

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

Executive Committee
Resolution No. 97

Introduced by:

James V. Espaldon
Edward J. B. Calvo
Frank F. Blas Jr.

Relative to recognizing the accomplishments and dedication of the late Ruben D. Basilio, M.D., affectionally known as "Dr. B." or "Uncle Doctor", to the island community and the medical profession; and to extending humble and sincere condolences to his loving wife Lourdes and family on behalf of *I Liheslaturan Guåhan* and the people of Guam.

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

1 WHEREAS, the late Ruben D. Basilio, M.D. was born on September 13, 1936 and
2 called to rest on Sunday, June 3, 2007 at the age of 70; and

3 WHEREAS, Dr. Basilio's legacy will live on in the hearts and memories of his loving
4 wife Lourdes Cruz Basilio, their children, spouses and family: his daughter, Rita Mae and
5 husband Andrew Chan and grandchildren Nicholas and Elena; his son David and wife
6 Lori and grandson Anthony; his son Nino and wife Christi and granddaughters, Marissa
7 and Hannah; and youngest daughter Beata and husband William Triplett; and

8 WHEREAS, Dr. Basilio earned his Doctor of Medicine Degree from the University
9 of St. Tomas, College of Medicine and Surgery, Manila, Philippines in 1961, and shortly
10 thereafter, passed the Philippine Medical Board. The young doctor conducted his
11 Residency in Internal Medicine at the Veterans Memorial Hospital in Quezon City, PI from
12 1961- 1963; and

1 **WHEREAS**, Dr. Basilio Interned at Coney Island Hospital, Brooklyn, New York,
2 New York from 1963-1964 and conducted his Residency in Internal Medicine at Brooklyn
3 Veterans Affairs Hospital, Brooklyn, NY, NY from 1964 -1967. In 1968 he was appointed as
4 a Fellow in the Renal and Electrolyte Section (Nephrology) at the Brooklyn VA Hospital,
5 and in Gastro-Enterology at the Brookdale Hospital and Medical Center, State University of
6 New York, College of Medicine; and

7 **WHEREAS**, in 1970, Dr. Basilio returned to his roots after he accepted an
8 appointment as Chief of Nephrology at the Veterans Memorial Hospital in Quezon City,
9 PI, and pioneered the First (1st) Dialysis Unit while he served as the Medical Director of the
10 institution, In 1972, Dr. Basilio was the Nephrologist for the team who conducted the
11 inaugural Renal transplant in the Philippines; and

12 **WHEREAS**, in 1974, Ruben D. Basilio, M.D. brought his expertise and his family to
13 the island of Guam at the invitation and under the sponsorship of the late Honorable
14 Senator Ernesto M. Espaldon, M.D., F.A.C.S; and

15 **WHEREAS**, within a year of his relocation to the island, Dr. Basilio established the
16 First (1st) Dialysis Unit on Guam and served as the Hemodialysis Medical Director at the
17 Guam Memorial Hospital; and

18 **WHEREAS**, in 1975, Dr. Ruben Basilio partnered with Dr. Benjamin Sison and
19 opened the first of his private practices on Guam, the ITC Clinic, located at the
20 International Trade Center in Tamuning; and

21 **WHEREAS**, in 1981, Dr. Basilio was the Medical Director of the first Health
22 Maintenance Organization for the island - Doing Business As: the Guam Memorial Health
23 Plan; and

24 **WHEREAS**, Dr. Basilio expanded his care for the convenience of the island
25 community as the founder of the former Pacific Dialysis Corporation in Dededo, the Guam
26 Renal Care, in Hagatna, the Guam Dialysis Center in Tamuning and most recently, through

1 a partnership with Dr. Saied Safa, M.D.; the Pacific Medical Group which was opened in
2 2005 and offers a full range of Medicinal practices; and

3 **WHEREAS**, Dr. Basilio’s vision and foresight has contributed greatly to the island
4 community, he maintained his steadfast commitment to improving the quality of life and
5 health of the people of Guam through his efforts and work; and

6 **WHEREAS**, Dr. Basilio was an engaged member of the community, a member of the
7 Guam Medical Society, and an advisor to the Guam Renal Organization, he enjoyed the
8 fullness of life, and tennis, and was an avid fan of the San Antonio Spurs of NBA fame; and

9 **WHEREAS**, Dr. Basilio’s healing hands and quiet strength touched the hearts of all
10 who had the privilege of knowing him, known as a loving and supportive husband and
11 father, a generous and constant friend, “Dr. B” is held as a selfless and dedicated doctor by
12 his patients and an esteemed and respected physician by his colleagues, whose nurses and
13 staff viewed him as their strongest supporter and champion. He has improved the lives of
14 many in our community; now therefore be it

15 **RESOLVED**, the Executive Committee of *I Mina Bente Nuebi Na Liheslaturan Guåhan*,
16 on behalf of the people of Guam, does hereby recognize the outstanding contributions,
17 legacy, and service of the late Ruben D. Basilio, M.D., affectionally known as “Dr. B.” or
18 “Uncle Doctor”, to the island community and the medical profession; and be it further

19 **RESOLVED**, the Executive Committee of *I Mina Bente Nuebi Na Liheslaturan Guåhan*,
20 on behalf of the people of Guam, does hereby extend humble and sincere condolences to
21 the Basilio family; and be it further

22 **RESOLVED**, that the Speaker certify, and the Legislative Secretary attest to, the
23 adoption hereof and that copies of the same be thereafter transmitted to his loving wife
24 Lourdes Cruz Basilio, their children, spouses and family: Rita Mae and husband Andrew
25 Chan and grandchildren Nicholas and Elena; his son David and wife Lori and grandson
26 Anthony; his son Nino and wife Christi and granddaughters, Marissa and Hannah; and

1 youngest daughter Beata and husband William Triplett; and to the Guam Renal Care, the
2 Guam Dialysis Center the Pacific Medical Group; the Robert F. Taitano Micronesian Area
3 Research Center, University of Guam; the Honorable Madeleine Z. Bordallo, Delegate to
4 the United States Congress; and to the Honorable Felix P. Camacho, *I Maga Lahen Guåhan*.

MARK FORBES

Speaker

RAY TENORIO

Senator and Secretary of the Legislature

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