

I Mina Trentai Tres Na Liheslaturan Guåhan
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I MINA'TRENTAI TRES NA LIHESLATURAN GUÅHAN
2015 (FIRST) Regular Session

Resolution No. 175-33 (LS)

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Relative to recognizing and congratulating Father Eric Forbes, O.F.M. Cap., on the occasion of the 25th Sacerdotal Anniversary of his ordination as a Capuchin Priest, and the celebration of his thirty-one (31) years of dedication to the Capuchin Ministry; and to further extending a warm and sincere *Un Dångkolo Na Si Yu'os Ma'åse'* to him for his commitment, support, and faithful service to the Roman Catholic community of Guam and the region.

1 **BE IT RESOLVED BY *I MINA'TRENTAI TRES NA LIHESLATURAN***
2 ***GUÅHAN:***
3 **WHEREAS,** Father Eric Forbes was born on March 15, 1962, and is the son of
4 John and Rosalind Limtiaco Forbes of *Sinajana*; and growing up, he was an active
5 participant of the St. Jude Catholic Church parish in *Sinajana*; and

1 **WHEREAS**, Father Eric Forbes was introduced to the Capuchin ministry
2 during the early years of his education, having attended the Capuchin's Saint Francis
3 Elementary School; followed by Bishop Baumgartner Junior High School; and finally,
4 Father Duenas Memorial High School, where he graduated in 1980; and

5 **WHEREAS**, Father Eric Forbes attended the University of Guam in 1980; and
6 he continued his studies at San Francisco State University, where he graduated with a
7 B.A. degree in History in 1984; and

8 **WHEREAS**, Father Eric Forbes received the Habit on July 25, 1984, and he
9 began his novitiate at the Saint Fidelis Friary in *Agaña Heights*; and then following
10 his First Profession on August 22, 1985 at the Saint Jude Catholic Church in *Sinajana*,
11 he ministered as a teacher at Father Duenas Memorial School until 1986; again from
12 1990 to 1991; and from 1998 to 2000, while living with the Friar community in
13 *Agaña*; and

14 **WHEREAS**, in 1987, Father Eric Forbes began his studies as a theology
15 student in Berkeley, California, and then returned to Guam for his Perpetual
16 Profession on August 6, 1988; and during the next year, he began his pastoral
17 internship while residing at Saint Fidelis Friary; and

18 **WHEREAS**, in 1988, Father Eric Forbes returned to Berkeley, California to
19 continue his studies at the Dominican School of Theology; and he was awarded with a
20 Masters of Divinity Degree in 1990. He also took post-graduate courses in Pastoral
21 Counseling at Creighton University in Omaha, Nebraska; and Franciscan Studies at
22 Saint Bonaventure University in Allegany/Olean, New York; and

23 **WHEREAS**, on September 8, 1990, Father Eric Forbes was ordained as a
24 Roman Catholic Priest by the Most Reverend Archbishop Anthony Apuron, O.F.M.
25 Cap., at the *Agaña Cathedral-Basilica*; and his first assignment was serving as the
26 Acting Pastor of the San Dimas Catholic Church in *Merizo* and the San Dionisio

1 Catholic Church in *Umatac*, from 1990 to 1991. He also ministered as the Pastor of
2 the San Roque Catholic Church in Saipan, from 1991 to 1994; and

3 **WHEREAS**, from 1994 to 1997, Father Eric Forbes, O.F.M. Cap., served as the
4 Director of Vocations and Formation at the Saint Fidelis Friary in *Agaña Heights*; and
5 he then returned to serve as Pastor of the San Dimas Catholic Church in *Merizo*, from
6 1997 to 1998; and from 1998 to 2000, Father Eric Forbes, O.F.M. Cap., once again
7 ministered as the Director of Vocations and Formation; and

8 **WHEREAS**, in 2000, Father Eric Forbes, OF.M. Cap., was elected to serve as
9 the Vice Provincial of Our Lady Star of the Sea in Honolulu, Hawaii; and during his
10 first term, among his many projects, he organized the Centennial festivities, joyfully
11 celebrating one hundred (100) years of the Capuchin presence in the Mariana Islands;
12 and

13 **WHEREAS**, in 2004, Father Eric Forbes, O.F.M. Cap., was re-elected to serve
14 a second term as Vice Provincial for the Capuchins of Guam and Hawaii. Through
15 much hard work and untiring dedication, he oversaw the massive project of rebuilding
16 the Saint Fidelis Friary in *Agaña Heights*, which was dedicated in 2007. In addition,
17 he served as the Capuchin Superior for both Guam and Hawaii until 2009; and
18 presently, Father Eric Forbes, O.F.M. Cap., is the Director of Development, Archivist,
19 and Director of Communications for the Capuchins; and

20 **WHEREAS**, Father Eric Forbes, O.F.M. Cap., is also a columnist for the
21 Pacific Daily News; he was a contributor in *Guam History: Perspectives*, Vol. 1
22 (*Mangilao*, GU: MARC); he authored *Historia de la Mision de Guam de los*
23 *Capuchinos Espanoles* (Pamplona, Spain: *Curia Provincial De Capuchinos*, 2001), as
24 well as, “The German Capuchins in the Marianas 1907-1919” (2007: Capuchin Friars,
25 Guam), and a publication on *Pale’ Roman* (2009: Capuchin Friars, Guam); and

1 **WHEREAS**, among his many accomplishments since his younger days to the
2 present time, Father Eric Forbes, O.F.M. Cap., had served as the Speaker of the Guam
3 Youth Congress; he later wrote many books and articles on Chamorro culture and
4 history; he served on the Guam Preservation Trust Board; he served as a Legislative
5 Chaplain; he presently serves on the *Manenggon* Memorial Foundation Board; he
6 maintains a blog on Chamorro culture and history (paleeric.blogspot.com); he has
7 been involved in Marriage Encounter work; he frequently teaches bible classes; in
8 1998, he was asked by Archbishop Apuron to attend to the needs of the Latin Mass
9 community on Guam; and he conducts lectures for the Chamorros living in the
10 mainland and in the Mariana Islands; and

11 **WHEREAS**, Father Eric Forbes, O.F.M. Cap., is the Chairman of the Board for
12 “*Manhita Chamorro*,” which is a non-profit Chamorro cultural organization founded
13 to produce, along with himself, a documentary of the history of the Chamorro people,
14 which tells about the islands in the Pacific and the origin of our ancestors through the
15 eyes and research of Father Eric; and

16 **WHEREAS**, Father Eric Forbes, O.F.M. Cap., is frequently quoted as saying,
17 “Daily dying to self in order to live the new life in Jesus - this is Capuchin life. It’s not
18 easy, but God’s total reliability to come through with His power and grace makes it all
19 possible and joyful”; now therefore, be it

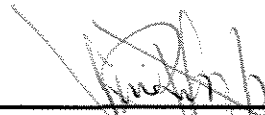
20 **RESOLVED**, that *I Mina'Trentai Tres Na Liheslaturan Guåhan* does hereby, on
21 behalf of the people of Guam, recognize and congratulate Father Eric Forbes, O.F.M.
22 Cap., on the occasion of the 25th Sacerdotal Anniversary of his ordination as a
23 Capuchin Priest, and the celebration of his thirty-one (31) years of dedication to the
24 Capuchin Ministry; and does further extend *Un Dângkolo Na Si Yu'os Ma'åse'* to him
25 for his commitment, support, and faithful service to the Roman Catholic community
26 of Guam and the region; and be it further

1 **RESOLVED**, that the Speaker certify, and the Legislative Secretary attest to,
2 the adoption hereof, and that copies of the same be thereafter transmitted to Father
3 Eric Forbes, O.F.M. Cap.; and to the Honorable Edward J.B. Calvo, *I Maga'låhen*
4 *Guåhan*.

DULY AND REGULARLY ADOPTED BY *I MINA'TRENTAI TRES NA LIHESLATURAN GUÅHAN* ON THE 2ND DAY OF SEPTEMBER 2015.



JUDITH T. WON PAT, Ed.D.
Speaker



TINA ROSE MUÑA BARNES
Legislative Secretary