

I Mina Trentai Tres Na Liheslaturan Guåhan
Resolutions Log Sheet

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348-33 (LS)	Dennis G. Rodriguez, Jr.	Relative to recognizing and congratulating Mr. Vicente Crisostomo Meno on being honored to serve as the "Grand Marshall" of the 2016 Fiestan San Jose, Inalahan; and to further extending <i>Un Dångkolo Na Si Yu'os Ma'åse'</i> to him for his service, dedication and contributions to the history and life of Inalahan and the people of Guam.	04/27/16 8:57 a.m.	04/29/16 6:00 p.m.					04/27/16

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

Resolution No. 348-33 (LS)

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

3 **WHEREAS,** Vicente Crisostomo Meno, fondly known as “2-Short” and
4 “Uncle Ben,” has been married to his loving wife, Carmen Mantanona Meno, for fifty-
5 eight (58) years. Uncle Ben is a loving and supportive husband, and he and Carmen
6 have been blessed with five (5) children: Joseph, Lori, Vincent, †Anthony and

1 Michael; and are also blessed with twenty (20) grandchildren and seven (7) great-
2 grandchildren; and

3 **WHEREAS**, Vicente Crisostomo Meno was born on November 19, 1933. He is
4 the son of †Jose Taimanglo and †Elena Crisostomo Meno; and is the eldest child of
5 seven (7) children. Uncle Ben attended *Inarajan* School up until the sixth (6th) grade;
6 and he was eight (8) years old when World War II broke out; and at age eleven (11) he
7 was subjected to forced labor at a rice field in *Inarajan*. On December 8, 1941, an
8 important day for all of the Catholics on Guam as they celebrate the feast of *Santa*
9 *Marian Kamalin*, he was one of the parishioners who were attending Mass when
10 Japanese war planes bombed *Inarajan* village, and hundreds of residents had to leave
11 their homes to go to a safe place. He and his sister were separated from their parents
12 and were among the villagers who walked to a concentration camp at *Omafit*. Shortly
13 after their arrival at *Omafit*, residents were told by some villagers that the Japanese
14 were heading to *Omafit*, so they had to walk to *Merizo* to an area that is now where
15 *Merizo* Martyrs Memorial Elementary School is located. While they were in *Merizo*
16 they were told to leave to another concentration camp located at *Manenggon*. As they
17 marched to *Manenggon*, they went as far as *Pacot* in *Inarajan* and then they had to
18 return to *Omafit*. After the Americans cleared the village of *Inarajan*, the village
19 residents returned; and Uncle Ben and his sister were reunited with their parents. He
20 and his father joined the Guam Militia; and

21 **WHEREAS**, Uncle Ben enlisted in the United States Air Force on June 2,
22 1952, during the Korean War Conflict. Uncle Ben retired in September 1972 as an
23 Aerospace Ground Support Equipment Specialist. Uncle Ben's duty stations included
24 serving at: Clark Air Base, Philippines; Anchorage; McClellan Air Force Base,
25 California; Homestead, Florida; Taiwan; Thailand; Mather Air Force Base, California;
26 Tachikawa Air Base, Tokyo, Japan; Yokota Air Base, Japan; and Anderson Air Force

1 Base, Guam. While stationed at Anderson Air Force Base, Guam, his unit serviced B-
2 36, B-47 and B-52 aircraft; and

3 **WHEREAS**, after retiring from his military service, Uncle Ben worked for the
4 government of Guam and retired after twenty-five (25) years of service; and

5 **WHEREAS**, Uncle Ben had also served as a member of the *Inarajan*
6 Municipal Planning Council from 1981 to 1989, during the tenure of former
7 Commissioner/Mayor Jaime D.S. Paulino. An outstanding and hardworking young
8 man, Uncle Ben also served as a Boy Scout Leader, always providing support and
9 making himself available to the community; and

10 **WHEREAS**, Uncle Ben's love and great devotion is demonstrated in his active
11 participation at Church and in his village's events. Rooted in Chamorro culture and
12 tradition, his hobbies include: fishing, farming, boating and disc jockeying; and he
13 enjoys listening to his favorite Chamorro songs, as well as country and western music;
14 and

15 **WHEREAS**, Uncle Ben is a cancer survivor and over the years, he has spent
16 countless hours committed to serving the church and volunteering his services; and
17 devotes much of his time to *San Jose* and the community of *Inalahan*. Uncle Ben is
18 not just a man of integrity but a person with a humble heart that cares about others;
19 and

20 **WHEREAS**, for his outstanding contributions and services to the parish
21 community of St. Joseph Church in *Inarajan*, Uncle Ben was selected to serve as this
22 year's "Grand Marshall" in the celebration of the annual 2016 "*Patrosino San Jose –*
23 *Fiestan Inalahan*"; and Uncle Ben will lead the 2016 *Fiestan San Jose* Annual
24 *Inalahan* Parade on Sunday, May 1, 2016, at 3:00 p.m.; now therefore, be it

25 **RESOLVED**, that *I Mina'Trentai Tres Na Liheslaturan Guåhan*, does hereby,
26 on behalf of the people of Guam, commend and congratulate Mr. Vicente Crisostomo

1 Meno on being honored to serve as the “Grand Marshall” of the 2016 *Fiestan San*
2 *Jose, Inalahan*, and to further extending an *Un Dângkolo Na Si Yu'os Ma'åse'* to him
3 for his service, dedication and contributions to the history and life of *Inalahan* and the
4 people of Guam; and be it further

5 **RESOLVED**, that the Speaker certify, and the Legislative Secretary attest to,
6 the adoption hereof, and that copies of the same be thereafter transmitted to Mr.
7 Vicente Crisostomo Meno, 2016 Grand Marshall of *Fiestan San Jose Patrosino*; and
8 to the Honorable Edward J.B. Calvo, *I Maga 'låhen Guåhan*.

DULY AND REGULARLY ADOPTED BY *I MINA'TRENTAI TRES NA LIHESLATURAN GUÅHAN* ON THE 27TH DAY OF APRIL 2016.



JUDITH T. WON PAT, Ed.D.
Speaker



TINA ROSE MUÑA BARNES
Legislative Secretary