

I Mina Trentai Tres Na Liheslaturan Guåhan
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445-33 (LS)	T. R. Muña Barnes Frank F. Blas, Jr. B. J.F. Cruz	Relative to commemorating and distinguishing the accomplishments and dedication of the late Honorable Vicente "Ben" Diaz Ada, former Senator, statesman, and successful businessman, a true public servant who served the people of Guam with dignity and goodwill; and to further extending the sincere condolences of the people of Guam and I Liheslaturan Guåhan to the Ada family on his passing.	08/29/16 4:33 p.m.	09/02/16					08/29/16

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

Resolution No. 445-33 (LS)

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

3 **WHEREAS,** the late Honorable Vicente “Ben” Diaz Ada was born on January
4 24, 1932, and is the son of the late †Vicente Cepeda Ada and †Dolores de Leon

1 Guerrero Diaz Ada. Surrounded by his loving family, the late Honorable Vicente
2 “Ben” Diaz Ada was called to his eternal rest on August 28, 2016, at the age of
3 eighty-four (84); and

4 **WHEREAS**, the late Honorable Vicente “Ben” Diaz Ada is predeceased by his
5 loving wife of fifty-seven (57) years, †Teresita Gutierrez Borja Ada, and their
6 children, †John Ada and †Eddie Ada; his great-grandson, †Jesse John Cruz Ada II; and
7 his son-in-law, †Michael H. English; and he is also predeceased by his grandparents,
8 †Ana Cepeda and †Judge Juan Martinez Ada (familian *Bodig*), and †Amparo
9 Chabrahan de Leon Guerrero and †Vicente Flores Diaz (familan *Te* and *Galleyo*); and

10 **WHEREAS**, the late Honorable Vicente “Ben” Diaz Ada is survived by his
11 loving children and their spouses, Vincent Ada, Anita and Frank Okazaki, Bennett
12 Ada, Pete Ada, Rick and Meren Ada, Tony and Annette Ada, Therese and Danny
13 Ybarra, Carmen Gaskins and Lourdes Ada; and

14 **WHEREAS**, the late Honorable Vicente “Ben” Diaz Ada lovingly and joyfully
15 took pride in his thirty-six (36) grandchildren and fifty-nine (59) great-grandchildren;
16 and

17 **WHEREAS**, the late Honorable Vicente “Ben” Diaz Ada will be missed by his
18 brother, Peter Alecxis Ada and his wife, Mae Ada; and his sole surviving aunt, Sister
19 Antonietta Ada, MMB; and

20 **WHEREAS**, from 1957 until 1964, the late Honorable Vicente “Ben” Diaz
21 Ada enlisted and served in the United States Air Force, and was a B-52 Bomber
22 mechanic. Mr. Ada also served in the Korean War conflict and was a Korean War
23 Veteran; and

1 **WHEREAS**, from 1964 until 1967, the late Honorable Vicente “Ben” Diaz
2 Ada, was the General Manager of the Pioneer Shop that sold and repaired electronics;
3 and former Senator Ada was also an Insurance Underwriter; and

4 **WHEREAS**, in 1966, the late Vicente “Ben” Diaz Ada and his wife, Teresita,
5 launched their own business, Ada’s Insurance, and operated the business in the
6 villages of *Yigo* and *Tamuning*. The former businessman was also a distributor for the
7 Daihatsu brand of vehicles; and

8 **WHEREAS**, in 1970, the late Vicente “Ben” Diaz Ada became the Scout
9 Master for the Boy Scouts of America, Troop 17; and he was the proud music artist of
10 the official Troop 17 song entitled, “We are the Boys of 17”; and

11 **WHEREAS**, the former statesman was deeply rooted in his Catholic faith as
12 evidenced by his membership in the Knights of Columbus, *Pale San Vitores* Council
13 05666. In his faith, the late Senator saw that the needs of the Carmelite Monastery of
14 Guam and the Capuchin Friars in *Sinajana* were always met, as well as other religious
15 orders; and

16 **WHEREAS**, in 1971, the late Vicente “Ben” Diaz Ada, championed the hearts
17 of the people, serving as a four (4)-term Senator in the Guam Legislature. Having
18 served in the 11th, 12th, 13th and 14th Legislatures, the former Senator was known to try
19 everything possible to make sure all constituents got the assistance they needed.
20 Further, former Senator Ada introduced measures to expand Guam’s infrastructure,
21 and ensured that village Commissioners had adequate funding to take care of the
22 needs of their village; and

23 **WHEREAS**, in 1972, the late Vicente “Ben” Diaz Ada opened the iconic
24 family business, “Pacific Funeral Home”; and

1 **WHEREAS**, in 1981, the late Vicente “Ben” Diaz Ada was instrumental in
2 preparing for Pope John Paul II’s visit to Guam, which drew thousands of Guam’s
3 Catholic faithful; and

4 **WHEREAS**, in 1992, the late Vicente “Ben” Diaz Ada, officially changed the
5 family business name to “Ada’s Mortuary”; and the iconic funeral home has served
6 the people of Guam for nearly forty-five (45) years; and

7 **WHEREAS**, the late Vicente “Ben” Diaz Ada had a compassionate and
8 generous heart in assuring grieving family members that their loved ones who passed
9 away were given a dignified burial and laid to rest peacefully. Mr. Ada’s personal
10 guarantee attributed to the success of the family business to this day; and

11 **WHEREAS**, in 2011, the U.S. Small Business Administration awarded Ada’s
12 Mortuary as the recipient of the “Jeffrey Butland Family-Owned Small Business of
13 the Year” award. This prestigious award honors a family-owned and operated business
14 which has been passed on from one generation to another; now therefore, be it

15 **RESOLVED**, that *I Mina'Trentai Tres Na Liheslaturan Guåhan* does hereby,
16 on behalf of the people of Guam, commemorate and distinguish the accomplishments
17 and dedication of the late Honorable Vicente “Ben” Diaz Ada, former Senator,
18 statesman, and successful businessman, a true public servant who served the people of
19 Guam with dignity and goodwill; and does further extend sincere condolences of the
20 people of Guam and *I Liheslaturan Guåhan* to the Ada family on his passing; and be
21 it further

22 **RESOLVED**, that the Speaker certify, and the Legislative Secretary attest to,
23 the adoption hereof, and that copies of the same be thereafter transmitted to the family
24 and children of the late Honorable Vicente “Ben” Diaz Ada, former Senator; to the

- 1 Honorable Madeleine Z. Bordallo, Guam Delegate to the U.S. Congress; to Chief
- 2 Justice Robert J. Torres, Judiciary of Guam; and to the Honorable Edward J.B. Calvo,
- 3 *I Maga'låhen Guåhan.*

DULY AND REGULARLY ADOPTED BY *I MINA'TRENTAI TRES NA LIHESLATURAN GUÅHAN* ON THE 29TH DAY OF AUGUST 2016.



JUDITH T. WON PAT, Ed.D.
Speaker



TINA ROSE MUÑA BARNES
Legislative Secretary