

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

Executive Committee
Resolution No. 44

Introduced by:

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Relative to congratulating former Speaker Carlos P. Taitano on his Ninetieth (90th) Birthday and to conveying to him the gratitude of the people of Guam for his numerous contributions to the political, economic, and cultural development of the island.

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

3 **WHEREAS,** former Speaker Carlos P. Taitano, who will be celebrating
4 his Ninetieth (90th) Birthday this year, was born on March 14, 1917, the son of
5 the late Jose San Nicolas Taitano and the late Dolores Diaz Pangelinan of
6 *Hagåtña*; and

1 **WHEREAS**, he attended the Number One School aka: the Governor
2 Leary School, Dorn Hall, the Almacén, Seaton Schroeder, and the Guam
3 Institute before graduating from McKinley High School in Hawaii and
4 received a B. S. from the University of Hawaii; and

5 **WHEREAS**, he was in graduate school and working as a Police Chemist
6 when the Second World War began; and

7 **WHEREAS**, with the nation at war and Guam in enemy hands, Speaker
8 Taitano joined the U.S. Army under General Douglas MacArthur and became
9 one of the first three (3) *Chamorros* to be commissioned as a military officers;
10 and

11 **WHEREAS**, he participated in the liberation of the Philippines as part of
12 a Special Unit assigned to Tagatay Ridge; and

13 **WHEREAS**, following assignments to post-war Manila Army
14 headquarters and Fort Ruger in Hawaii, he was stationed in 1946 at Ft. Mead,
15 Maryland, where he married Marian Agueda Johnston and the couple
16 returned home to Guam; and

17 **WHEREAS**, Speaker Taitano later graduated from Georgetown Law
18 School and became a practicing attorney and successful businessman; and

19 **WHEREAS**, Speaker Taitano served in the pre-Organic Act Guam
20 Congress, where he organized the historic Guam Congress Walkout on March
21 5, 1949, protesting fifty (50) years of arbitrary rule under the U.S. military
22 government; and

1 **WHEREAS**, this protest led to the enactment of the Guam Organic Act,
2 which granted U.S. citizenship and established a democratically elected
3 government for the people of Guam; and

4 **WHEREAS**, Speaker Taitano was the only *Chamorro* present in the
5 White House on August 1, 1950 for the signing of the Guam Organic Act by
6 President Harry S. Truman; and

7 **WHEREAS**, Speaker Taitano served in the Third (3rd) Guam Legislature
8 and, following his election to the Eighth (8th) Guam Legislature, was chosen
9 Speaker by his Colleagues; and

10 **WHEREAS**, as Speaker of the Eighth (8th) Guam Legislature, he testified
11 before U.S. Congressional Committees in 1965, advocating the creation of the
12 elected offices of Governor of Guam and Delegate to the U.S. House of
13 Representatives, both of which were later achieved; and

14 **WHEREAS**, Speaker Taitano has, throughout his life, championed noble
15 causes, including decolonization, self-determination and political rights for
16 the people of Guam; and

17 **WHEREAS**, Speaker Taitano has long held a passionate interest in
18 Guam's history and culture and has actively promoted our island's culture;
19 and

20 **WHEREAS**, included among the many awards and commendations
21 bestowed upon Carlos P. Taitano are the following: Founder, Historian and
22 Honorary Lifetime Member, *Pa'a Taotao Tano'*; Honorary Doctorate of Laws
23 from the University of Guam; one of the first to serve as President of the
24 Guam Bar Association; Cultural Heritage Award, Fiftieth (50th) Anniversary
25 of the Organic Act Commemorative Ceremony; 1994 *Maga'lahi* Award in

1 Special Recognition for Lifetime Cultural Contribution; member, Governor's
2 Council of Elders; and Diplôme D' Honneur presented by the President of
3 French Polynesia; *Haleta Series "I Manfayi: Who's Who in Chamorro History"*;
4 and the National Register's "Who's Who In Executives and Professionals,"
5 2004 Edition; and

6 **WHEREAS**, his many cultural achievements include: Conceiver and
7 Consultant of "*Guahu Taotao Tano*", presenting three (3) periods of Marianas
8 history, "*The Taotao Tano', Spanish, and the American*" which was performed in
9 Guam in 1984 and again at the Festival of Pacific Arts in Tahiti in 1986; and

10 **WHEREAS**, Speaker Carlos Taitano's other cultural achievements
11 include: Producer-Director, 1949 Pageant – "History of Guam in Songs and
12 Dances", Guam; Owner, 1957-1962 Micronesian Village Art Gallery and Gift
13 Shop, Guam; Conceiver, Choreographer and Consultant – Performance
14 "*Na'La'La I Taotao Tano'*" Third (3rd) Annual Pacific Islander Festival of Los
15 Angeles, 1993; Consultant, 1997 – Cultural Authenticity and Presentation –
16 Seventh (7th) Annual Pacific Islander Festival, Los Angeles; acting as
17 consultant for various cultural events in Hawaii, Tahiti and the Cook Islands;
18 and

19 **WHEREAS**, Speaker Taitano has also been the Founder of the Guam
20 Territorial Society in Washington D.C.; Guam Delegate to the South Pacific
21 Conference, New Guinea, 1965; Consultant and Benefactor – 1998 Pacific
22 American Foundation Leadership Center of the Charles Drucker School of
23 Management, Claremont University; Past President of the Guam Bar
24 Association; Past President of the Rotary Club of Guam; Past Chairman, Board

1 of Trustees, Guam Memorial Hospital; and Past President, Reserve Officers
2 Association of Guam; among other positions; and

3 **WHEREAS**, Speaker Taitano's published works include: manuscript
4 submittals – "Political and Cultural History of the *Chamorro* People,"
5 University of the South Pacific, Suva, Fiji and the University of Guam; "Status
6 Tensions Between Guam and the United States: Participant-Observer
7 Accounts," in *Guam History: Perspectives: Volume One 1997*, Micronesia
8 Area Research Center, University of Guam; *Hale'-ta Series "Issues in Guam's
9 Political Developmental"* Volume 1, 1993, Political Status Education
10 Coordinating Commission, Guam; U.S. Congressional Record:
11 "Commemoration of hundred years of U.S. Rule in Guam," August 6, 1998;
12 and

13 **WHEREAS**, Speaker Taitano is the father of three (3) children: Linda
14 Carleen Taitano Reyes, married to Joaquin Guevara Reyes; Carl William
15 Taitano, married to Claudia Bast Taitano; and Tyrone Johnston Taitano
16 married to Kelly G. Marsh; and is grandfather of: Victor John Lujan II and
17 Lagrimas Flores Lujan, Dana Taitano Lujan and Teresita Paulino Lujan, Carlos
18 Benjamin Taitano, Livia Diana Taitano and Kathryn Agueda Taitano; and
19 great-grandfather of Joshua Paulino Lujan, Dominic Cheyne Lujan, Adryan
20 Paulino Lujan, Victor John Lujan III and Daryn Paulino Lujan; and

21 **WHEREAS**, Speaker Taitano is brother to the following who have
22 departed this life: Jose Pangelinan Taitano and Darling Makaena Taitano and
23 Nora Goo Taitano; Francisco Pangelinan Taitano and Nani Santos Taitano;
24 Juan Pangelinan; Taitano and Trinidad Quinata Taitano; Ramon Pangelinan
25 Taitano and Rosabella Villagomez Taitano; Maria Taitano San Agustin and

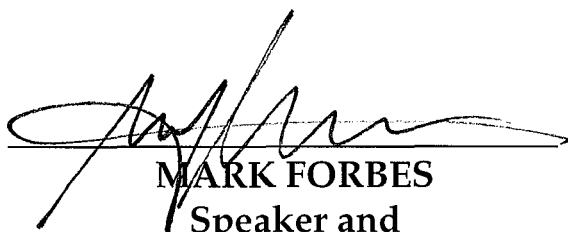
1 Candido Sanchez San Agustin; Ana Taitano Javier and Jose Pangelinan Javier;
2 Enrique Pangelinan Taitano; Rafael Pangelinan Taitano and Maria Guevara
3 Taitano; Rosa P. Taitano; Rita P. Taitano; Joaquin Pangelinan Taitano; and
4 Mary Estrella Costa Taitano (wife of Joaquin Taitano) who still survives today;
5 now, therefore, be it

6 **RESOLVED**, that the Executive Committee of *I Mina'Bente Nuebi Na*
7 *Lihselaturan Guåhan* does hereby, on behalf of *I Lihselaturan Guåhan* and the
8 people of Guam, convey its best wishes to former Speaker Carlos P. Taitano
9 on the occasion of his Ninetieth (90th) Birthday; and be it further

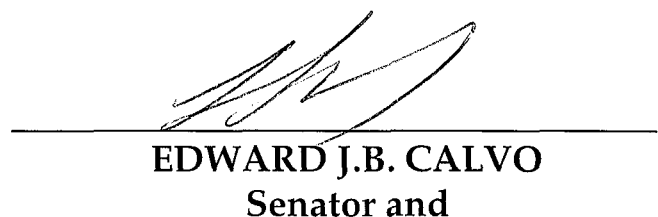
10 **RESOLVED**, that *I Mina'Bente Nuebi Na Lihselaturan Guåhan* further
11 expresses the gratitude of the people of Guam to Speaker Carlos P. Taitano for
12 his many contributions to Guam's political, economic, and cultural
13 development; and be it further

14 **RESOLVED**, that the Speaker and the Chairman of the Executive
15 Committee certify, and the Secretary of the Legislature attest to, the adoption
16 hereof, and that copies of the same be thereafter transmitted to the Honorable
17 Carlos P. Taitano; and to the Honorable Felix P. Camacho, *I Maga'lahaen*
18 *Guåhan*.

**DULY AND REGULARLY ADOPTED BY THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE
OF I MINA'BENTE NUEBI NA LIHESLATURAN GUÅHAN ON THE 5TH
DAY OF MARCH 2007.**


MARK FORBES
Speaker and

Chairman, Executive Committee


EDWARD J.B. CALVO
Senator and

Acting Secretary of the Legislature