

**MINA'BENTE NUEBI NA LIHESLATURAN GUÅHAN
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**Relative to commending and congratulating Mr. and Mrs. Lorenzo C. Cruz
on the occasion of their 60th "Diamond" Wedding Anniversary.**

BE IT RESOLVED BY I LIHESLATURAN GUÅHAN:

WHEREAS, Lorenzo C. Cruz was born on November 26, 1928 (also known as Tun Larry or Mr. Cruz) to Francisco Salas Cruz and Romana Santos Cruz; and

WHEREAS, Maria Cruz Materne, born on December 2, 1930 (also known as Tan Maria, Mrs. Cruz or as family refer to her as Mariquita or Tita,) to Antonio Mafnas Materne and Dolores Mesa Cruz; and

WHEREAS, it happened over sixty (60) years ago as Tun Larry affectionately recalls the first time he saw Tan Maria while they were attending George Washington. High School in Sinajana, there were three other girls he was courting but knew that she was the one he would marry and it took some creative maneuvering to convince her that he was the right man for her; and

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

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

WHEREAS, there were other ways Tun Larry tried to win Tan Maria over including giving his cousin money to buy her treats but she knew it was really coming from Tun Larry; and

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

WHEREAS, on June 28, 1948 they were married at Santa Barbara Church in Dededo, in a wedding ceremony officiated by Father Mel McCormick, OFM Cap; and

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

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

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

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

13 **WHEREAS**, Tan Maria and Tun Larry both agree that the most challenging times for them
14 were when their children were off island for school and military and the most precious times were
15 when Tun Larry finally retired and their children were all back on island and they were together as a
16 family; and

17 **WHEREAS**, after retirement with the Federal Government, Tun Larry still desired to
18 continue to work and for the past several years has worked with numerous senatorial offices where
19 he has been an important asset to the staff of Dave Shimizu, Lou Leon Guerrero and currently with
20 ben pangelinan; and

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

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

27 **RESOLVED**, that *I Mina'Bente Nuebi Na Liheslaturan Guåhan* does hereby, on behalf of
28 the people of Guam, recognize that it is an admirable accomplishment for any couple to stay together
29 recognizing their steadfast commitment for each other for these many years and that we all wish to
30 emulate their love for one another as a loving and supportive couple with their utmost belief that

1 family is the most important above everything else, we congratulate Mr. and Mrs. Lorenzo C. Cruz
2 on their 60th Wedding Anniversary; and be it further
3 **RESOLVED**, that the Speaker certify, and the Secretary of the Legislature attest to, the
4 adoption hereof and that copies of the same be thereafter transmitted to the Honorable Felix P.
5 Camacho, I *Maga'lahren Guahan*.

DULY AND REGULARLY ADOPTED BY I MINA'BENTE NUEBI NA LIHESLATURAN
GUAHAN ON THE ___ DAY OF _____, 2008.

Judith T. Won Pat, Ed.D
Speaker

Tina Muna Barnes
Senator and Legislative Secretary