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Executive Committee
Resolution No. 95

Introduced by:

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Relative to commending and congratulating the Honorable Antonio "Tony" M. Palomo, on the occasion of his retirement from the Guam Museum, for his many years of service to the island community as a journalist, senator, public servant, historian and model citizen; and to expressing a heartfelt *Un Dangkulo Na Si Yu'os Ma'åse* from *I Liheslaturan Guåhan* on behalf of the people of Guam, for his lifelong dedication, documentation, and protection of the *Chamorro* language, culture, traditions, identity and history.

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

3 **WHEREAS**, the Honorable Antonio "Tony" M. Palomo of Hagatna is married to the former
4 Margarita Balajadia Manibusan of Sinajana, together they were blessed with ten (10) children,
5 Antonio, Victoria, Roman, Juan, Simeon, Jose, Verona, Eloy, Nicholas, and Viviana (dec.), their
6 spouses, and 13 grandchildren; and

7 **WHEREAS**, Tony Palomo grew up in the island's capital of Hagatna and attended Padre
8 Palomo and Agana Elementary Schools, the George Washington Senior High School; and was
9 enrolled at Belmont Abbey Preparatory School in Belmont, North Carolina, in 1954 Tony earned his
10 Bachelors degree from the College of Journalism at Marquette University, Wisconsin; and

11 **WHEREAS**, whilst enrolled in college, Tony Palomo embarked on a professional career that
12 would shape his future. In the early 1950's, he worked as a full-time copyboy at the Milwaukee
13 Sentinel, upon his return to Guam, the learned Palomo mapped his destiny by becoming a witness
14 and recorder of island history and all that was Guåhan through his employment with the Guam Daily
15 News, predecessor of today's mammoth Pacific Daily News. From 1954 to 1963, Palomo worked
16 through the ranks at the publication from proofreader, to general assignment reporter, to sports
17 editor, and assistant managing editor, Tony Palomo did it all. He also served as the Guam
18 correspondent for The Associated Press during the same period and as a stringer for the Pacific Stars
19 and Stripes; and

1 **WHEREAS**, Tony Palomo would further his career in Media and ascend to the rank of
2 editor of several publications including the Pacific Journal, a daily newspaper; editor and publisher
3 of the Pacific Profile, a monthly magazine; editor of the Pacifican, a weekly newspaper. Palomo also
4 authored a book entitled, "An Island In Agony," which portrayed the lives of the people of Guam the
5 Japanese occupation of World War II. As well, Palomo was senior editor of "Guam Remembers," a
6 publication that commemorated the golden anniversary of the liberation of Guam and served as the
7 editor of "Defense of Guam," a publication that commemorated the heroics of the Guam Insular
8 Guards and American servicemen who defended the island in vain at the onslaught of WWII; and

9 **WHEREAS**, Tony Palomo served the people of Guam as a public servant and held various
10 governmental posts throughout his distinguished career, he worked as a Special Assistant to Gov.
11 Carlos G. Camacho, the island's first elected Governor, and served as the Administrative director of
12 the Eighth (8th) Guam Legislature, and Records Management Administrator; and

13 **WHEREAS**, the Honorable Antonio "Tony" M. Palomo was elected to the 12th, 14th and 15th
14 Guam Legislatures and chaired the legislative Committee on Territorial and Federal Affairs, which
15 spearheaded the movement for a change in the political status of the people of Guam. Palomo also
16 chaired the legislature's Committee on Rules. He was a member of the first Commission on Self-
17 Determination, and co-chaired a Guam-Northern Marianas legislative conference. He served briefly
18 as general manager of the Guam Tourist Commission, predecessor of the Guam Visitors Bureau; and

19 **WHEREAS**, Mr. Palomo has represented Guam's interest in a variety of venues including as
20 Guam's delegate to the South Pacific Conference held in Noumea, New Caledonia, in 1969; advisor
21 to the U.S. delegation to the South Pacific Commission; was President of the First Constitutional
22 Convention of Guam (1969) which reviewed and recommended changes to the Organic Act of
23 Guam, a federally-enacted constitution. He was a special assistant to the Assistant Secretary of the
24 U.S. Department of the Interior (1982 to 1985). And served as the desk officer for American Samoa,
25 and the U.S. Virgin Islands. He worked as field representative for the Department of the Interior in
26 Guam and served briefly as the acting assistant secretary of Interior for Territorial and International
27 Affairs; and

28 **WHEREAS**, Tony Palomo chaired the Political Status Education Coordinating
29 Commission, which published the "Haleta" (roots) series of historical texts for use by the island's
30 school system, and was the Chairman of the Board of Trustees of the Guam Museum (1993-94);
31 and

32 **WHEREAS**, In addition to his current service as the administrator of the Guam Museum,
33 Antonio M. Palomo is a History of Guam instructor at the University of Guam and the Guam
34 Community College, and is certified to teach History of Guam by the University of San Diego.

1 Palomo is a member of the Chamorro Historic Society, the Guam Humanities Council, the
2 Chamorro Heritage Institute Planning Group, the Manenggon Memorial Foundation, the Fena
3 Memorial Committee, and the Guam Preservation Trust. As well, Tony Palomo is a member of
4 the Council on Cultural Tourism, the Guam Visitors Bureau Subcommittee on Cultural Affairs,
5 and served on the Subcommittees on Community Development, Vision 2001 and 2005;
6 Committee on Cultural and Family Values, and the Committee on Education and Culture under
7 the Cabinet Empowerment Program. He is a regular lecturer on contemporary issues during
8 public forums in Guam and abroad, he serves as the corporate secretary of the Latte of Freedom
9 Foundation. MR. Palomo is a recognized as an authority on Chamorro customary law by the
10 Superior Court of the Northern Marianas; and

11 **WHEREAS**, Mr. Palomo is a member of the Knights of Columbus, and served as grand
12 knight, deputy grand knight, recorder, and trustee, he is a member of the Young Men's League of
13 Guam and held the posts of director, historian, and Chairman of the Council of Elders. He is a past
14 member of the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks, and the Rotary Club of Tumon; and

15 **WHEREAS**, Tony Palomo's resume of community service is long and distinguished, he is a
16 past president of the Northwest Little League, Guam's Little League champions, 1973 that advanced
17 to competitions in South Korea. He was past president of the Academy of Our Lady PTA, and the
18 St. Anthony School PTA; past chairman of the St. Anthony Parish Council; and former member of
19 the Tamuning-Tumon Municipal Planning Council. He is a past member of the Andersen Air Force
20 Base Advisory Council and served on the Government of Guam Retirement Fund Board, he was a
21 member of the Liberation Day Committee on several occasions, the Governor's Centennial Task
22 Force, which developed and implemented plans for the observance of the 100th anniversary of the
23 change of sovereignty over Guam from Spain to the United States, among the centennial projects
24 was the re-enactment of the seizure of Guam by American forces on June 21,1898, during the
25 Spanish-American War. And served as the chairman of the board, Guam Humanities Council, and
26 chaired the Committee on My History is Guam's History; and

27 **WHEREAS**, Mr. Palomo's community engagement is not limited to the island of Guam, he
28 is a member of the President's Club, Washington, D.C. He was a member of the Quincentennial
29 Commission, organized to commemorate the 500th anniversary of Christopher Columbus' voyage to
30 the New World. He was a member of Guam's delegation to the Hispanic Asia-Pacific Cultural
31 Conferences held in Manila, Philippines, in 1992 and in Madrid, Spain, in 1999. He was among
32 special guests at the East-West Center, University of Hawaii, during discussions of the Pacific
33 islanders' perspective with respect to World War II, and is a past member of the American
34 Newspaper Guild, Milwaukee chapter; and

1 **WHEREAS**, Tony Palomo has earned numerous accolades for his lifelong work including
2 legislative commendations for excellence in newspaper reporting; excellence as presiding officer of
3 the First Constitutional Convention; excellence in the handling of a press corps during a presidential
4 visit to Guam, by President Richard M. Nixon. He won a best editorial award issued by the Guam
5 Press Club while serving as editor of the Pacific Journal. He was a charter member of the Guam
6 Press Club. He’s listed in Who's Who in American Politics, Who's Who in Oceania, and Who's Who
7 in Chamorro History; and

8 **WHEREAS**, Tony Palomo is a pillar of the island community, he is recognized as a devout
9 husband, loving father, and faithful Christian. He is a Chamorro, a statesman, a professional
10 journalist, and a respected historian who possesses unmatched institutional knowledge and
11 experience in the documentation of the island’s rich history. Mr. Palomo is held as the foremost
12 authority of our island of yesteryear and is a fine example for all; now therefore be it

13 **RESOLVED**, that the *Executive Committee of I Mina Bente Nuebi Na Liheslaturan Guåhan*
14 does hereby, on behalf of the people of Guam, commend and congratulate the Honorable Antonio
15 “Tony” M. Palomo, and family, on the occasion of his retirement from the Guam Museum, and for
16 his many years of service a to the island community as a journalist, senator, public servant, historian
17 and model citizen; and be it further

18 **RESOLVED**, that the *Executive Committee of I Mina Bente Nuebi Na Liheslaturan Guåhan*
19 does hereby, on behalf of the people of Guam, express a heartfelt *Un Dangkulo Na Si Yu’us Ma’åse*
20 to Mr. Palomo for his lifelong dedication, documentation, and protection of the *Chamorro* language,
21 culture, traditions, identity and rich history; and be it further

22 **RESOLVED**, that the Speaker and the Secretary of the Legislature attests to, the adoption
23 hereof and that copies of the same be thereafter transmitted to the Honorable Antonio “Tony” M.
24 Palomo, his wife Margarita and family; to Ms. Thelma Hechanova, President (Acting), Department
25 of Chamorro Affairs; and to the Honorable Felix P. Camacho, *I Maga’ lahen Guåhan*.

MARK FORBES
Speaker

RAY TENORIO
Senator and Secretary of the Legislature