

# OFFICE OF THE SPEAKER JUDITH T. WON PAT, ED.D.

#### Kumiten Idukasion Tinakhelo', Kottura, Laibirihan Pupbleko siha yan Asunton Famalao'an Committee on Higher Education, Culture, Public Libraries, and Women's Affairs

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April 25, 2016

Guam Commission on Decolonization

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Association of Pacific Island Legislatures (APIL) The Honorable Rory J. Respicio Chairperson Committee on Rules I Mina' Trentai Tres Na Liheslatuaran Guahan 33<sup>rd</sup> Guam Legislature 155 Hesler Place Hagatna, Guam 96910

RE: Bill No. 230-33 (COR), As Amended by the Committee

Dear Chairperson Respicio:

#### BOARD MEMBER

PACIFIC RESOURCES FOR EDUCATION AND LEARNING (PREL)

BOARD OF GOVERNORS MEMBER

Pacific Island Development Bank (PIDB)

MEMBER

Festival of the Pacific Arts (FESTPAC) *Buenas yan Hafa Adai.* Transmitted herewith is the Committee Report on Bill 230-33 (COR), An Act to add a New §849.11 to Article 1 of Chapter 8, Title 1 Guam Code Annotated; Relative to Designating the Guam and Chamorro Educational Facility Museum as the "Antonio M. Palomo Guam Museum."

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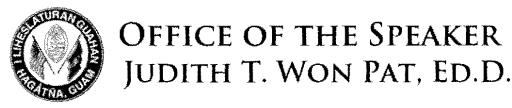
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Senseramente,

Judith T. Won Pat, Ed.D. Speaker, 33<sup>rd</sup> Guam Legislature



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# **COMMITTEE REPORT**

# ON

Bill No. 230-33 (COR) As Amended by the Committee

AN ACT TO ADD A NEW §849.11 TO ARTICLE 1 OF CHAPTER 8 TITLE 1 GUAM CODE ANNOTATED; RELATIVE TO DESIGNATING THE GUAM AND CHAMORRO EDUCATIONAL FACILITY MUSEUM AS THE "ANTONIO M. PALOMO GUAM MUSEUM."



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Advisor to the President Association of Pacific Island Legislatures	FROM:	Speaker Judith T. Won Pat, Ed.D. Chairperson, Committee on Higher Education, Culture, Public Libraries and Women's Affairs
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Please take the appropriate action on the attached voting sheet. Your attention to this matter is greatly appreciated. Should you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Senseramente,

Judith T. Won Pat, Ed. D. Speaker, 33<sup>rd</sup> Guam Legislature

#### COMMITTEE VOTING SHEET The Committee on Higher Education, Culture, Public Libraries, and Women's Affairs

Bill No. 230-33 (COR): As Amended by the Committee, An Act to Add a New §849.11 to Article 1 of Chapter 8 of 8 GCA Relative to Designating the Guam and Chamorro Educational Facility Museum as the "Antonio M. Palomo Guam Museum."

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#### **Committee Report Digest**

#### I. <u>OVERVIEW</u>

The Committee on Higher Education, Culture, Public Libraries, and Women's Affairs convened a public hearing on Tuesday, March 22, 2016 at 5:30 p.m. in *I Liheslatura*'s Public Hearing Room. On the agenda was the consideration of Bill No. 230-33 (COR) V. Anthony Ada / Frank F. Blas, Jr. "An Act to Add a New §849.11 to Article 1 of Chapter 8, Title 1 GCA; Relative Designating the Guam and Chamorro Educational Facility Museum as the "Senator Antonio 'Tony' M. Palomo Guam and Chamorro Educational Facility".

#### **Public Notice Requirements**

All legal requirements for public notices were met, with requests for publication sent to all media and all Senators; 5 days notice was sent on March 15, 2016 and the 48 hours notice was sent on March 18 and 20, 2016 via email. Copies of the hearing notices are appended to the report.

#### Senators Present

Speaker Judith T. Won Pat Ed.D., Chairperson Senator N.B. Underwood Ph.D., Vice Chairperson Senator V. Anthony Ada, Member Senator M.C. Torres, Member

#### Appearing before the Committee

Margaret Palomo Former Senator Eddie Duenas Rose San Nicolas Manibusan Joseph Cameron Concepcion Duenas William D. Pesch

#### WrittenTestimony Only

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#### **II. SUMMARY OF TESTIMONY AND DISCUSSION**

**Speaker Won Pat, Ed.D.** mentioned that the Committee on Higher Education, Culture, Public Library and Women's Affairs will conduct a public hearing on: the Appointment of Richard P. Sablan as a Member, Guam Community College Board of Trustees and Bill 230-33 (COR) "An Act to Add a New §849.11 to Article 1 of Chapter 8 of 8 GCA Relative to Designating the Guam

and Chamorro Educational Facility Museum as the "Senator Antonio "Tony' M. Palomo Guam and Chamorro Educational Facility".

Speaker Won Pat, Ed.D. called up Margaret Palomo, Rose San Nicolas Manibusan, Joseph Cameron, and former Senator Eddie Duenas.

Speaker Won Pat, Ed.D. stated, "Before we begin, I would like to give the opportunity to Senator V. Anthony Ada to briefly explain the bill.

Senator V. Anthony Ada stated, "Thank you Madam Speaker, Bill 230-33 (COR) is a bill that names the newly constructed Guam Museum after the late former Senator the Late Antonio 'Tony' M. Palomo. It is indeed an honor to be the sponsor of this bill that will name our newly constructed museum after the late Senator Palomo. Tony Palomo, a graduate of Marquette University School of Journalism, worked as newspaper reporter and editor, a member of the 12, 14th,15th, and 16<sup>th</sup> Guam Legislatures and Liaison of the office of Insular Affairs of the U.S. Department of Interior. In making the announcement in 1981, Vice President George H.W. Bush said of Antonio Palomo, and I quote, 'He has the full confidence of President Reagan and myself, we learned a lot about Guam's history with our meetings with Tony and he will represent Guam passionately in the Department of Interior.' Although an accomplished statesman, Tony Palomo's passion was Guam History. He wrote numerous articles for various publications, his most celebrated work was his book, 'An Island in Agony' that chronicled the struggles of Guam's people during the Japanese Occupation. During the last 11 years at the end of career he was the director of the Guam Museum. So I think Madame Speaker it is most appropriate that we look at this bill and we hopefully get the support of our colleagues in naming the new museum, the Antonio M. Palomo Museum."

**Margaret Palomo** stated, "Dear Senators of the 33<sup>rd</sup> Guam Legislature, on behalf of my family, Dångkolo na si Yu'os Ma'ase for Bill 230-33 and the opportunity to name the Guam Museum building after my late husband, Antonio M. Palomo." Margaret Palomo's written testimony is appended to the committee report.

Senator Eddie Duenas is in full support of Bill No. 230-33 (COR); his testimony is appended to the committee report.

**Rose San Nicolas Sablan** stated, "I Rose San Nicolas Manibusan, resident of Guam submit this letter of support of Bill No. 230-33 (COR), to rename the Guam and Chamorro Educational Facility Museum in honor of the late senator, historian, and author Antonio M. Palomo." Rose San Nicolas Sablan is in full support of this bill; her testimony is appended to the committee report.

Joseph Cameron is in full support of this bill; his written testimony is appended to this committee report.

**Speaker Won Pat, Ed.D.** stated, "I am glad that you brought up in regards to what the name is. I was in the legislature when that bill was being considered and why USDA was requiring that it be name it as the Chamorro Educational facility because of where the funding is coming from. It came out of the hot bonds, so therefore there is no obligation on the government part to continue with that name and yes we continued to use the name the Guam museum and we will make that correction as well. Thank you for stating that."

Speaker Won Pat, Ed.D. asked, "Are there any questions, Senators?"

Senator V. Anthony Ada asked, "To Mrs. Palomo, Margaret, I know you had a difficult time and decision in agreeing to naming the facility after your late husband; just so there is no misunderstandings you are in support of Bill 230-33"?

Margaret Palomo replied, "Yes."

Speaker Won Pat, Ed.D dismissed the first panel of people to testify.

Speaker Won Pat, Ed.D called up Concepcion 'Connie' Duenas and William D. Pesch.

**Concepcion B. Duenas** mentioned that she is here to testify to support this bill. She mentioned that the late Antonio M. Palomo is very silent, very knowledgeable and a very respectful person and he know about all of us on our island."

Concepcion B. Duenas posed a question to all the senators, "Do you know Tony Palomo?"

All Senators present responded, "Yes."

**Concepcion B. Duenas** stated, "When the Japanese soldier was caught, Tony was there, very quiet. I became the mayor and vice mayor through the influence of Tony and to some of you. My gift, is a gift from god and that is to help people and put into action up to today. My mother always said whatever god gives to you and if you can help them, help them if you can; that is Tony Palomo too." Ms. Duenas mentioned since you guys all know him then there will be no problems with a yes vote. And the Governor will sign it of course.

William D. Pesch is in full support; his written testimony is appended to this committee report.

**Concepcion B. Duenas** mentioned that it is good to have the name Antonio M. Palomo, but he is not going to be here to see it. Ms. Duenas stated, "So I hope in the future, if we are giving someone credit whether it be a building or place, after that person's name, it would be before he died. That would be beautiful.

**Concepcion B. Duenas** lastly mentioned, "Margaret and Antonio are the same, very isolated people; they don't want to be in the highlight."

Speaker Won Pat, Ed.D. Thanked all for their testimonies.

**Speaker Won Pat, Ed.D.** asked "Mr. Joseph Cameron to clarify the misnomer, the misnaming of the museum, I just want to clear the air as well only because it was brought to my attention, have any other family or individual approach you or to your staff about naming rights of the museum?"

**Mr. Joseph Cameron** stated, "There was a family member of an educator who has since passed away and the desire was that the grandparent, grandfather be named after the facility only to find out and 1 was working this out because we wanted the family to know especially the granddaughter that the naming the Guam Educational Facility was not reflected of a school and that in fact was in fact the situation here, we wanted to see that individual named after a school. Like we all do when we pass by the Guam and Chamorro Educational Facility, so went to trying times to figure out how can we best explain this to the family without being abrupt, because it is not in our culture to rub and push people away. So that family did understand and I did document that."

**Speaker Won Pat, Ed.D.** stated, "Thank you for that, because I wanted to make sure that it will be part of our record."

**Speaker Won Pat, Ed.D.** asked another question, "Just for us to know, when do you anticipate the opening of the Museum?

**Joseph Cameron** stated "We are looking at moving parts here; the best agency to answer that question would be the Guam Economic Development Agency GEDA. We are just sort of the turn key, and of course the media has on many occasions were provided dates but more importantly we are looking at most especially the first floor which hosts the traveling exhibits, the muscum store area, and the multi-purpose area for forums and seminars to be available for Fest Pac services. Unfortunately, as all things are, for as long as the builder is in the building, it will be extremely difficult for the fabricators and designers to be actually on site when things are still being completed. So at a later date, we will be looking at opening up the second floor for the permanent exhibits which is the heart and soul of the museum.

Speaker Won Pat, Ed.D. asked, "Can you tell us more about the heart and soul, that way we can visualize this ?"

**Speaker Won Pat, Ed.D.** mentioned so on the first floor would be the museum store, the opportunity for a hall for traveling exhibits which I don't think we will be getting the King Tut to be on display, but I am sure we would have others.

Joseph Cameron mentioned that there are many other museums that have traveling exhibits at a cost.

Speaker Won Pat, Ed.D. and then the second floor is the heart of the museum, describe that to us and tell us why.

Joseph Cameron stated, "We were most especially concerned about the whole concept of the 100 year flood being near shore. Like all things, there are no major windows to the building that it made appropriate sense, common sense to base our treasures of the Chamorro above any concerns of flooding. So for that reason, it is not like when you walk into the museum on the national mall, where you walk into the first floor and that is it. We will have an elevator that will take us up the orientation theater where you would have a view of kind of a pre story of what you are going to be seeing in the journey of our past, present, and future. I might add on the first floor, there is going to be a segment where the people can finish off the permanent exhibit, and every museum has a full segment that tells us their story of the people of that place. But on the way down there is an area y for the future and that is being worked on as well. But it's not a large away because the largest of the area for the permanent exhibit itself.

Speaker Won Pat, Ed.D. mentioned so the way you describe is like how the huts used to be where the latte would be above ground, above the water.

Joseph Cameron thanked Speaker Won Pat, Ed.D. for sponsoring three other bills and that promoted the Guam Museum.

Speaker Won Pat, Ed.D. asked Mr. Cameron to explain the indoor and outdoor theater.

Joseph Cameron stated, "Most museums are small museums where it only fits 30, like the Seattle glass museum it probably fits 12. But some of the larger museums like the one in Texas, they have an auditorium/theater so it has a multi approach and not for the sake of showing Chamorro driven theatricals but it allows for multi, for multimedia and Skype. These are big leads to centum leads to sustain a museum, admission. A great many of tourists have commented at the exit surveys collected by GVB that Guam did not have a culture and that was translated that they did not have a house of curiosity. That is the first word that people use, is that they are curious of the people. For those listening audience the first name of the museum was not the museum but it was called house of curiosities. We are very happy that this museum will hold the test of time, and that the people of Guam would need to sustain it. And I want to thank you before the bill gets passed to vote yes. The utility costs of power and water, the people will be more than willing to cover the cost, that is what I am thinking. There are cameras, temperature control. I had several conversations with the American Accreditation of Alliance of Museum. Accreditation is not so much of the technicalities, but that every museum should capture a living museum. Gone are the days of, 'oh, are you taking care of your artifacts?' 'Yeah!' That counts, but not really. If a museum nowadays under Accreditation team under the American Accreditation of Alliance of Museum they want to know if you have programming, they want to know that your community is forthright and supportive by actually walking in the museum and being part of that experience such as a STEM project which I have promoted. I also like to

promote all facets of our people of Guam who are not necessarily Chamoru but also call Guam their home.

Speaker Won Pat, Ed.D. sometime when the museum is fully open, we will have a roundtable discussion, so you can enlighten the members and community, so we can have go to the museum.

**Speaker Won Pat, Ed.D.** mentioned that a 5 days notice was sent on March 15, 2015 and a 48 hours notice was sent on March 18 and 20, 2016 and that all testimonies should be addressed to Speaker Judith T. Won Pat, Ed.D. and will be accepted via hand delivery at the Speaker's office; Speaker's mailbox at reproduction room of the Main Legislature Building at 155 Hesler Place, Hagatna, Guam 96910; or fbtorres@judiwonpat.com or through facsimile at 472-3589.

Public Hearing ended at 6:50 p.m.

#### II. FINDINGS AND RECOMMENDATIONS

The Committee made the following amendments

- Relative to Designating the Guam and Chamorro Educational Facility Museum as the "Senator Antonio <u>'Tony'</u> M. Palomo Guam and Chamorro Educational Facility <u>Museum</u>."
- Authority to Transfer. Unless otherwise restricted or specifically allowed by Public 33-66, *I Maga Tåhen Guåhan* is authorized to transfer funds to implement this Act.

The Committee on Higher Education, Culture, Public Libraries, and Women's Affairs to which was referred Bill 230-33 (COR), reports out Bill 230-33 (COR) as Amended by the Committee with the recommendation to \_\_\_\_\_\_\_

#### I MINA' TRENTAI TRES NA LIHESLATURAN GUÅHAN 2015(FIRST) Regular Session

Bill No. 230-33 (COR)

Introduced by:

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V. Anthony Ada

AN ACT TO ADD A NEW §849.11 TO ARTICLE 1 OF CHAPTER 8 OF 8GCA RELATIVE DESIGNATING THE GUAM AND CHAMORRO EDUCATIONAL FACILITY MUSEUM AS THE "SENATOR ANTONIO 'TONY' M. PALOMO GUAM AND CHAMORRO EDUCATIONAL FACILITY".

**1 BE IT ENACTED BY THE PEOPLE OF GUAM:** 

Section 1. A new Section 849.11 is *added* to Article 1 of Chapter 8 of 1GCA to read
as follows:

# 5 § 849.11. The Senator Antonio 'Tony' M. Palomo Guam and Chamorro 6 Educational Facility.

(a) The Guam Museum located at Skinner Plaza in the capitol city of Hagåtña,
Guam is named the "Senator Antonio 'Tony' M. Palomo Guam and Chamorro *Educational Facility*" in honor late senator, Guam historian and author whose public
and private life was devoted to promoting knowledge and awareness of Guam's
history.

(b) All references to the Guam Museum and Chamorro Educational Facility in
Public Law are hereby amended to read the *"Senator Antonio 'Tony' M. Palomo Guam*and Chamorro Educational Facility."

(c) All official signage shall reflect the name "Senator Antonio 'Tony' M. Palomo
 Guam and Chamorro Educational Facility."

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

Bill No. 230-33 (COR)

\*As Amended by the Committee on Higher Education, Culture, Public Libraries and Women's Affairs

Introduced by:

V. Anthony Ada F. F. Blas, Jr.

## AN ACT TO ADD A NEW §849.11 TO ARTICLE 1 OF CHAPTER 8, OF TITLE 1. <u>SGCA</u> GUAM CODE <u>ANNOTATED</u> RELATIVE TO DESIGNATING THE GUAM AND CHAMORRO EDUCATIONAL FACILITY MUSEUM AS THE "SENATOR ANTONIO 'TONY' M. PALOMO GUAM AND CHAMORRO EDUCATIONAL FACILITY <u>MUSEUM.</u>"

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whose public and private life was devoted to promoting <u>the</u> knowledge and awareness
of Guam's history.

(b) All references to the Guam Museum and Chamorro Educational Facility in
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- 3 Section 2. Authority to Transfer. Unless otherwise restricted or specifically
- 4 allowed by Public 33-66, I Maga'låhen Guåhan is authorized to transfer funds to
- 5 implement this Act."

#### COMMITTEE ON HIGHER EDUCATION, CULTURE, PUBLIC LIBRARY & WOMEN'S AFFAIRS SIGN-IN SHEET PUBLIC HEARING March 22, 2016 5:30 p.m.

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March 3, 2016

The Honorable Judith T. Won Pat, Ed.D. Speaker I Mina' Trentai Tres Na Liheslaturan Gudhan 155 Hesler Place Hagåtña, Guam 96910

Dear Speaker Won Pat,

Buenas Yan Hafa Adait Transmitted herewith for your information and file is a copy of Resolution No. 16-02 RELATIVE TO THE MAYORS' COUNCIL OF GUAM SUPPORTING BILL NO. 230-33 (COR) DESIGNATING THE GUAM AND CHAMORRO EDUCATIONAL FACILITY MUSEUM AS THE "SENATOR ANTONIO 'TONY' PALOMO GUAM AND CHAMORRO EDUCATIONAL FACILITY." which was duly and regularly adopted by the Mayors' Council of Guam on Wednesday, March 2, 2016.

Thank you for your attention regarding this matter. If you should have any questions or `comments relative to the above resolution, please do not hesitate to call me.

Senseramente,

ANGEL R. SABLAN Executive Director

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CERTIFICATION OF THE ADOPTION OF A MAYORS' COUNCIL RESOLUTION

THIS IS TO CERTIFY THAT RESOLUTION NO. 16-02 RELATIVE TO THE MAYORS' COUNCIL OF GUAM SUPPORTING BILL NO. 230-33 (COR) DESIGNATING THE GUAM AND CHAMORRO EDUCATIONAL FACILITY MUSEUM AS THE "SENATOR ANTONIO 'TONY' PALOMO GUAM AND CHAMORRO EDUCATIONAL FACILITY." WAS ADOPTED ON THE 2<sup>ND</sup> DAY OF MARCH 2016.

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MAYOR CAROL S. TAYAMA, SECRETARY Mayors' Council of Guam

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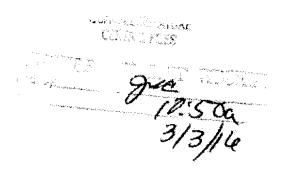
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RELATIVE TO THE MAYORS' COUNCIL OF GUAM SUPPORTING BILL NO. 230-33 (COR) DESIGNATING THE GUAM AND CHAMORRO EDUCATIONAL FACILITY MUSEUM AS THE "SENATOR ANTONIO 'TONY' PALOMO GUAM AND CHAMORRO EDUCATIONAL FACILITY."

OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR I PAES

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#### BE IT RESOLVED BY KONSEHELON MAHOT GUÅHAN:

WHEREAS, Bill No. 230-33 (COR), has been introduced in the 33<sup>rd</sup> Guam
Legislature designating the Guam and Chamorro Educational Facility Museum as the
"Senator Antonio 'Tony' Palomo Guam and Chamorro Educational facility"; and

5 WHEREAS, Antonio Palomo was a prolific writer and longtime reporter for the 6 Guam media, a former Senator, and recently as the administrator of the Guam Museum; 7 and

8 WHEREAS, during his distinguished career as a journalist, Tony served as editor 9 of the Pacific Journal, a daily newspaper; as publisher – editor of Pacific Profile, a monthly 10 magazine; and editor of the Pacifican, a weekly newspaper; and

11 WHEREAS, Tony also served as a special assistant to Guam's first elected 12 Governor, Carlos G. Camacho, and as administrative director and records manager for 13 the Eighth Guam Legislature before being elected to the legislature himself. Tony Palomo 14 served in the 12th, 14th, and 15th Guam Legislatures. As a lawmaker, Tony chaired the 15 Legislature's Committee on Rules and the Committee on Territorial and Federal Affairs, 16which spearheaded the movement for a change in Guam's political status. He served as 17 president of Guam's first Constitutional Convention in 1969 and was a member of Guam's 18 first Commission on Self-Determination. He served briefly as general manager of the 19 Guam Tourist Commission, predecessor of the Guam Visitors Bureau, and as Guam's 20delegate to the South Pacific Conference in Noumea, New Caledonia, in 1969, and as 21 adviser to the U.S. delegation to the South Pacific Commission; and

WHEREAS, in 1982, Tony served as special assistant to the Assistant Secretary of the U.S. Department of Interior, and later served as Desk Officer for American Samoa and the U.S. Virgin Islands and as Department of Interior's Field Representative in Guam from 1986 until 1994. Tony also served as Acting Assistant Secretary of the Interior for Territorial and International Affairs; and

WHEREAS, most importantly, Tony served as chairman of Guam's Political Status Į + HOLL - TAH Education Coordinating Commission, which produced and published the "Haleta" a 2 series of history textbooks for Guam's public schools. He was a member of the Chamorro 3 4 Historic Society, the Guam Humanities Council, the Chamorro Heritage Institute 5 Planning Group, the Manenggon Memorial Foundation, the Fena Memorial Committee, 6 the Guam Preservation Trust, the Council on Cultural Tourism, and GVB's subcommittee on Community Development, and is the corporate secretary of the Latte of Freedom 7 8 Foundation; and

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> 9 WHEREAS, aside from his other duties and responsibilities, Tony made time to 10 teach History of Guam courses at the University of Guam and the Guam Community 11 College today. He continues his long membership in the Knights of Columbus, having 12 served as Grand Knight, Deputy Grand Knight, recorder, and trustee; as well as in the 13 Young Men's League of Guam, for which he has held the positions of Director, Historian, 14 and Chairman of the Council of Elders. He is a past member of the Benevolent and 15 Protective Order of Elks and the Rotary Club of Tumon, and served on the governor's 16 Vision 2001 and Vision 2005 committees on Family Values and Education and Culture; 17 now, therefore, be it

> 18 **RESOLVED**, that in recognition of Mr. Antonio Manibusan Palomo's many 19 contributions to the history, language and culture of Guam are significant, and therefore, 20 request the Chairperson of the Committee on Higher Education, Culture, Public 21 Libraries, and Women's Affairs, to which the legislation has been referred to conduct a 22 public hearing so we can express our support for Bill No. 230-33; and be it further

> RESOLVED, that the Mayors' Council of Guam, does hereby, on behalf of the people of Guam, support Bill No. 230-33 (COR) "An act to add a new §849.11 to Article 1 of Chapter 8 of 8 GCA relative to designating the Guam and Chamorro Educational Facility Museum as the "Senator Antonio 'Tony' M. Palomo Guam and Chamorro Educational Facility"; and be it further

RESOLVED, that the President certify to and the Council Secretary attests the
 adoption hereof, and that copies of the same be thereafter transmitted to and that copies
 of the same be thereafter transmitted to the Honorable Judith Won Pat, Speaker, and
 Senators of *I Liheslaturan Guâhan*; and, to the Honorable Edward J.B. Calvo, *I Maga'lahen Guâhan*.

# DULY ADOPTED ON THE <u>2nd</u> DAY OF MARCH 2016, IN THE CITY OF HAGÅTÑA, GUAM.

**CERTIFIED BY:** 

MAYOR PAUL M. McDONALD President

**ATTESTED BY:** 

ТАҮАМА MAYOR

Secretary

#### WRITTEN TESTIMONY - BILL 230-33

#### SUBMITTED BY MARGARET PALOMO

March 22, 2016

l Mina' Trentai Tres Na Liheslaturan Guáhan 155 Hesler Place Hagatna, Guam 96910

Dear Senators of the 33<sup>ro</sup> Guam Legislature:

On behalt of my family, **Dängkolo na si Yu'os Ma'äse** for Bill 230-33 and the opportunity to name the Guam Museum building after my late husband, Antonio M. Palomo. It had been a difficult decision to agree to name the building after him. As you may know, Tony was a very humble person. Knowing him, he would not agree to this idea. He would rather name the building "Guam Museum". I am confident, though, that he would not agree to the name "Guam and Chamorro Educational Facility". For many decades, the "Guam Museum" has been operating under such a name. Many Directors and Administrators of the Guam Museum committed their time and effort in promoting and preserving the rich history and culture of our island. It is most fitting to name a permanent structure with the title "Guam Museum". As for including my husband's name, I have received much support from family, friends and people from all sectors of society to honor him. It is up to your legislative body to make such a decision, but I hope that if approved, that the building reflect "Antonio M. Palomo". In addition, my husband worked with many good people who supported the Guam Museum, such as past leaders of the Guam Museum. He would want to ensure that they too are recognized for their invaluable contribution to the mission of the Guam Museum.

Thank you for your time and continued efforts in promoting our island's rich history and culture.

Sincerely,

Margaret Palomo MARGARET PALOMO

#### **TESTIMONY OF**

#### Former Sen. Eddie Duenas

March 22, 2016

Mr.Chairman, members of this committee, one and all:

I am delighted to be here today to testify in favor of Bill 230-33 (COR), co-authored by Sens. Tony Ada and Frank Blas Jr. I wholeheartedly support this measure to name the new Guam and Chamorro Educational Facility Museum in honor of the late Senator Tony Palomo, who had done so much for the development and progress of our island community.

I applaud these two senators for taking the initiative to designate the new facility/museum as a memorial of Tony Palomo, whom Gov. Eddie Baza Calvo said, when Tony passed away three years ago, that "... Guam has lost a great man, a great statesman."

Tony's generation was greatly handicapped by the outbreak and eventual occupation of the Japanese of Guam in World War II. Their education was stymied for the three years of enemy occupation. But Tony overcame that setback and in 1951 left Guam to attend Belmont Abbey prep high school. There, he struggled to keep pace with his fellow students who had no idea of what Tony experienced during the war and its aftermath. He then attended Marquette University in Milwaukee, Wisconsin and majored in Journalism, attaining a bachelor's degree and initially worked as an editorial aide for the Milwaukee Sentinel daily newspaper.

Not lured by the comfort of life and better career opportunities in the U.S. mainland, Tony returned to Guam in 1954 and began his journalistic endeavor in helping to rebuild Guam in the aftermath of the war. He joined the then Guam Daily News first as staff writer for local news and sports, then as assistant editor. An enterprising young journalist also became stringer-reporter for the Associated Press and the Pacific Stars and Stripes. Advancing in his career, then became managing editor of the Pacific Journal, a second daily newspaper on Guam. He later became a publisher-editor of Pacific Profile news magazine and The Pacifican, a weekly publication.

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His crowning journalistic milestone, I feel, was the extensive research and writing of his book "An Island in Agony" – a book that chronicled the personal stories of the people of Guam who were innocent victims of the Japanese occupation.

No doubt, Tony Palomo was a man of deep pride in his native root. He developed a keen interest in his cultural heritage and decided to know, learn, teach and perpetuate the Chamorro culture. His unceasing effort to tell the story of Guam was a passion he developed to the point that he was considered an authoritative historian on Guam and its people.

The 32<sup>nd</sup> Guam Legislature, in a resolution memorializing his passing away, called Tony Palomo a "staunch advocate of the Chamorro culture and as historian at heart who offered his insight, without hesitation to any cause requesting historical data and anecdotes. He taught Guam history at the University of Guam, Guam Community College and at the Academy of Our Lady of Guam high school. Many of his students have expressed their appreciation for his gentle demeanor, yet endless bounty of knowledge and compassion."

Tony Palomo was director/administrator of the Guam Museum for many years before his demise. He was passionate in enhancing the preservation and awareness of the Chamorro culture and had exhibits set up in Adelup and Chamorro Village in Hagatna as well as extending satellite exhibits at the Guam Premier Outlet and Micronesian Mall, attracting more than 200,000 patrons. He also provided support and guidance for many Chamorro cultural organizations such as the Department of Chamorro Affairs, Guam Preservation Trust, Pa'a Taotao Tano. And Hurao Inc.

There are many other notable achievements and milestones that Tony Palomo has to his credit. But suffice to state for this hearing, it will take many more pages to document them. I am attaching as an addendum to my testimony a copy of the eulogy I delivered at the state funeral for Senator Tony Palomo. Naming the Guam and Chamorro Educational Facility Museum in honor of Senator Tony Palomo is a fitting tribute to what Governor Eddie Calvo called "a great man, a great statesman." It is the right thing to do.

Once again, Si Yuus Maase for this opportunity to testify in support of Bill 230-33.

#### **Eulogy for Former Senator Tony Palomo**

By Former Eddie Duenas

State Funeral – Feb.11, 2013

Speaker Won Pat, Governor Calvo, Chief Justice Carbullido, Distinguished podium Guests, Friends of Tony Palomo, fellow Senators, Mayors and Vice Mayors, ladies and gentlemen:

We are gathered here this morning to pay our last respect to Former Senator Tony Palomo, who I will call a "man for all seasons." To his wife Margaret and their sons and daughters and the rest of the Palomo clan, please accept our heart-felt condolences and prayers.

I am humbled and honored to have been asked to deliver this eulogy for a fellow senator, a fellow Marquette University alumnus, a fellow journalist and, most of all, a close friend of whom I have the highest respect.

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A man comes into this world with arms wide open, wanting all that life has to offer. A man passes away from this world with arms folded, leaving behind a legacy of his achievements. So let it be with Tony Palomo, a man who had accomplished more than a lot of us did in his lifetime of 81 years.

Tony leaves behind a family he was proud of. He and his wife, the former Margaret Manibusan, raised 10 wonderful children, all successful in their own ways and contributing members of our island community. Antonio Rafael was the oldest at 54, followed by the late Vivian Margarita, Victoria Maria, Roman Vicente, Juan Pedro, Simeon Francisco, Jose Geraldo, Verona Dolores, Eloy Benigno, and the youngest Nicholas Sylvestre at 38, all of whom Tony and Margaret are well pleased.

It is said that a man defines his legacy with what he accomplishes with the opportunities he has. No doubt, Tony is an accomplished and loving husband to Margaret and a caring father who nurtured his 10 children to the best of his ability.

Tony was also a man for all seasons. He wanted to achieve all he could in providing for his family, preserving and perpetuating his Charnorro heritage, contributing to the growth of his island community, and instilling pride in the present and future generations of Guamanians.

Tony and his generation of Chamorro men and women knew too well the trials and tribulations of his island in agony during World War II. At the outbreak of the war, Tony was 10 years old, just learning reading, writing and arithmetic in the pre-war years under the tutelage of

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the U.S. administration. His education was rudely interrupted by aerial bombardments of Guam by the Japanese Imperial Forces on the morning of December 8, 1941. It was a rude awakening to the peaceful and tranquil life on Guam and the traumatic beginning of the horrors of war for the peace-loving Guamanians.

Indeed, Guam became "An Island In Agony," as Tony Palomo aptly named the book he wrote earlier in his writing career. The book chronicled the atrocities, brutalities and human deprivation which choked the idyllic life of the people of Guam for the next two-and-a-half years of enemy occupation.

After the island's liberation by the U.S. armed forces in July 21, 1944, the peaceful and carefree life that the people of Guam knew before the war was gone with the wind. Since then, the people of Guam had to learn slowly and painfully how to recover from the rubbles of the war and reconstruct their shattered life and battered island community. Once again, they have to restart their search for life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness in a new order under the Stars and Stripes.

Under the U.S. naval administration then, the education of Tony Palomo's generation was hastily reactivated in 1945 under the sweltering military tents erected along the shores of east Agana, known before the war as Barrio San Antonio. Soon, wooden-structures to house elementary students were built in various villages and a high school named George Washington opened its doors in tin quonset huts in Sinajana. Later, the high school was relocated to a sprawling site of giant quonset huts in Mongmong , built by the military to accommodate troops and war supplies for the final assault on the Japanese homeland. Thus, the education of Tony Palomo and his generation resumed on a catch-up and accelerated mode in order to make up for the lost time during the occupation years.

In 1951, Tony Palomo left Guam to attend Belmont Abbey preparatory high school in Belmont, North Carolina. There, he struggled to keep pace with his fellow students who had no idea of what Tony experienced during the war. But despite this setback, he proved he could do just as well to rank among the top of his class. After Belmont Abbey, Tony was accepted at Marquette University in Milwaukee, Wisconsin. He majored Journalism, attaining a bachelor's degree in 1954 and also working part-time as an editorial aide for the Milwaukee Sentinel newspaper.

His many years of exposure to the comfort of life and better career opportunities in the states did not lure him to remain in the U.S. mainland. In 1954, Tony Palomo returned to the island of his birth and began his journalistic endeavor in helping to rebuild Guam in the aftermath of the war. He became a staff member of the Guam Daily News, first as a staff writer for local news and sports, then as assistant managing editor. In addition, he worked as a stringer-reporter for the Associated Press and the Pacific Stars and Stripes.

With an enterprising spirit stirring in him, Tony Palomo moved ahead in his young journalistic career and became managing editor of the Pacific Journal, a second daily

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newspaper on Guam at the time. He later became publisher-editor of a monthly magazine called the Pacific Profile as well as publisher-editor of The Pacifican, a weekly publication.

But his crowning journalistic glory, I feel, was the extensive research and writing of his book "An Island in Agony,"--- a book that chronicled the personal stories of people of Guam who were innocent victims of the Japanese occupation.

In the Forward section of the book, Tony Palomo wrote in part:

<u>Quote</u> "It is the collective testimony of a people who believed deeply in the rightness of America and of the fanatical determination of an Orient nation to snare the Asian continent and most of the Pacific world in a brazen attempt for world dominance.

"Many of those who lived through the period – before and during World War II – unraveled their memories about Guamanians' unrequited love for America, their hunger for recognition as Americans, and the inability and seemingly uncaring attitude of American leaders about the plight of America's loyal Pacific wards. <u>Unquote</u>

No doubt, Tony Palomo was a man with deep pride in his native root. He developed a keen interest in his cultural heritage and decided to know, learn, teach and perpetuate the Chamorro culture. His effort to tell the story of Guam was a passion he developed to the point that he was considered an authoritative historian on Guam and its people.

In a resolution memorializing his death, the 32<sup>nd</sup> Guam Legislature called him a staunch advocate of Chamorro culture and a historian at heart who offered his insight, without hesitation, to any cause requesting historical data and anecdotes. He taught Guam history at the University of Guam, the Guam Community College and at the Academy of Our Lady of Guam high school. Many of his students have expressed their appreciation for his gentle demeanor, yet endless bounty of knowledge and compassion.

Not contented with having historical documents and artifacts displayed only at the Guam Museum in Adelup, Tony Palomo took some exhibits to the Chamorro Village in Hagatna, and extended his outreach with exhibits at the Guam Premier Outlet in Tamuning and the Micronesian Mall satellites. His effort has attracted more than 200,000 visitors.

As a man for all seasons, Tony Palomo had the distinction of serving as a staff assistant in the U.S. Department of the Interior and brought greater awareness of the needs and concerns of Guam to federal government officials in the nation's capital. Even before that, he was involved in advancing Guam's relationships with the United States. He served three terms in the Guam Legislature – in the 12<sup>th</sup>, 14<sup>th</sup> and 15<sup>th</sup> and was elected to the First Guam Constitutional Convention established by Guam law in 1968.

Public Law 9-244 authorized a Constitutional Convention to review and make recommendations on proposed modifications of the 1950 Organic Act of Guam. This was prompted by a Congressional amendment to the Organic Act allowing the people of Guam to Despite achieving enviable milestones in political, governmental and community affairs, Tony Palomo remained humble to the very end. He was not boastful and his love for his family, his Chamorro heritage, his Church and God, his island and his country never diminished, even when he was suffering much pain before passing away. No doubt, those whose lives were touched by his kind and gentle demeanor will long remember him.

And how will his children remember their Dad? Here are some off-the-cuff comments from them::

---- "Dad had a distinctive laugh. You know that he's in the room because of his infectious laugh...

---- " Dad has only one vice – solitaire! He'd sit on the dining table and play his game for hours...

---- "Dad can converse with us on any topic. We grew up watching in fascination him and his brothers Benigno and Eddie conversed on any topic, usually with a lot of humor but also with lots of great insight. We will miss that ...

---- "Dad never missed the 9:30 am Mass at St. Anthony until he started getting sick. He was devoted to the Church...

---- "Although he had 10 kids, Dad always managed to take care of his family business while juggling work and community responsibilities. We don't know how he did it. We don't think stress was ever a factor in his life. He always had a smile ...

---- "Dad never had a problem with Mom attending so many church functions. He once said that if he ever went to as many church functions as Mom, he would be a saint."

Maybe not a saint, but certainly Tony Palomo had a saintly demeanor, gentle smile and kind heart that are etched in the minds of all who know him.

Last week, grounds were broken at Skinner Plaza for the construction of the long-awaited Guam Museum. Tony served as the director/administrator for many years prior to his retirement from Gov-Guam. At the risk of pre-empting any consideration to name the new museum, I would like to recommend that it be named in honor of Senator Tony Palomo.

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Adios, my friend Tony. We will always remember you in our hearts and in our prayers. You are now in the hands of a merciful and loving God, whom you have well and faithfully served. May you rest in peace.

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#### March 21, 2016

Honorable Judith T. Won Pat, Ed.D. Speaker, 33<sup>rd</sup> Guam Legislature Committee on Higher Education, Culture, Public Library, and Women's Affairs

Dear Honorable Judith T. Won Pat,

I Rose San Nicolas Manibusan, resident of Guam submit this letter of support for Bill No. 230-33(COR), to rename the Guam and Chamorro Educational Facility Museum in honor of the late Senator, historian, and author Antonio M. Palomo.

I would like to briefly share my personal experience working with the late Senator Tony Palomo. I first met Tony around 1985, early in my career with the War in the Pacific National Historical Park, National Park Service. Tony as the Representative of the Office of Territorial & International Affairs, Department of Interior was visiting the park with off-Island VIP dignitaries. Little did I know at the time, Tony would become a friend, mentor, and assist me throughout my career as an historical advisor.

Tony took me under his wings and called on me on several occasions to serve under his leadership as a board member of the Guam Museum, on several planning committees during the 50<sup>th</sup> and 60<sup>th</sup> Liberation of Guam Anniversaries and then later as a member of the Guam Museum Task Force and Education Quality Subcommittee member. Through these opportunities, I not only learned from Tony, but also observed first-hand his passion and love of Guam history and culture. Tony was often called upon by the park and the community for his expertise. He not only gave us his valuable time but eagerly and willingly shared his wealth of knowledge and inspired us through his example.

Those that know the history of the Guam Museum know of its long struggle for recognition and funding. Once under the umbrella of the Agana Library the Guam Museum had no building; no staff, and no facility to properly store Guam's artifact. Tony would write several planning documents, (Legislation, Report of the Museum Commission 1991 and the Guam Museum Multi-year Report 1999) that addressed the museums needs for resources and provided the foundation for other planning documents that would follow. Tony was the one constant voice, who in many ways, over many years, through his dedication, commitment, and persistence fought for the preservation of Guam's artifacts, paved the way and inspired others to support the development of a facility to house our islands history for the people of Guam.

When I think of the Guam Museum, I think of Tony as its founding father. It is my recommendation and preferred desire to change the name "Guam and Chamorro Educational Facility Museum" to "Antonio M. Palomo Guam Museum." It is my hope that Tony's invaluable contributions and service to the people of Guam through the many hats he wore during his lifetime will become the pages of our islands history books that inspires our people for generations to come. It is only fitting Guam's first new museum is renamed to honor Antonio M. Palomo for his lifetiong efforts to perpetuate our history, language and culture.

Ser Son Nicolas Manibusan Sincerely



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Honorable Edward J.B. Calvo Governor of Suam Joseph Artero-Cameron President, DCA





Speaker Judith T. Won Pat Committee on Higher Education, Culture, Public Libraries and Women's Affairs 33<sup>rd</sup> Guam Legislature 155 Hesler Place Hagåtña, Guam 96910

March 22, 2016



Public Hearing on Bill No. 230-33 (COR) "AN ACT TO ADD A NEW SUBSECTION 849.11 TO ARTICLE I OF THE CHAPTER 8 of 8GCA RELATIVE DESIGNATING THE GUAM AND CHAMORRO EDUCATIONAL FACILITY MUSEUM AS THE "SENATOR ANTONIO 'TONY' M. PALOMO GUAM AND CHAMORRO EDUCATIONAL FACILITY"

Håfa Adai Madame Speaker.

I come before you today in support of Bill No. 230-33(COR). It is unquestionable that Mr. Antonio 'Tony' M Palomo promoted and managed the former Guam Museum at a time when resources were scare to none. He not only provided management oversight of the Museum but more importantly kept the Chamorro culture and heritage in the forefront of his every living breathe. Additionally to being a Museum Director, Mr. Palomo was Guam's premiere historian on Guam and Chamorro history. It is very befitting that we honor Mr. Palomo by way of permanently memorializing his imprint in minds of all who enter the Guam Museum.

Additionally, I would like to recommend highly that any reference to "Guam and Chamorro Educational Facility" be removed and be referred to as "Guam Museum". The origin of the naming "Guam and Chamorro Educational Facility" was birthed as a direct result of a proposed application for funding the building of the facility from USDA. That funding opportunity never came to fruition. There is no statutes currently referencing the Guam Museum as the "Guam and Chamorro Educational Facility", a misnomer.

Thank You, Madame Chair for this opportunity to provide this testimony on behalf of the Department of Chamorro Affairs and the Administration.

JOSÉPH ARTERO-CAMERON President

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Senator V. Anthony Ada Senator Frank F. Blas, Jr. 33<sup>rd</sup> Guam Legislature 155 Hesler Pl. Hagatna, GU 96910

Re: Bill 230-33

Dear Senators Ada and Blas:

Through this letter, I voice my strong support for Bill 230-33, an Act to name the new Guam and Chamorro educational facility the "Senator Antonio "Tony" M. Palomo Guam and Chamorro Educational Facility." It was my privilege to have known Tony for 35 years, both professionally and personally. No person on Guam worked harder and as tirelessly as did Tony in his efforts to preserve and promote Guam's history. He was a true ambassador for the island.

As we all know, Tony had a long and distinguished career. I'd need several pages to do it justice. Relevant to Bill 230-33, much of his professional efforts were focused on teaching, promoting, and preserving Guam's rich history. In the early 1990s he chaired the Political Status Education Coordinating Commission that published the "Haleta" (roots) series of historical texts for use by the island's school system. He taught History of Guam at both the University of Guam and the Guam Community College. He was a member of the Chamorro Historic Society, the Guam Humanities Council, the Chamorro Heritage Institute Planning Group, the Manenggon Memorial Foundation, the Fena Memorial Committee, and the Guam Preservation Trust. He also authored *Island in Agony*, a book that chronicled the impact of World War II on Guam.

In the final years of his life, Tony devoted much of his time showcasing Guam's history. Despite the fact the island had no permanent museum, Tony found creative ways to educate Guam residents and tourists, alike. Tony and his family could frequently be found manning special historical exhibits located at Guam's shopping malls and other public places. His dream was to have a permanent repository for Guam's history.

Tony truly deserves the honor of having our new museum and educational facility named after him. For this reason, I respectfully request that you and all your colleagues cast a vote in favor of passing Bill 230-33.

Cordially yours, BillPesch

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April 1, 2016

Honorable Judith T. Won Pat, Ed.D. Speaker, 33<sup>rd</sup> Guam Legislature I Mina'trentai Tres Na Liheslaturan Guahan 155 Hesler Street, Ste. 201 Hagåtfia, GU 96910

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RE: Bill No. 230-33, Written Testimony

Håfa Adai Speaker Won Pat,

Thank you for the opportunity to submit this written testimony for Bill No. 230-33. First, let me say that the commitment, work, and passion of the late Senator Tony Palomo is one to be honored, admired, respected, and carried on. He holds a place of gratitude in the hearts of the Chamorro people.

In trying to understand what a "museum" is, I found that the word means "a building, place, or institution devoted to the acquisition, conservation, study, exhibition, and educational interpretations of objects having scientific, historical and artistic value" (Websters 2010). If one were to focus on the words acquisition, conservation, study, exhibit - it would tell us that these actions encompass a great number of people - from historians, anthropologists, archaeologists, field and lab technicians, ethnographers, and cultural advocates, to government and non-governmental leaders, students, and institutions.

It is important to understand that the testimony I am submitting today does not detract or judge Senator Palomo's accomplishments, nor should my opposition to this bill be seen as not supporting his efforts - that is a non-issue because his work stands for itself. I do, however, believe there are other pioneers, leaders and visionaries, who have contributed most of their lives to the dream of a "true" Guam Musuem. If I could make a list of those people off the top of my head I could easily fill one page in a few minutes. I have no doubt that others could do the same. There are a many, many individuals who devoted their public and private life "to promoting knowledge and awareness of Guam's history." These individuals should not be forgotten.

For these reasons, I do not support Bill 230-33. The museum represents many efforts and many people who have seen it to fruition. To leave those people out would certainly be a slight to their efforts, commitments, and passion. It's all those who have come before who perpetuated the Chamorro culture, the Chamorro language, and those who have contributed to the realization that Guam history is rich in every respect as the history of the United States. Let's not ignore their dedication and hard work. Let's honor those who have come before us, and honor those who will come after the museum.

The museum belongs to the people of Guam – the name should reflect this. Perhaps it should be named The Guam National Museum!

Si Yu'os Ma'åse',

Resident, Chalan Pag



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Senator

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**Fiscal Note Waiver** 

Hafa Adai!

Attached please find the fiscal note waiver for the bill number listed below. Please note that the fiscal note waiver is issued on the bill as introduced.

#### FISCAL NOTE WAIVER:

Bill No. 230-33 (COR)

Please forward the same to MIS for posting on our website. Please contact our office should you have any questions regarding this matter.

Si Yu'os ma'ase'!



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The Bureau requests that Bill No(s). 230-33 (COR) be granted a waiver pursuant to Public Law 12-229 as amended for the following reason(s):

Bill No. 230-33 (COR) is an act to add a new § 849.11 to Article 1 of Chapter 8, Title 8 of the Guam Code Annotated, relative to designating the Guam and Chamorro Educational Facility Museum as the "Senator Antonio 'Tony' M. Palomo Guam and Chamorro Educational Facility".

The intent of the Bill is administrative in nature and poses no fiscal impact upon any funds of the Government of Guam.

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Jose S. Calvo Director Bureau of Budget & Management Research P.O. Box 2950 Hagåtña, Guam 96910

#### RE: Request for Fiscal Notes - Bill Nos. 224-33(COR) through 230-33(COR)

Hafa Adai Mr. Calvo:

Transmitted herewith is a listing of *I Mina'trentai Tres Na Liheslaturan Guåhan's* most recently introduced bills. Pursuant to 2 GCA §9103, I respectfully request the preparation of fiscal notes for the referenced bills.

Si Yu'os ma'åse' for your attention to this matter.

Very Truly Yours,

Rong J. Respicio

**Senator Rory J. Respicio** *Chairperson of the Committee on Rules* 

Attachment (1)

Cc: Clerk of the Legislature

Bill Nos.	Sponsor	Title			
224-33 (COR) Dennís G. Rodriguez, Jr.		AN ACT AMEND ITEM (37) OF SUBSECTION (k) OF § 26203 CHAPTER 26, 11 GCA, RELATIVE TO EXTENDING TH BUSINESS PRIVILEGE TAX EXEMPTIONS FOR CHILD CAR CENTERS AND GROUP CHILD CARE HOMES SO AS TO CONTINUE TO PROMOTE EARLY CHILDHOOD LEARNING AND DEVELOPMENT OPPORTUNITIES FOR MODERN CHILI CARE FACILITIES.			
225-33 (COR)	T. R. Muña Barnes	AN ACT TO AUTHORIZE I MAGA'LAHEN GUAHAN TO EXCHANGE GOVERNMENT-OWNED PROPERTY IN ASINAN, ORDOT-CHALAN PAGO, RESERVED FOR THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC HEALTH AND SOCIAL SERVICES WITH GOVERNMENT-OWNED PROPERTY IN DEDEDO OWNED BY THE CHAMORRO LAND TRUST COMMISSION FOR THE PURPOSE OF CONSTRUCTING EMERGENCY HOUSING SHELTERS.			
226-33 (COR)	T. R. Muña Barnes	AN ACT TOAUTHORIZE THE SALE OF APPROXIMATELY TWO HUNDRED FIFTY-EIGHT MORE OR LESS SQUARE METERS OF A BULL-CART THAT IS ADJACENT TO LOT 240-2- 4, MUNICIPALITY OF ASAN, TO GEOFFREY AND MARIA VICTORIA GALGO.			
228-33 (COR)	Michael F.Q. San Nicolas	AN ACT TO AUTHORIZE REVENUE IN EXCESS OF ADOPTED REVENUES FOR FISCAL YEAR 2016 TO BE USED TO EXPEDITE THE PAYMENT OF TAX REFUNDS OWING TO TAXPAYERS AND/OR TO PAY ACCOUNTS PAYABLE OVER THIRTY (30) DAYS PAST DUE AND RESTRICT APPROPRIATIONS OF SUCH REVENUES.			
229-33 (COR)	FRANK B. AGUON, JR.	AN ACT TO ADD A NEW SECTION 38 TO CHAPTER XII OF PUBLIC LAW 33-66; RELATIVE TO THE TEMPORARY EMPLOYMENT OF RETIRED CONSERVATION OFFICERS WITHIN THE DIVISION OF AQUATIC AND WILDLIFE RESOURCES OF THE DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE SHOULD A CRITICAL NEED ARISE DUE TO MILITARY ACTIVATION OR LONG-TERM DISABILITY.			

230-33 (COR) V. Anthony J. Frank F. Blas	
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Senator.

January 11, 2016

# **MEMORANDUM**

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Clerk of the Legislature

**Attorney Therese M. Terlaje** Legislative Legal Counsel

From: Senator Rory J. Respicio Chairperson of the Committee on Rules

#### Subject: Referral of Bill No. 230-33(COR)

As the Chairperson of the Committee on Rules, I am forwarding my referral of **Bill No. 230-33(COR)**.

Please ensure that the subject bill is referred, in my name, to the respective committee, as shown on the attachment. I also request that the same be forwarded to all members of *I Mina'trentai Tres Na Liheslaturan Guåhan*.

Should you have any questions, please feel free to contact our office at 472-7679.

Si Yu'os Ma'åsel

Attachment

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#### 1 Mina'Trentai Tres Na Liheslaturan Received

**Bill Log Sheet** 

BILL	an a	TITLE	DATE	DATE	CMTE	HEARING	COMMITTEE	
NO.	SPONSOR		INTRODUCED	REFERRED	REFERRED	DATE	REPORT FILED	FISCAL NOTES
	V. Anthony Ada	AN ACT TO ADD A NEW §849.11 TO ARTICLE 1 OF	01/07/16	01/11/16	Committee on Higher			
	Frank F. Blas, Jr.	CHAPTER 8 OF 8GCA RELATIVE DESIGNATING THE	1:24 p.m.		Education, Culture, Public			
230-33		GUAM AND CHAMORRO EDUCATIONAL FACILITY			Library and Women's			
(COR)		MUSEUM AS THE "SENATOR ANTONIO 'TONY' M.			Affairs			
		PALOMO GUAM AND CHAMORRO EDUCATIONAL						
		FACILITY".						



Speaker Won Pat <speaker@judiwonpat.com>

## First Notice of Public Hearing---Tuesday, March 22, 2016 at 5:30 p.m.

Carl Sanchez <carlsanchez@judiwonpat.com> To: phnotice@guamlegislature.org, Richard Sablan <rsablan@msa-guam.com> Tue, Mar 15, 2016 at 4:00 PM

March 15, 2016

MEMORANDUM

To: Members of the 33rd Guam Legislature Media

From: Committee on Higher Education, Culture, Public Library, and Women's Affairs

Subject: First Notice of Public Hearing

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Information on the Appointment of Richard P. Sablan as a Member, Guam Community College Board of Trustees and Bill No. 230-33 (COR) are available for review at www.guam/egislalure.org.

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Speaker Won Pat <speaker@judiwonpat.com>

# Second Notice of Public Hearing---Tuesday, March 22, 2016 at 5:30 p.m.

#### Carl Sanchez <carlsanchez@judiwonpat.com>

Fri. Mar 18, 2016 at 8:54 AM To: phnotice@guamlegislature.org, Joseph Cameron <joseph.cameron@dca.guam.gov>, Richard Sablan

March 18, 2016

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MEMORANDUM

Members of the 33rd Guam Legislature, Media To:

From: Committee on Higher Education, Culture, Public Library, and Women's Affairs

Subject: Second Notice of Public Hearing

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#### <u>AGENDA</u> Judith T. Won Pat, Ed.D. Speaker

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