

I MINA'BENTE NUEBI NA LIHESLATURAN GUÅHAN
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Executive Committee
Resolution No. 220

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Relative to commending and congratulating Mr. and Mrs. Lorenzo C. Cruz on the occasion of their Sixtieth (60th) "Diamond" Wedding Anniversary.

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

3 **WHEREAS, Lorenzo C. Cruz, also known as "*Tun Larry*" or "Mr.**
4 ***Cruz*", was born on November 26, 1928 to Francisco Salas Cruz and Romana**
5 **Santos Cruz; and**

6 **WHEREAS, Maria Cruz Materne, also known as "*Tan Maria*", "Mrs.**

1 Cruz", or as her family refers to her as "Mariquita or Tita" was born on
2 December 2, 1930 to Antonio Mafnas Materne and Dolores Mesa Cruz; and

3 **WHEREAS**, *Tun* Larry affectionately recalls that it was sixty (60) years
4 ago when he first saw *Tan* Maria, while they were attending George
5 Washington High School in Sinajana; and while there were three (3) other
6 girls he was courting, he knew that *Tan* Maria was the one he would marry
7 and it took some creative maneuvering to convince her that he was the right
8 man for her; and

9 **WHEREAS**, unlike *Tun* Larry, it was not love at first sight for *Tan* Maria
10 and she did not care for *Tun* Larry at the time and already had a boyfriend;
11 and

12 **WHEREAS**, *Tan* Maria knew that *Tun* Larry liked her because he
13 followed her everywhere and was always watching her, including one time
14 when he was driving and was eyeing her in the back seat of the car through
15 his rear view mirror; and

16 **WHEREAS**, there were other ways *Tun* Larry tried to win *Tan* Maria
17 over, including giving his cousin money to buy her treats which she knew
18 were really coming from *Tun* Larry; and

19 **WHEREAS**, after all the courting, it was when *Tun* Larry serenaded her
20 early in the morning at her home that *Tan* Maria fell in love with him and she
21 quit with her boyfriend to be with *Tun* Larry and asked her mother to allow
22 him to come to their home; and

23 **WHEREAS**, on June 28, 1948, they were married at Santa Barbara
24 Church in Dededo, in a wedding ceremony officiated by Father Mel

1 McCormick, OFM Cap; and

2 **WHEREAS**, the couple had seven (7) sons: the first born being a boy
3 who died at birth; Anthony Frank; Jlawrence; Henry Michael; Frank Edward;
4 who died at the age of two (2); Joseph Luis; and Daniel Gabriel. They also
5 included in their family several reared children and extended family: Doris
6 Materne Blas Aguon, Rosita Materne Iglesias, Marie Materne Camacho, Jesse
7 Bais and Theodore Bais; and

8 **WHEREAS**, they have sixteen (16) grandchildren and four (4) great-
9 grandchildren; and

10 **WHEREAS**, during the sixty (60) years of marriage, they opened their
11 home to many other family members to live with them and welcomed them as
12 part of their family; and

13 **WHEREAS**, as a young girl, *Tan* Maria was a member of the Sodality of
14 Mary for single girls, and once married, she became a full time housewife to
15 raise their children and take care of the family while *Tun* Larry worked long
16 hours as a taxi driver and later worked with the Federal Government, from
17 which he retired after thirty-nine (39) years; and

18 **WHEREAS**, *Tan* Maria and *Tun* Larry both agreed that the most
19 challenging times for them were when their children were off-island for
20 school and military, and the most precious times were when *Tun* Larry finally
21 retired and their children were all back on island and were all together as a
22 family; and

23 **WHEREAS**, after retirement with the Federal Government, *Tun* Larry
24 still desired to continue to work and for the past several years has worked

1 with numerous Senatorial Offices where he has been an important asset to the
2 staff of David Shimizu, Lou Leon Guerrero, and currently with ben
3 pangelinan; and

4 **WHEREAS**, old traditions remain during their years of marriage
5 including preparing good meals for the family and even to this day, *Tan* Maria
6 makes sure that *Tun* Larry has his meals ready for him every morning before
7 he goes to work at the office and when he comes home to get ready to work at
8 the ranch; and

9 **WHEREAS**, *Tan* Maria's occupation is housewife for sixty (60) years and
10 *Tun* Larry's official occupation is *Tan* Maria's assistant; now, therefore, be it

11 **RESOLVED**, that the Executive Committee of *I Mina'Bente Nuebi Na*
12 *Lihselaturan Guåhan* does hereby, on behalf of *I Lihselaturan Guåhan* and the
13 people of Guam, recognize that it is an admirable accomplishment for any
14 couple to stay together recognizing their steadfast commitment for each other
15 for these many years and that we all wish to emulate their love for one
16 another as a loving and supportive couple with their utmost belief that family
17 is the most important above everything else, we congratulate Mr. and Mrs.
18 Lorenzo C. Cruz on their Sixtieth (60th) "Diamond" Wedding Anniversary;
19 and be it further

20 **RESOLVED**, that the Speaker and the Chairperson of the Executive
21 Committee certify, and the Secretary of the Legislature attest to, the adoption
22 hereof, and that copies of the same be thereafter transmitted to Mr. and Mrs.
23 Lorenzo C. Cruz; and to the Honorable Felix P. Camacho, *I Maga'lahren*
24 *Guåhan*.

DULY AND REGULARLY ADOPTED BY THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE
OF *I MINA'BENTE NUEBI NA LIHESLATURAN GUÁHAN* ON THE 27TH
DAY OF JUNE 2008.



JUDITH T. WON PAT, Ed. D.
Speaker and
Chairperson, Executive Committee



TINA ROSE MUÑA BARNES
Senator and
Secretary of the Legislature