

*I MINA'BENTE NUEBI NA LIHESLATURAN GUÁHAN*  
2008 (SECOND) Regular Session

**Executive Committee**  
**Resolution No. 156**

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Relative to honoring and recognizing *Tan Joaquina Mata Espinosa Santos* and her long and eventful life as a nurse midwife, as a mother, grandmother, great grandmother, and as a wife of sixty-four (64) years to her loving husband, the late *Tun Thomas Taitano Santos*, and offer congratulations on the occasion of her One Hundred Two (102) birthday.

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

3           **WHEREAS,** *Tan Joaquina Mata Espinosa Santos*, was born on January 4,  
4 1906 in *Malesso*, the second oldest of the seven (7) children of Ignacio Espinosa  
5 and Tomasa Mata; and

6           **WHEREAS,** on April 8, 1933, at the age of twenty-seven (27), *Tan*  
7 *Joaquina* was married to *Thomas Taitano Santos* in *Sumay*, beginning their long  
8 and loving life together spanning sixty-four (64) extra-ordinary years in the  
9 history of our island, during which time they raised five (5) children and  
10 reared a nephew and several nieces; and

11           **WHEREAS,** during the very difficult years of World War II, *Tan Joaquina*  
12 worked as a “pattera,” or nurse midwife, helping expectant mothers bring  
13 new lives into this world; and

14           **WHEREAS,** as a religious woman, *Tan Joaquina* also was actively  
15 involved in the Toto Confirmatory of Christian Mothers for many years; and

16           **WHEREAS,** during her lifetime *Tan Joaquina* was a personal witness to,  
17 and experienced many of the most important events in our island’s long  
18 history, including the occupation of Guam by the Imperial Japanese Army  
19 during World War II and the liberation of the *Chamorro* people by American  
20 forces; the advent of the Organic Act of Guam and the concurrent

1 establishment of an elected lawmaking body and civilian governance for our  
2 island; and

3         **WHEREAS**, she also was present for the lifting of the military security  
4 clearance, allowing for the growth and development of tourism, Guam’s  
5 major industry, and the rapid expansion of our island’s private sector; the  
6 establishment of a seat in the U.S. Congress for a delegate to represent the  
7 people of Guam; and the right to elect our own governors; and

8         **WHEREAS**, on January 4, 2008, *Tan Joaquina*, a woman of exceptional  
9 wisdom and life experiences, celebrated an incredible milestone, reaching her  
10 One Hundred Two (102) birthday; and

11         **WHEREAS**, although she no longer eats dried meat or chews betelnut,  
12 she does continue to enjoy her favorite island delicacies including fried fish,  
13 *Kadon Guihan*, *Alâguan*, *Atulai* and *Kâdon Mânok*, and still loves to drink coffee,  
14 and tell stories and jokes; and

15         **WHEREAS**, her son; Deacon Jose Santos, attributes his mother’s  
16 longevity to the strong bond that exists between *Tan Joaquina* and the  
17 members of her family, including ten (10) grandchildren, twenty (20) great-  
18 grandchildren, a great-great-grandchild and numerous nieces and nephews;  
19 now, therefore, be it

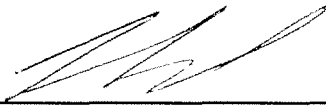
20         **RESOLVED**, that the Executive Committee of *I Mina’Bente Nuebi Na*  
21 *Liheslaturan Guâhan* does hereby, on behalf of *I Liheslaturan Guâhan* and the  
22 people of Guam, recognize and honor the long and eventful life of *Tan*

1 *Joaquina Mata Espinosa Santos* and her roles as a nurse midwife, as a mother,  
2 grandmother, great-grandmother, and as a wife of sixty-four (64) years to her  
3 loving husband, the late *Tun Thomas Taitano Santos*; and be it further

4 **RESOLVED**, that the Executive Committee of *I Mina'Bente Nuebi Na*  
5 *Liheslaturan Guåhan* does hereby, on behalf of *I Liheslaturan Guåhan* and the  
6 people of Guam, offer congratulations on the occasion of *Tan Joaquina Mata*  
7 *Espinosa Santos'* One Hundred Two (102) birthday; and be it further

8 **RESOLVED**, that the Speaker and the Chairman of the Executive  
9 Committee certify, and the Secretary of the Legislature attest to, the adoption  
10 hereof, and that copies of the same be thereafter transmitted to *Tan Joaquina*  
11 *Espinosa Mata Santos*; to Deacon Jose Santos; and to the Honorable Felix P.  
12 Camacho, *I Maga'lahaen Guåhan*.

**DULY AND REGULARLY ADOPTED BY THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE  
OF *I MINA'BENTE NUEBI NA LIHESLATURAN GUÅHAN* ON THE 8<sup>TH</sup>  
DAY OF JANUARY 2008.**



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**EDWARD J.B. CALVO**  
Acting Speaker and  
Chairman, Executive Committee



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**FRANK F. BLAS, JR.**  
Senator and Acting  
Secretary of the Legislature