

I MINA'BENTE OCHO NA LIHESLATURAN GUÅHAN
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Resolution No. 111 (EC)

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 extending humble and sincere condolences to his family on behalf of *I Liheslaturan Guåhan* and the People of Guam.

BE IT RESOLVED BY I MINA'BENTE OCHO NA LIHESLATURAN GUÅHAN:

WHEREAS, the late Honorable Jose Agualo Rivera, retired Mayor of the Municipality of Dededo, was born on January 13, 1930 to the late Jose Ulloa Rivera and the late Carmen Agualo Rivera, and raised in the village of Hagåtña, and was called too soon to his eternal rest on Christmas Day, December 25, 2005 after serving the people of his island for more than 50 years; and

WHEREAS, the late Jose Agualo Rivera, affectionately known as "Joe," will be forever remembered by the surviving members of his family, including his wife June Shimizu Rivera; children Joyce, Larry, Glorina "Erdie", Barbara and Joseph; nine grandchildren and five great-grandchildren, and his sole surviving sibling, his sister Isabel A. R. Respicio; and

WHEREAS, the late "Joe" Rivera was the youngest of Jose and Carmen Rivera's eight children and their only son, and was preceded into the hereafter by sisters Maria, Juana, Asuncion, Josefa, Magdalena, and Rose; and

WHEREAS, the late "Joe" Rivera was just 11 when the Japanese captured Guam in World War II, spending part of the occupation in a concentration camp, his family moving from the war-ravaged Hagåtña to Dededo after the Liberation by U.S. troops; and

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

WHEREAS, following his retirement from Civil Service in 1981, the late "Joe" Rivera continued in his role a public servant by assuming the position of President of the National Association of Retired Federal Employees (NARFE); and concurrently was a Member of the Workers Compensation Commission; and a Counselor for the Guam Chapter of the Boy Scouts of America; and

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

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

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

WHEREAS, the late "Joe" Rivera also held other positions within the Mayors' Council of Guam, including Chairman of the Parks and Recreation Committee; Chairman of the 3rd Annual Chamorro Cultural Fair; Chairman of the Committee on Education; Chairman of the Economic Development Committee; Member of the Advisory Council; and was a Voting Member of the Association of the Mariana Islands Mayors, Vice Mayors and Municipal Council Members; and

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

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

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

RESOLVED, that the Speaker certify, and the Secretary of the Legislature attest to, the adoption hereof, and that copies of the same be thereafter transmitted to Mrs. June Shimizu Rivera; to the Mayors Council of Guam; and to the Honorable Felix P. Camacho, *I Maga'lahaen Guåhan*.

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

MARK FORBES
Speaker

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Senator and Secretary of the Legislature