio Taitano Perez was promoted from First Clerk to  
10 the Commandant, and was appointed to Chief Clerk in the Commandant's Office on  
11 July 24, 1918; and he later received a Letter of Recommendation from the Governor  
12 of Guam on November 2, 1918; and

13           **WHEREAS**, the late Atanasio Taitano Perez was appointed as a Notary Public  
14 by the Governor of Guam, on August 27, 1919; and he had also assisted in the  
15 translation of old Spanish documents as Chief Clerk from 1918 to 1920; and

16           **WHEREAS**, in the years following, the late Atanasio Taitano Perez received  
17 numerous personal letters of recommendations, including, from Governor I.C.  
18 Wettengel, on January 23, 1922; from Governor A. Althouse, on August 4, 1923;  
19 from Aide to the Governor, Commander J.P. Miller, on January 12, 1924; from Aide  
20 to the Governor, Commander A.W. Brown, on September 19, 1925; from Governor of  
21 Guam, H.B. Price, on March 12, 1926; and from Aide to the Commandant, LCDR  
22 J.K. Richards, on January 21, 1927; and

23           **WHEREAS**, the late Atanasio Taitano Perez was appointed to serve as  
24 Supplementary Associate Justice of the Guam Court of Appeals by the Governor of  
25 Guam, L. S. Shapley, on May 23, 1928; and he later received two more personal

1 letters of recommendation from Governor of Guam, L.S. Shapley, on June 10, 1929;  
2 and from Aide to the Governor, J.C. Heck, on July 3, 1929; and

3 **WHEREAS**, in 1931, the late Atanasio Taitano Perez was recognized for his  
4 long and faithful service by Governor Willis W. Bradley when he was promoted to  
5 Secretary to the Governor on January 31, 1931. He was the first person to occupy this  
6 position, which was created by Executive Order No. 52; and

7 **WHEREAS**, on May 14, 1935, the late Atanasio Taitano resigned as Chief  
8 Clerk to the Commandant after thirty-six (36) years of continuous service, and he  
9 received a Naval Government Silver Medal for continuous and faithful service; and to  
10 this medal, thirty (30) and thirty-five (35) year Service Bars were added; and

11 **WHEREAS**, the late Atanasio Taitano Perez traveled extensively throughout  
12 his life, most notably to China, Japan, the Philippine Islands, and the United States,  
13 having twice crossed to the eastern seaboard. On his visits he made acquaintance with  
14 Babe Ruth, the former Assistant Secretary of the Navy, Mr. Newberry, and the  
15 Secretary of the Navy, Mr. Swanson. He also had the privilege of meeting two U.S.  
16 Presidents, Theodore Roosevelt in 1908, and Franklin D. Roosevelt in 1933 during a  
17 visit to the Century of Progress International Exposition World Fair held in Chicago;  
18 and

19 **WHEREAS**, the late Atanasio Taitano Perez also wrote for the Guam Recorder  
20 on various dates, and he had published many articles, including topics on agriculture  
21 and economic development. He also gave lectures on agriculture and economic  
22 development around the island; and

23 **WHEREAS**, the late Atanasio Taitano Perez was reappointed to several  
24 positions in the years following his resignation, and he served in a few new positions,  
25 including an appointment by Governor and Captain George A. Alexander to the Board  
26 of Managers at Susana Hospital, on September 23, 1939; he served as Vice President

1 of the International Rotary Club; and he was appointed to the Board of Managers of  
2 the Bank of Guam by Governor G.J. McMillin on July 10, 1940, and served through  
3 June 30, 1941; and

4 **WHEREAS**, the late Atanasio Taitano Perez also took part in the Guam  
5 Resistance, along with Ben Zafra, Adolfo Sgambelluri, Dr. Ramon Sablan, Eduardo  
6 Calvo, Thomas Ooka, Johnny Ploke, the International Rotary Club members, the  
7 island Dons, and many others; now therefore, be it

8 **RESOLVED**, that *I Mina'Trentai Tres Na Liheslaturan Guåhan* does hereby,  
9 on behalf of the people of Guam, recognize, memorialize, and distinguish the life and  
10 work of the late Atanasio Taitano Perez, and all his contributions to the political and  
11 economic development of the island of Guam; and does further extend *Un Dångkolo*  
12 *Na Si Yu'os Ma'àse'* to the descendants of Atanasio Taitano Perez for their diligence in  
13 keeping alive the history of their family; and be it further

14 **RESOLVED**, that the Speaker certify, and the Legislative Secretary attest to,  
15 the adoption hereof, and that copies of the same be thereafter transmitted to the family  
16 of the late Atanasio Taitano Perez; and to the Honorable Edward J.B. Calvo, *I*  
17 *Maga'lahren Guåhan*.

**DULY AND REGULARLY ADOPTED BY *I MINA'TRENTAI TRES NA LIHESLATURAN GUÅHAN* ON THE 29<sup>TH</sup> DAY OF MAY 2015**



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**JUDITH T. WON PAT, Ed.D.**  
Speaker



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**DENNIS G. RODRIGUEZ, JR.**  
Acting Legislative Secretary