

I MINA'BENTE OCHO NA LIHESLATURAN GUÅHAN
2005 (FIRST) Regular Session

Executive Committee
Resolution No. 111

Introduced by:

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Relative to recognizing the accomplishments and dedication of the late Honorable Jose Agualo Rivera, former Mayor of the Municipality of Dededo; and to extend humble and sincere condolences to his family on behalf of *I Liheslaturan Guåhan* and the People of Guam.

1 **BE IT RESOLVED BY THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE OF I**
2 ***MINA'BENTE OCHO NA LIHESLATURAN GUÅHAN:***

3 **WHEREAS,** the late Honorable Jose Agualo Rivera, retired Mayor of the
4 Municipality of Dededo, was born on January 13, 1930, to the late Jose Ulloa
5 Rivera and the late Carmen Agualo Rivera, and raised in the village of

1 *Hagåtña*, and was called too soon to his eternal rest on Christmas Day,
2 December 25, 2005 after serving the people of his island for more than fifty
3 (50) years; and

4 **WHEREAS**, the late Jose Agualo Rivera, affectionately known as “Joe,”
5 will be forever remembered by the surviving members of his family, including
6 his wife June Shimizu Rivera; children Joyce, Larry, Glorina “Erdie”, Barbara
7 and Joseph; nine (9) grandchildren and five (5) great-grandchildren, and his
8 sole surviving sibling, his sister Isabel A. R. Respicio; and

9 **WHEREAS**, the late “Joe” Rivera was the youngest of Jose and Carmen
10 Rivera’s eight (8) children and their only son, and was preceded into the
11 hereafter by sisters Maria, Juana, Asuncion, Josefa, Magdalena, and Rose; and

12 **WHEREAS**, the late “Joe” Rivera was just eleven (11) when the Japanese
13 captured Guam in World War II, spending part of the occupation in a
14 concentration camp, his family moving from the war-ravaged *Hagåtña* to
15 Dededo after the Liberation by U.S. troops; and

16 **WHEREAS**, the late “Joe” Rivera began his career in public service
17 when he became employed with the U.S. Navy Civil Service in 1947,
18 eventually reaching the position of Assistant Fire Chief, the first Chamorro to
19 achieve such a distinction in Guam; and

20 **WHEREAS**, following his retirement from Civil Service in 1981, the late
21 “Joe” Rivera continued in his role as a public servant by assuming the position
22 of President of the National Association of Retired Federal Employees
23 (NARFE); and concurrently was a member of the Workers Compensation

1 Commission; and a Counselor for the Guam Chapter of the Boy Scouts of
2 America; and

3 **WHEREAS**, in the true spirit of a dedicated public servant whose desire
4 to serve his community never wavers, the late "Joe" Rivera sought the
5 position of Assistant Commissioner (now Vice Mayor) of his adopted village
6 of Dededo in 1984, and was successfully elected, serving the people in that
7 northern community until 1988; and

8 **WHEREAS**, the late "Joe" Rivera's dedication to the constituents of his
9 community led him to seek the office of Mayor of Dededo, and he was
10 successful, serving in that office from January 1989 until his retirement in
11 December 2000, one of his most successful projects being the establishment
12 and development of the Dededo Flea Market, providing the village with a
13 source of additional income to sponsor village youth sports teams; and

14 **WHEREAS**, during his tenure as Assistant Commissioner and Mayor of
15 the Municipality of Dededo, the late "Joe" Rivera actively participated in the
16 operations of the Mayors' Council of Guam by serving as Sergeant-At-Arms
17 in 1986 and 1990, and holding the position of Vice President in 1993, 1994 and
18 1995; and

19 **WHEREAS**, the late "Joe" Rivera also held other positions within the
20 Mayors' Council of Guam, including Chairman of the Parks and Recreation
21 Committee; Chairman of the 3rd Annual Chamorro Cultural Fair; Chairman of
22 the Committee on Education; Chairman of the Economic Development
23 Committee; Member of the Advisory Council; and was a Voting Member of

1 the Association of the Mariana Islands Mayors, Vice Mayors and Municipal
2 Council Members; and

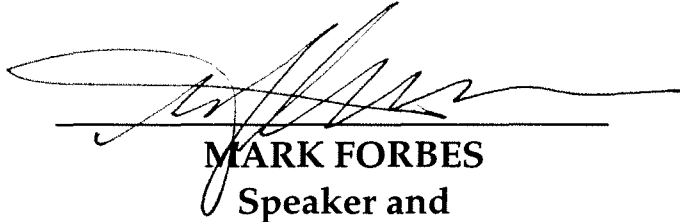
3 **WHEREAS**, the late Honorable Jose Agualo Rivera, retired Mayor of the
4 Municipality of Dededo, was a man who genuinely loved the people of Guam,
5 demonstrating it daily in his unwavering service to his community for more
6 than half a century, and receiving love from his community in return; now,
7 therefore, be it

8 **RESOLVED**, that the Executive Committee of *I Mina'Bente Ocho Na*
9 *Liheslaturan Guåhan* does hereby, on behalf of *I Liheslaturan Guåhan* and the
10 people of Guam, recognize the outstanding contributions of the late former
11 Mayor Jose Agualo Rivera, and extends humble and sincere condolences to
12 his family on the passing of their beloved husband, father, and brother; and be
13 it further;

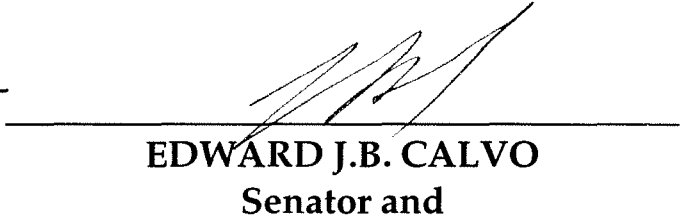
14 **RESOLVED**, that the Executive Committee of *I Mina'Bente Ocho Na*
15 *Liheslaturan Guåhan* is hereby authorized to pay for the funeral expenses for
16 the late Honorable Jose Agualo Rivera, retired Mayor of the Municipality of
17 Dededo, *not* to exceed Six Thousand Dollars (\$6,000.00); and be it further

18 **RESOLVED**, that the Speaker and the Chairman of the Executive
19 Committee certify, and the Secretary of the Legislature attest to, the adoption
20 hereof, and that copies of the same be thereafter transmitted to Mrs. June
21 Shimizu Rivera; to the children: Joyce, Larry, Glorina "Erdie", Barbara and
22 Joseph; to the Mayors Council of Guam; and to the Honorable Felix P.
23 Camacho, *I Maga'lahen Guåhan*.

DULY AND REGULARLY ADOPTED BY THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE
OF *I MINA'BENTE OCHO NA LIHESLATURAN GUÅHAN* ON THE 30TH
DAY OF DECEMBER 2005.



MARK FORBES
Speaker and
Chairman, Executive Committee



EDWARD J.B. CALVO
Senator and
Secretary of the Legislature