

I MINA'BENTE OCHO NA LIHESLATURAN GUÅHAN

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Resolution No. 105 (LS)

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Relative to recognizing the accomplishments and dedication of the late Honorable Lucas Lujan San Nicolas, former Assemblyman in the Guam Congress, elected to the House of Council, Guam Congress, and former Commissioner of the Capital City of Hagatna, and to extending humble and sincere condolences to his family on behalf of *I Liheslaturan Guåhan* and the people of Guam.

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

1           **WHEREAS**, the late Honorable Lucas Lujan San Nicolas was born on September 20,  
2 1909 to Juana Baza Lujan and Augustine Mantanona San Nicolas of Hagatna; and

3           **WHEREAS**, upon graduating from the former Guam Evening High School in 1927,  
4 Lucas Lujan San Nicolas began work at age 18 as a young educator; and

5           **WHEREAS**, in 1928, he married the former Ana Leon Guerrero Castro, and together  
6 they had four daughters, Jane, Lucy, Anna and Elaine; and

7           **WHEREAS**, his commitment to home, community and faith was shared equally as  
8 he was a devoted husband, doting father, diligent public servant, industrious entrepreneur  
9 and faithful parishioner; and

10           **WHEREAS**, in 1933, Lucas San Nicolas relocated his family to a new home in the  
11 village of Inarajan and opened a general merchandise store; and

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1           **WHEREAS**, with money scarce in the 1930's, the Inarajan store, which listed Ana  
2 as the proprietress because teachers were prohibited from obtaining a business license at  
3 the time, became a central trading spot in the village where bartering for copra, corn,  
4 chicken and eggs, and goods offered by the San Nicolas store took place; and

5           **WHEREAS**, upon securing the bartered goods, the educator and now budding  
6 entrepreneur created a wholesale market of sorts, selling traded copra to copra dealers and  
7 corn to the Department of Agriculture in Hagatna to ensure a steady cash flow for his  
8 family and business growth; and

9           **WHEREAS**, at age 26, he entered the realm of politics, holding the post of an  
10 Assemblyman in the Guam Congress, 1935- 1937, and represented the People of Inarajan;  
11 and

12           **WHEREAS**, as an assemblyman, he is credited with urging the United States  
13 government to build a dam in the southern region to assist in the population growth of  
14 Inarajan and nearby villages. Assemblyman San Nicolas was also instrumental in ensuring  
15 U.S. Citizenship for island residents; and

16           **WHEREAS**, in 1937, citizens of Guam illustrated significant confidence in the  
17 Honorable Lucas Lujan San Nicolas, and elected him to the higher house of the Guam  
18 Congress, the House of Council, however, it was later deemed that at age 28, he was too  
19 young to assume that post; and

20           **WHEREAS**, in the midst of his public service, business efforts, and family life, the  
21 Honorable Lucas Lujan San Nicolas continued the role of his first love, educating island  
22 youth, until the start of World War II; and

23           **WHEREAS**, post-liberation, in 1945, the military commander on Guam appointed  
24 the respected San Nicolas to the post of Notary Public for the island; and

25           **WHEREAS**, in 1947, after twenty (20) Years, Mr. San Nicolas, the Teacher,  
26 expanded his business ventures and moved the San Nicolas family to Sinajana and began

1 operating the Ana C. San Nicolas Retail Store in Hagatna. The store quickly blossomed into  
2 a full-fledged department store; and

3         **WHEREAS**, in 1951, the former Assemblyman served as a Militia Captain. He  
4 commanded the Active First Regiment Headquarters Detachment and Band and in 1965,  
5 served as an institutional representative for Troop 17 of the Guam Militia; and

6         **WHEREAS**, from 1964 – 1973, Lucas San Nicolas concurrently held the elected post  
7 of Commissioner, now known as Mayor, of the Capital City of Hagatna; and appointed  
8 post as a member on the Guam Planning Council. As commissioner of the island’s capital,  
9 he was tasked with leading the rebuilding efforts of the village after two devastating  
10 typhoons, Lola and Karen, destroyed the landscape and infrastructure of the island’s  
11 central business area; and

12         **WHEREAS**, with the assistance of all sectors of the community, Commissioner San  
13 Nicolas’ vision of an organized and vibrant Hagåtña capital came to fruition; and

14         **WHEREAS**, the Honorable Lucas Lujan San Nicolas enjoyed a fruitful and  
15 rewarding life of stewardship that included, aside from his appointed and elected posts,  
16 membership or service with the following: delegate to the National Council on Aging in  
17 1971; the Guma’ Onra Commission, 1980-1983; the American Association of Retired  
18 Persons, The Guam Association of Retired Persons, The Knights of Columbus, The Young  
19 Men’s League of Guam, and the Knights of St. Sylvester; Secretary, Guam Chapter of the  
20 American Red Cross; President, The Particular Council of St. Vincent de Paul Society;  
21 executive board member, Chamorro Council; the Holy Name Society and the Sinajana  
22 Civic Improvement Club; and

23         **WHEREAS**, featured in the publication, *“I Manfâyi: Who’s Who in Chamorro*  
24 *History* ·Volume II, Lucas San Nicolas, the devout Catholic expressed that one of his most  
25 treasured honors was his position as a Papal Knight, an honor bestowed upon him by Pope  
26 Paul VI.; and

1       **WHEREAS**, the Late Honorable Tun Lucas San Nicolas has now passed on to join  
2 his late wife Ana, with whom he shared 71 years of wedded bliss and prosperity, in the  
3 hereafter; and

4       **WHEREAS**, he leaves behind a proud San Nicolas clan spanning four generations,  
5 including his daughters Jane S.N. Duenas, Lucy S. N. Isaacson, Anna S.N. Artero and  
6 Elaine S.N. Cadigan, Ph.d., 17 grandchildren, 29 great-grandchildren and 8 great-great  
7 grandchildren, to carry forth his remarkable legacy; now therefore be it

8       **RESOLVED**, that the Committee on General and Omnibus Matters of *I Mina' Bente*  
9 *Ocho Na Liheslaturan Guåhan*, does does hereby authorize expenditures for the State Funeral  
10 Service of the Honorable Lucas Lujan San Nicolas, former Assemblyman in the House of  
11 Council, the Higher House of the Guam Congress and former Mayor of Hagatna; and be it  
12 further

13       **RESOLVED**, *I Mina Bente Ocho Na Liheslaturan Guåhan*, on behalf of the people of  
14 Guam, does hereby recognize the outstanding contributions, legacy and service of the late  
15 Honorable Tun Lucas Lujan San Nicolas, and extends humble and sincere condolences to  
16 the San Nicolas Family; and be it further

17       **RESOLVED**, that the Speaker certify, and the Legislative Secretary attest to, the  
18 adoption hereof and that copies of the same be thereafter transmitted to his daughters, Jane  
19 S.N. Duenas, Lucy S. N. Isaacson, Anna S.N. Artero and Elaine S.N. Cadigan, Ph.D.; to the  
20 Mayor's Council of Guam; to the Robert F. Taitano Micronesia Area Research Center,  
21 University of Guam; and to the Honorable Felix P. Camacho, *I Maga Lahen Guåhan*.

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**MARK FORBES**

**Speaker**

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**EDWARD J.B. CALVO**

**Senator and Secretary of the Legislature**

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