

I MINA'BENTE NUEBI NA LIHESLATURAN GUÅHAN
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Introduced by:

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

BE IT RESOLVED BY I MINA'BENTE NUEBI NA LIHESLATURAN GUÅHAN:

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

WHEREAS, he attended the Number One School (later the Governor Leary School), Dorn Hall, the Almacen, Seaton Schroeder, and the Guam Institute before graduating from McKinley High School in Hawaii, and continued his education at the University of Hawaii, where he received his B.S.; and

WHEREAS, he was in graduate school and working as a police chemist when the Second World War began; and

WHEREAS, with the nation at war and Guam in enemy hands, Speaker Taitano joined the U.S. Army under Gen. Douglas MacArthur and became one of the first three Chamorros to be commissioned military officers; and

WHEREAS, he participated in the liberation of the Philippines and was sent as part of a special unit assigned to Tagatay Ridge as part of the liberation effort; and

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

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

WHEREAS, Speaker Taitano served in the pre-Organic Act Guam Congress, where he became known for engineering the historic Guam Congress Walkout on March 5, 1949, protesting 50 years of arbitrary rule under the U.S. military government; and

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

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

WHEREAS, Speaker Taitano served in the Third Guam Legislature and following his election to the Eighth Guam Legislature he was chosen Speaker by his colleagues; and

WHEREAS, as Speaker of the Eighth Guam Legislature, he testified before U.S. Congressional Committees in 1965 advocating the creation of the elected offices of Governor of Guam and Delegate to the U.S. House of Representatives, both of which were later achieved; and

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

WHEREAS, Speaker Taitano has long held a passionate interest in Guam's history and culture and has taken active part in the development and promotion of our island's culture; and

WHEREAS, included among the many awards and commendations bestowed upon Carlos Taitano are the following: Founder, Historian and Honorary Lifetime Member, *Pa'a Taotao Tano'*; Honorary Doctorate of Laws from the University of Guam; one of the first to serve as President of the Guam Bar Association; Cultural Heritage Award, 50th Anniversary of the

Organic Act Commemorative Ceremony; 1994 *Maga'lahi* Award in Special Recognition for Lifetime Cultural Contribution; member, Governor's Council of Elders; and Diplôme D' Honneur presented by the President of French Polynesia; *Haleta* Series "*I Manfayi: Who's Who in Chamorro History,*" and the National Register's "*Who's Who In Executive and Professionals,*" 2004 Edition; and

WHEREAS, among his many cultural achievements and contributions includes: Conceiver and Consultant of "*Guahu Taotao Tano*" presenting three periods of Marianas history, "*The Taotao Tano', Spanish, and the American*" which was performed in Guam in 1984 and at the Festival of Pacific Arts in Tahiti in 1986; and

WHEREAS, Carlos Taitano's other cultural achievements include: Producer-Director, 1949 Pageant – "*History of Guam in Songs and Dances*", Guam; Owner, 1957-1962 Micronesian Village Art Gallery and Gift Shop, Guam; Conceiver, Choreographer and Consultant – Performance "*Na'La'La I Taotao Tano*" Third Annual Pacific Islander Festival of Los Angeles, 1993; Consultant, 1997 – Cultural Authenticity and Presentation – 7th Annual Pacific Islander Festival, Los Angeles; Consultant for various cultural events in Hawaii, Tahiti and the Cook Islands; just to name a few of his achievements; and

WHEREAS, Speaker Taitano has also been the Founder of the Guam Territorial Society in Washington D.C.; Guam Delegate to the South Pacific Conference, New Guinea, 1965; Consultant and Benefactor – 1998 Pacific American Foundation Leadership Center of the Charles Drucker School of Management, Claremont University; Past President of the Guam Bar Association; Past President of the Rotary Club of Guam; Past Chairman, Board of Trustees, Guam Memorial Hospital; Past President, Reserve Officers Association of Guam; among other positions; and

WHEREAS, Speaker Taitano's published works include: manuscript submittals – "Political and Cultural History of the Chamorro People," University of the South Pacific, Suva, Fiji and the University of Guam; "Status Tensions Between Guam and the United States: Participant-Observer Accounts," in *Guam History: Perspectives: Volume One 1997*, Micronesia Area Research Center, University of Guam; *Hale'-ta Series "Issues in Guam's Political Development" Volume 1, 1993*, Political Status Education Coordinating Commission, Guam; U.S. Congressional Record: "Commemoration of 100 years of U.S. Rule in Guam," August 6, 1998; and

WHEREAS, Speaker Taitano is father to Linda Carleen Taitano Reyes and Joaquin Guevara Reyes; Carl William Taitano and Claudia Bast Taitano; and Tyrone Johnston Taitano and Kelly G. Marsh; grandfather to: Victor John Lujan II and Lagrimas Flores Lujan, Dana Taitano Lujan and

Teresita Paulino Lujan, Carlos Benjamin Taitano, Livia Diana Taitano and Kathryn Agueda Taitano; and he has five great-grandchildren: Joshua Paulino Lujan, Dominic Cheyne Lujan, Adryan Paulino Lujan, Victor John Lujan III and Daryn Paulino Lujan; and

WHEREAS, Speaker Taitano is brother to the following who have departed this life: Jose Pangelinan Taitano and Darling Makaena Taitano and Nora Goo Taitano, Francisco Pangelinan Taitano and Nani Santos Taitano, Juan Pangelinan. Taitano and Trinidad Quinata Taitano, Ramon Pangelinan Taitano and Rosabella Villagomez Taitano, Maria Taitano San Agustin and Candido Sanchez San Agustin, Ana Taitano Javier and Jose Pangelinan Javier, Enrique Pangelinan Taitano, Rafael Pangelinan Taitano and Maria Guevara Taitano, Rosa P. Taitano, Rita P. Taitano, Joaquin Pangelinan Taitano; and Mary Estrella Costa Taitano (wife of Joaquin Taitano) who still survives today; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that *I Mina'Bente Nuebi Na Liheslaturan Guåhan* does hereby, on behalf of the people of Guam, convey its best wishes and regards to former Speaker Carlos P. Taitano on the occasion of his 90th birthday; and be it further

RESOLVED, that *I Mina'Bente Nuebi Na Liheslaturan Guåhan* does further wish to express the gratitude of the people of Guam to Speaker

Taitano for his many contributions and endeavors on behalf of Guam's political, economic, and cultural development; 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 the Honorable Carlos P. Taitano and to the Honorable Felix P. Camacho, *I Maga'lahaen Guåhan.*

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