

I Mina Trentai Tres Na Liheslaturan Guåhan

Resolutions Log Sheet

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276-33 (COR)	T. R. Muña Barnes B. J.F. Cruz Judith T. Won Pat, Ed.D.	Relative to recognizing and commending Pastor Louis R. Torres, Ph.D., on his accomplishments and contributions as President of the Guam-Micronesia Mission of Seventh-Day Adventists and completing over forty (40) years of church service through his teachings of invaluable skills needed to further the Mission's work through evangelism, and extending <i>Un Dangkolo Na Si Yu'os Ma'åse'</i> to him for his commitment and dedication of faithful service within our island communities and Church families; and to further extending best wishes to him on his next assignment in Canyonville, Oregon.	01/27/16 4:36 p.m.	01/28/16 5:00 p.m.					01/28/16

I MINA'TRENTAI TRES NA LIHESLATURAN GUÁHAN
2016 (SECOND) Regular Session

Resolution No. 276-33 (COR)

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

3 **WHEREAS, Pastor Louis R. Torres, Ph.D., was born in Puerto Rico on June 26,**
4 **1946; and is the son of †Eugenio and †Elsa Torres; and**

1 **WHEREAS**, born in one of the most impoverished barrios in Puerto Rico, Pastor
2 Louis R. Torres, Ph.D., struggled, along with his family, to survive. His mother, hearing
3 of the good life in New York City, longed to take her little family, six (6) of them at the
4 time, to the land of opportunity. In the early 1950s the chance of a lifetime presented
5 itself, and the mother with three (3) of her children moved to Brooklyn. “Louisito”, as
6 he was lovingly nicknamed, was one of those “lucky” ones; and

7 **WHEREAS**, at the age of thirteen (13), Pastor Louis R. Torres, Ph.D., wanting
8 to relieve his mother of poverty, sought a life in music; and this dream became a reality
9 as he worked his way from one band to another until he found a temporary home playing
10 the electric bass with the famous “Bill Haley and His Comets”; but instead of going on
11 a world tour with the Comets, Pastor Louis R. Torres, Ph.D., chose a life with Christ;
12 and

13 **WHEREAS**, Pastor Louis R. Torres, Ph.D., was drafted into the United States
14 Army and served in Korea and Vietnam as a Hospital Corpsman from July 1968 to July
15 1970. After finishing his two (2) years of service, he returned to New York City to finish
16 out his tour at the Chaplains; and

17 **WHEREAS**, during his two (2) years in military service, Pastor Louis R. Torres,
18 Ph.D., had found the time to keep in contact with his fiancé; and in 1969, he married
19 Carol Anne Reinke in California, a concert violinist and President of Mission College
20 of Evangelism. They made their home at Fort Hamilton Chaplains School in Brooklyn,
21 New York; and they were blessed with three (3) children: Gerald Torres, Timothy
22 Torres, and Talitha Maria (Torres) Roque; and

23 **WHEREAS**, in 1970, Pastor Louis R. Torres, Ph.D., went to Pacific Union
24 College to prepare his life for the Ministry. He was granted the opportunity for he and
25 his young family to work in the Chesapeake Conference territory (Maryland and
26 Delaware) doing health evangelism and Bible work. Then in January of 1972, Pastor

1 Louis entered the ministry in Dover, Delaware; and a year later, the Conference asked
2 him to work for them training pastors and laymen on how to find and present the Word
3 of God in Bible studies; and

4 **WHEREAS**, Pastor Louis R. Torres, Ph.D., was assigned to a district in
5 Delaware that was struggling; and the people there taught the young family so much. It
6 was a wonderful training ground and therefore, the family was grateful for their first
7 Conference President, their first Senior Pastor, their first Head Elders, their first
8 churches, and their first church plant; and

9 **WHEREAS**, Pastor Louis R. Torres, Ph.D., accepted a call to go to Santa Fe,
10 New Mexico to become a pastor at both an English and Spanish church; and with his
11 first real evangelistic meeting in the beautiful mountains of New Mexico, the Pastor
12 started not only training his members for Bible work but also for evangelism and lay
13 preaching; and many were baptized and churches grew; and

14 **WHEREAS**, while living in Santa Fe, Pastor Louis R. Torres, Ph.D., also served
15 as a liaison between the church and the state legislature. This provided an opportunity
16 to make many friends for the church; and when a prominent Catholic Senator from
17 Santa Fe died on the steps of the State Building, unknown to the family, he had put into
18 his will and testament his desire to have the Pastor of the Seventh-Day Adventist Church
19 perform the funeral; and

20 **WHEREAS**, the Torres family's "first Senior Pastor" had moved to Kansas City,
21 Missouri; and after struggling a short time to inspire his congregation, he called, feeling
22 very "led", to ask Pastor Louis R. Torres, Ph.D., to come to Kansas City and make his
23 church a model evangelistic center. This was a wonderful highlight in the Torres
24 family's service to God; and hundreds were baptized, both in this district and abroad,
25 thirty-eight (38) lay preachers were trained, three (3) evangelistic teams were formed,
26 and fifty (50) medical students became involved in church outreach. Another church

1 plant was successfully made in Lee's Summit, Missouri, and a Spanish Group was
2 formed at the Central SDA Church; and

3 **WHEREAS**, Pastor Louis R. Torres, Ph.D., and his family then went on to
4 minister in Jacksonville, Florida. The First Church (as it was called) was in a dangerous
5 area of town and needed to be sold; but with what had not been able to be accomplished
6 in a year was accomplished and two (2) new congregations were formed and were both
7 very healthy churches. Later on, a Spanish congregation was formed and a church was
8 built in Hilliard; and

9 **WHEREAS**, the Ohio Conference President (a man who had been the President
10 of the Missouri Conference) called on Pastor Louis R. Torres, Ph.D., to serve in
11 Cincinnati, Ohio. Pastor Torres again broached the subject of schooling as he wanted to
12 go as a missionary; and after researching the schools in the area, it was found that the
13 perfect opportunity was right at hand; so both he and his wife took advantage of this
14 situation and finished their degrees; and

15 **WHEREAS**, shortly after that time, Pastor Louis R. Torres, Ph.D., and his wife
16 received a call to come to the Islands of Palau to be the District Pastor. The Palau
17 experience was cut short by Mrs. Torres' health, yet in the short fifteen (15) months on
18 the island, hundreds were baptized, property was procured in Yap Island to start the
19 work there, and plans were made for a new church in Koror, Palau; and

20 **WHEREAS**, from an island of a little more than fifteen thousand (15,000)
21 people, the family moved to New York City where Pastor Louis R. Torres, Ph.D.,
22 became Secretary of the Greater New York Conference; and because of the great needs,
23 he also shouldered Evangelism for the Conference and for a short time, until sufficient
24 funds were raised, he became Stewardship Secretary. The next five (5) years were
25 wonderful years of training, evangelism, and conflict resolution; and during these years,
26 Pastor Torres organized a massive lay training/evangelism project with seven hundred

1 seventy-seven (777) precious souls added to the churches, and a three (3) day
2 evangelistic meeting was held in Madison Square Garden, which was a wonderful
3 success; and

4 **WHEREAS**, in 1992, Pastor Louis R. Torres, Ph.D., became Vice-President of
5 Amazing Facts, Director of Evangelism and Training; and it was his job to mentor the
6 evangelists and do training where needed. It was while he was there that he and Carol
7 trained laymen for involvement in Net '95 and Net '96 all over the Division; and since
8 1995, he also was serving as Dean of Mission College of Evangelism; and

9 **WHEREAS**, because all the training was being done in English, there was a need
10 to do more for the fastest-growing minority in America, the Hispanics; and the Spanish
11 Voice of Prophecy asked Pastor Torres to Direct the Bible School for La Voz de la
12 Esperanza, which he did for a year; and

13 **WHEREAS**, the evangelism fire was catching on everywhere and the North
14 American Division asked Pastor Louis R. Torres, Ph.D., to write a Mission Statement
15 for Evangelism, which he did and it was adopted. Pastor Torres was then hired by the
16 Division to serve as Director of Training and Evangelism-ASI; and he held this position
17 for four (4) years while also serving as the Vice-President of Mission College of
18 Evangelism, which was by this time operating in Oregon; and

19 **WHEREAS**, since 2004, Pastor Louis R. Torres, Ph.D., has continued to serve
20 as Vice-President of the College, but he has also continued to do evangelism and
21 training of laymen and pastors throughout the Division and World Church, spending
22 much time in Australia, Europe, Asia, South Africa, North America, Inter-America, and
23 South America; and

24 **WHEREAS**, in June 2009, Pastor Louis R. Torres, Ph.D., became President of
25 the Guam-Micronesia Mission of Seventh-Day Adventists; and he arranged for several
26 Bible workers, teachers, and health evangelists to serve in this area, and be trained on

1 the home campus as well as all over his Mission and Division to prepare workers for
2 the Guam-Micronesia Mission and the mission of the church at large; and

3 **WHEREAS**, in 2010, Pastor Louis R. Torres, Ph.D., was sworn in to the Guam
4 Police Department (GPD) chaplaincy at *Tiyan* together with other Seventh-Day Pastors
5 serving on Guam, such as Pastor Luis H. Mafnas, Pastor Remenster H. Jano, Pastor
6 Willie Nobuo, and Pastor Smehl Gallen, along with Nellie Joy Roberts of “Joy In The
7 Journey” on JOY-FM. Pastor Torres was the only one actually deputized and he
8 received a GPD badge; and in July 2010, in hopes of increasing the local community’s
9 understanding of the Bible on Guam, Pastor Torres started a radio program on JOY-FM
10 91.9 with Pastor Luis H. Mafnas called “Straight From The Bible”, where listeners
11 could call in their questions regarding the Bible; and

12 **WHEREAS**, in September 2010, Pastor Louis R. Torres, Ph.D., transferred the
13 Mission College of Evangelism to Guam; and this brought students from all over the
14 world to Guam and provided our local people with a rare and wonderful opportunity to
15 learn invaluable skills needed to further the Lord’s work through evangelism; and

16 **WHEREAS**, in December 2015, an action was voted upon to pass on to the
17 General Conference through the North American Division, the IDE permanent return
18 request of Pastor Louis R. Torres, Ph.D., President of the Guam-Micronesia Mission,
19 effective PR date of December 31, 2015; and IDE to depart Guam as of January 29,
20 2016 to Pastor Louis R. Torres’ next assignment and final destination of Canyonville,
21 Oregon; now therefore, be it

22 **RESOLVED**, that the Committee on Rules of *I Mina'Trentai Tres Na*
23 *Liheslaturan Guåhan* does hereby, on behalf of *I Liheslaturan Guåhan* and the people
24 of Guam, recognize and commend Pastor Louis R. Torres, Ph.D., on his
25 accomplishments and contributions as President of the Guam-Micronesia Mission of
26 Seventh-Day Adventists and completing over forty (40) years of church service through

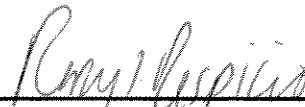
1 his teachings of invaluable skills needed to further evangelism; does extend *Un*
2 *Dangkolo Na Si Yu'os Ma'ase'* to him for his commitment and dedication of faithful
3 service to the Lord within our island communities and Church families; and does further
4 extend best wishes to him on his next assignment in Canyonville, Oregon; and be it
5 further

6 **RESOLVED**, that the Speaker and the Chairperson of the Committee on Rules
7 certify, and the Legislative Secretary attest to, the adoption hereof, and that copies of
8 the same be thereafter transmitted to Pastor Louis R. Torres, Ph.D.; and to the
9 Honorable Edward J.B. Calvo, *I Maga'lâhen Guåhan*.

**DULY AND REGULARLY ADOPTED BY THE COMMITTEE ON RULES OF
I MINA'TRENTAI TRES NA LIHESLATURAN GUÅHAN ON THE 28TH DAY OF
JANUARY 2016.**



JUDITH T. WON PAT, Ed.D.
Speaker



RORY J. RESPICIO
Chairperson, Committee on Rules



TINA ROSE MUÑA BARNES
Legislative Secretary



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COMMITTEE VOTING SHEET

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	SIGNATURE	DATE	TO ADOPT	TO NOT ADOPT	TO ABSTAIN
Senator Rory J. Respicio Chairperson	- e-vote	2/3/16	✓		
Senator Thomas C. Ada Vice-Chairperson	- e-vote	1-29-16	✓		
Speaker Judith T. Won Pat, Ed.D. Member					
Vice-Speaker Benjamin J.F. Cruz Member	- e-vote	2/3/16	✓		
Legislative Secretary Tina Rose Muña Barnes Member	- ✓	1-28-16	✓		
Senator Frank B. Aguon, Jr. Member					
Senator Dennis G. Rodriguez, Jr. Member	- e-vote	2/4/16	✓		
Senator Michael F.Q. San Nicolas Member	- e-vote	2-1-16	✓		
Senator Nerissa B. Underwood, Ph.D. Member					
Senator V. Anthony Ada Minority Leader	- e-vote	2/3/16	✓		
Senator Mary Camacho Torres Minority Member					

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Signed for Senator Tina Rose Muña Barnes
Bernice Rivera
 to reflect 1/28/16 adoption. *ARL*

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