

I Mina Trentai Tres Na Liheslaturan Guðhan

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Resolution No. 265-33 (LS)

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- 1 **BE IT RESOLVED BY *I MINA'TRENTAI TRES NA LIHESLATURAN***
2 ***GUÅHAN*:**
3 **WHEREAS,** the “Order of the Rising Sun” (*Kyokujitsu-shō*) is a Japanese
4 order which was established in 1875 by Emperor Meiji of Japan as the first national

1 decoration awarded by the Japanese government, and created on April 10, 1875 by
2 decree of the Council of State; and

3 **WHEREAS**, the badge features rays of sunlight from the rising sun; and the
4 design of the Rising Sun symbolizes energy as powerful as the rising sun in parallel
5 with the “rising sun” concept of Japan (“Land of the Rising Sun”). The Order is
6 awarded to those who have made distinguished achievements in the following fields:
7 international relations, promotion of Japanese culture, advancements in their field, and
8 the preservation of the environment. Prior to the end of World War II, it was also
9 awarded for exemplary military service; and

10 **WHEREAS**, beginning in 2003, the highest ranking medal for the “Order of
11 the Rising Sun” became a separate order known as the “*Grand Cordon of the Order of*
12 *the Paulownia Flowers*.” It is the third highest order bestowed by the Japanese
13 government; however, it is generally the highest ordinarily conferred order. The
14 highest Japanese Order, the “*Order of the Chrysanthemum*,” is reserved for heads of
15 state or royalty, while the second highest order is the “*Order of the Paulownia*
16 *Flowers*,” which is primarily reserved for politicians; and

17 **WHEREAS**, the modern version of this honor has been conferred on non-
18 Japanese recipients beginning in 1981, although several foreigners were given the
19 honor before World War II; and women were awarded with the Order starting in 2003.
20 Previously, women were awarded with the “*Order of the Precious Crown*”; and

21 **WHEREAS**, the awarding of the Order is administered by the Decoration
22 Bureau of the Office of the Prime Minister; and it is awarded in the name of the
23 Emperor of Japan, and can be awarded posthumously. It can be awarded to Japanese,
24 as well as non-Japanese nationals; and

25 **WHEREAS**, the Order was awarded in nine (9) classes until 2003, when the
26 “*Grand Cordon with Paulownia Flowers*” was made a separate order, and the lowest

1 two (2) classes were abolished. Since then, it has been awarded in six (6) classes; and
2 conventionally, a diploma is prepared to accompany the insignia of the order, and in
3 some rare instances, the personal signature of the Emperor of Japan will have been
4 added; and

5 **WHEREAS**, Hidenobu Takagi was born on August 20, 1942. He is married to
6 Noriko Takagi, and they are blessed with three (3) children: Leo Takagi, Jo Takagi,
7 and Asako (Takagi) Araw; and

8 **WHEREAS**, Hidenobu Takagi graduated from Kobe University with a
9 Bachelor's Degree in Agriculture. He arrived on Guam in May 1967, and shortly
10 thereafter he began his agricultural career when he established a Guam corporation
11 entitled, "Green Farm, Inc." in June of 1968. In 1969, he became the General Manager
12 of a newly established track farm, together with seven (7) Kobe University students,
13 producing vegetables. Hidenobu Takagi also introduced the first Japanese cucumber
14 and watermelon seeds to Guam farmers, to include the utilization of nets in lieu of
15 *tangantangan* poles for plant support; and

16 **WHEREAS**, in May of 1973, Hidenobu Takagi changed his career to Insurance
17 when he established Universe Insurance Underwriters, Inc. (UIU), where he served as
18 Vice President and General Manager until February 1990 and became the Managing
19 General Agent for Yasuda Fire & Marine Insurance Company, and General Agent for
20 John Hancock Life; and

21 **WHEREAS**, in December of 1990, Hidenobu Takagi established Takagi &
22 Associates, Inc., and was the Managing General Agent for Dai-Tokyo Fire & Marine
23 Insurance Company, Ltd., which later became Aioi Nissay Dowa Insurance Company
24 Ltd., part of the MSAD Group - Japan's second largest property and casualty
25 insurance company; and

1 **WHEREAS**, Hidenobu Takagi’s community service and involvement includes
2 his work with the Japan Club and Japanese School, where the Japanese community for
3 more than thirty six (36) years has been introducing the Japanese culture and
4 traditions to Guam. In 1989, serving as the Chairperson of the Youth Committee of
5 the Japan Club of Guam, Hidenobu Takagi introduced the “Autumn Festival,” which
6 is famous among the local residents, along with the tourists; as well as the Arts &
7 Craft Fair, and Halloween Party, which continue to be held annually to this day. He
8 also served as a leader of the Japanese Community of Guam for twelve (12) years - as
9 President from 2003 to 2006, then again in 2015. The Japanese School is now open to
10 the Guam community; and

11 **WHEREAS**, in October of 2004, Hidenobu Takagi, together with like minds,
12 established the Peace Ring of Guam; and it was registered as a nonprofit organization
13 in November 2005; and he has served as its President since its inception. The
14 organization attends five (5) local memorial services during the months of July and
15 August each year, honoring the families of war survivors as a means for these families
16 to accept their apologies; and

17 **WHEREAS**, Hidenobu Takagi has served as a Board Member of the American
18 Red Cross since 2006 to the present, and he currently holds the position of Second
19 Vice President; he has been a Charter Member of the Micronesian Area Research
20 Center (MARC) since February 2008 to the present, and he is currently the Treasurer;
21 he had served as a Board Member of the Guam Health and Hospital Foundation from
22 October 2007 to June 2013 in order to try and bring Japanese investment and a
23 Japanese hospital to Guam, to serve Japanese tourists and the Japanese Community of
24 Guam; and he served as a Board Member of the Guam Employers’ Council from July
25 2002 to June 2006; and

1 **WHEREAS**, the recognitions Hidenobu Takagi has received include an award
2 he received in July of 2004 from the Foreign Minister of Japan to the Japan Club of
3 Guam under his leadership as President; the Guam Consulate General of Japan Award
4 in March of 2009; Legislative Resolution No. 124-33 (LS) from the 33rd Guam
5 Legislature in December of 2015 recognizing the 25th Year Anniversary of Takagi &
6 Associates, Inc.; and the “Order of the Rising Sun” Award from the Emperor of Japan
7 in November of 2015; 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 and congratulate Hidenobu Takagi on
10 being awarded with the prestigious “Order of the Rising Sun” by the Emperor of
11 Japan; and does further commend and extend *Un Dângkolo Na Si Yu'os Ma'åse'* to
12 him for his commitment and dedicated service to the Japanese community outside of
13 Japan, and for his selfless efforts to promote peace and culture; 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 Hidenobu
16 Takagi; to the Honorable Hisatsugu Shimizu, Consul General of Japan; and to the
17 Honorable Edward J.B. Calvo, *I Maga'låhen Guåhan*.

DULY AND REGULARLY ADOPTED BY *I MINA'TRENTAI TRES NA LIHESLATURAN GUÅHAN* ON THE 13TH DAY OF JANUARY 2016.



JUDITH T. WON PAT, Ed.D.
Speaker



TINA ROSE MUÑA BARNES
Legislative Secretary