I MINA'BENTE ÑUEBI NA LIHESLATURAN GUÅHAN 2007 (FIRST) Regular Session

Executive Committee Resolution No. 30

Introduced by:

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Relative to recognizing the accomplishments and dedication of the late Honorable Rosa Aguigui Reyes, the first *Chamorro* woman to be elected to the First Guam Congress in 1946; and extending humble and sincere condolences to her family on behalf of *I Liheslaturan Guåhan* and the People of Guam.

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

3 WHEREAS, the late Honorable Rosa Aguigui Reyes was born on 4 February 7, 1915 to Bienvenida Mata Tyquiengco and Ignacio Babauta 5 Aguigui (both deceased); and

6 WHEREAS, Rosa Aguigui Reyes graduated from Agana High School
7 before World War II; and

8 WHEREAS, Rosa Aguigui Reyes attended the College of Guam, and 9 was part of its first graduating class, obtaining her Associate's Degree in 10 Education; and

WHEREAS, Rosa Aguigui Reyes attended the University of Hawaii as a
grant recipient and received a distinguished award; and

WHEREAS, the University of Guam conferred upon her an Honorary
 Doctorate of Humane Letters in recognition of her pioneering achievements
 and accomplishments; and

WHEREAS, in 1946, Rosa Aguigui Reyes was the first *Chamorro* woman
to be elected to the First Guam Congress; and

WHEREAS, Rosa Aguigui Reyes was instrumental in assisting Laura
Thompson on the publication of her book on the anthropology of Guam's
history and culture, thus passing her knowledge and wisdom to the people of
Guam; and

WHEREAS, Rosa Aguigui Reyes was an educator for thirty-three (33)
years and a principal for eleven (11) years with the Guam Public School
System; and

WHEREAS, she positively influenced many of Guam's children so that,
 in 1983, she became one of the earliest inductees to the Guam Educators' Hall
 of Fame; and

WHEREAS, Rosa Aguigui Reyes was very active in the upkeep and
beautification of San Dimas Parish and participated in the preparation of the
village fiestas for visitors who came to celebrate the village Patron Saint's Day;
and

8 WHEREAS, Rosa Aguigui Reyes considered all the people in her life as 9 family, those younger than her, she considered them her children, those of her 10 peers, her brothers and sisters, and she loved them all unconditionally; and

WHEREAS, Rosa Aguigui Reyes shared her knowledge and wisdom of the *Chamorro* language, culture, and traditions with the people of Guam, but more importantly, helped instill in them a deep sense of honor and respect for one another; and

15 WHEREAS, Rosa Aguigui Reyes is survived by the love of her life, her 16 spouse, Ignacio Mendiola Reyes, former Commissioner of *Malesso* and by 17 many family members and friends; now, therefore, be it

18 **RESOLVED**, that *I Mina'Bente Ñuebi Na Liheslaturan Guåhan* is hereby 19 authorized to pay funeral expenses for the late Rosa Aguigui Reyes, *not* to 20 exceed Ten Thousand Dollars (\$10,000.00); and be it further

RESOLVED, that the Executive Committee of *I Mina'Bente Ñuebi Na Liheslaturan Guåhan* does hereby, on behalf of *I Liheslaturan Guåhan* and the
 people of Guam, recognize the outstanding contributions of the first *Chamorro*

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woman to be elected to the First Guam Congress in 1946 and extends humbleand sincere condolences to the Reyes and Aguigui families; and be it further

RESOLVED, that the Speaker and the Chairman of the Executive
Committee certify, and the Secretary of the Legislature attest to, the adoption
hereof, and that copies of the same be thereafter transmitted to her husband,
Ignacio Mendiola Reyes; to the Merizo Mayor's Office; and to the Honorable
Felix P. Camacho, *I Maga'lahen Guåhan*.

DULY AND REGULARLY ADOPTED BY THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE OF I MINA'BENTE ÑUEBI NA LIHESLATURAN GUÅHAN ON THE 7th DAY OF FEBRUARY 2007.

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Speaker and Chairman, Executive Committee

RAY TENORIO

Senator and Secretary of the Legislature