

MINA' BENTE OCHO NA LIHESLATURAN GUÅHAN
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Resolution No. ¹⁷⁶~~189~~ (EC)

Introduced by:

Mark Forbes 

^{to} Relative recognizing the accomplishments and dedication to the late Honorable Ernesto Mercader Espaldon, M.D., former Senator and to extend humble and sincere condolences to his family on behalf of *I Liheslaturan Guåhan* and the people of Guam.

1 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE OF *I MINA'BENTE*
2 *OCHO NA LIHESLATURAN GUAHAN*;

3 WHEREAS, the late Honorable Ernesto M. Espaldon was born on November 11,
4 1926 to the proud parents of Cipriano Acuña Espaldon and Claudia Cadag Mercarder;
5 and

6 WHEREAS, he married to the former Leticia Virata and together they have six
7 wonderful children Arlene, Vivian, James, Diane Marie, Karl and Ernesto Jr.; and

8 WHEREAS, at the age of five his mother ran her fingers through his hair and
9 with her words of wisdom said " I wish you become a doctor when you grow up." ; and

1 WHEREAS, at the age of 16 he became a freedom fighter in the defense of his
2 homeland and joined the Sulu Area Command Guerrilla Organization Movement and at
3 the age of 18 he was the youngest ever to be promoted to commander; and

4 WHEREAS, after the war and for his allegiance to his country army he joined the
5 Philippine Army and was appointed the assistant adjutant for the 61st Infantry Regiment;
6 and

7 WHEREAS; in 1947 he completed his high school education at Zamboanga High
8 School; and

9 WHEREAS, in 1954 he completed his medical education in at the University of
10 Santo Tomas in Manila, Philippines earning a degree in doctorate of medicine; and

11 WHEREAS, while walking with a friend and picking up a newspaper he shoed a
12 friend an article on a surgeon working on a plastic and reconstructive work and said that
13 was the medical specialty he wanted; and

14 WHEREAS, in 1959 he attended the University of Oklahoma and completed his
15 general surgery residency; and

16 WHEREAS, in 1961 he completed his plastic surgery and reconstructive surgical
17 training at the Washington University School of Medicine and Barnes Hospital Group in
18 St. Louis, Missouri after training and passing the American Board of Plastic Surgery, he
19 went back to his homeland to serve his people; and

1 WHEREAS, Guam was devastated by typhoon Karen and a world wide appeal of
2 doctors were needed in the name of humanitarian he and his wife came to Guam fell in
3 love with the island and its people and called Guam their home; and

4 WHEREAS, after establishing medical practice on Guam he opened up the
5 Espaldon Clinic; and

6 WHEREAS; in 1965 the Guam Memorial Hospital received its first full
7 accreditation by the Joint on Hospital Accreditation as Chief Surgery and President of
8 the Medical Staff; and

9 WHEREAS, in 1974 was elected Senator to the Thirteenth Legislature and also
10 served in the Fourteenth, Fifteenth, Nineteenth, Twentieth and Twenty-first Guam
11 Legislature; and

12 WHEREAS, from 1974-1980 as Senator he chaired the Committee on Health,
13 Welfare and Ecology and the Committee on Ethics and Standards in his first three terms;
14 and

15 WHEREAS, as Senator and Chairman of the Committee on Health, Welfare, and
16 Ecology the Guam Memorial Hospital maintained its accreditation by the Joint
17 Commission of Hospital Accreditation; and

18 WHEREAS, as Senator he introduced legislation that have become Public Law for
19 the betterment of Guam and her people; and

1 WHEREAS, he continued to help people in Guam, the Commonwealth of the
2 Northern Marianas, the Micronesia Island and his beloved homeland by offering
3 humanitarian deeds for the less fortunate ;and

4 WHEREAS, he has served as a board or an officer in such organizations as the
5 American Cancer Society, Health Planning, Council, American Red Cross, Pacific Basin
6 Medical Council, and PTA's; and

7 WHEREAS ; Dr. Espaldon was featured in publications such as Who's Who in
8 America-1990 -1991- and 1991-1991, Profiles of Notable Filipino American, Public
9 Affairs, Filipino Achievers in the USA and Canada; Profiles in Excellence and Politics,
10 and *I Manfâyi*; and

11 WHEREAS; through all the unselfish humanitarian deeds and commitments to
12 people lives many rewards have been bestowed upon him such as Most outstanding
13 Filipino American of Guam, Outstanding Filipino overseas Award, Most Outstanding
14 University of Santo Tomas Alumni Achievers Award for Public Service, Raja Baguinda
15 Award for Humanitarian Services, 6th Centennial Celebration of Islam in the
16 Philippines, Man of the Year Award for Humanitarian Endeavors, Thomas Jefferson
17 Outstanding Public Service; now, therefore be it

18 WHEREAS, as Senator in the Thirteenth Guam Legislature he introduced bills
19 that became Public Law P.L.13-22 AN ACT MAKING AN APPROPRIATION FROM
20 THE HOSPITAL CONSTRUCTION FUND FOR A HOSPITAL. P.L. 13-116 AN ACT TO

1 ADD A NEW CHAPTER TO XV TO TITLE X OF THE GOVERNMENT OF GUAM CODE
2 OF GUAM TO PROVIDE PROMPT MEDICAL MALPRACTICE REFORM. P.L. 13-43
3 AN ACT TO ADD NEW SECTION 9705,9705.1, THROUGH 9705.24, TO CHAPTER VI,
4 TITLE X OF THE GOVERNMENT OF GUAM CODE RELATIVE TO THE GUAM,
5 FOOD,DRUG AND COSMETIC ACT; and

6 WHEREAS, as Senator in the Fourteenth Guam Legislature he introduced bills
7 that became Public Law 14-22 AN ACT TO REPEAL AND REENACT CHAPTERS VI
8 AND VII OF TITLE LXI OF THE GOVERNMENT OF CODE OF GUAM, TO
9 REINSTATE CHAPTER VII OF TITLE LXI AND TO AMEND SECTION 57004 OF THE
10 GOVERNMENT CODE , RELATIVE TO GUAM PESTICIDES ACT, P.L. 14-29 AN
11 ACT TO REPEAL CHAPTER 1 OF TITLE XLVII OF THE GOVERNMENT CODE, TO
12 REPEAL SECTION ONE OF PART III OF PUBLIC LAW 13-149, TO REPEAL SECTION
13 9 OF PUBLIC LAW 13-116 TO ENACT A NEW CHAPTER OF I OF TITLE XLVII
14 RELATIVE TO CREATING A NEW PUBLIC CORPORATION AND SEPARATE
15 INSTUMENTALLITY OF THE GOVERNMENT TO BE KNOWN AS THE GUAM
16 MEMORIAL HOSPITAL AUTHORITY, AND FURTHER TO REPEAL SECTION 49225
17 OF CHAPTER III, TITLE XLVII OF THE GOVERNMENT CODE OF GUAM, P.L. 14-91
18 AN ACT TO AMEND CERTAIN SECTION OF THE GUAM HEALTH ACT OF 1977,
19 P.L. 14-118 AN ACT TO APPROPRIATE THE SUM OF \$1,311,589 TO GUAM
20 MEMORIAL HOSPITAL AUTHORITY FOR OPERATING AND MOVING COST FOR

1 THE FISCAL YEAR ENDING JUNE 30, 1978, P.L. 14-150 AN ACT TYO REPEAL
2 CHAPTER VIII OF TITLE X OF THE GOVERNMENT CODE AND TO RPLACE IT
3 WITH A NEW CHAPTER VII PROVIDING FOR A TERRITORIAL HEALTH
4 PLANNING PROGRAM INCLUDING CERTIFICATE NNEED FOR CONSTUCTION
5 OR MODIFICATION OF HEALTH CARE FACILITES AND INSTITUTIONAL
6 SERVICES, P.L. 14-31 AN ACT TO ADD NEW CHAPTER X TO TITLE LXI OF THE
7 GOVERNMENT CODE OF GUAM REALTIVE TO CRATING A CERTIFICATION
8 REQUIREMENT FOR OPERATING PERSONNEL OR WASTE WATERSUPPLY
9 SYSTEMS AND WASTE WATER FACILITIES AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES, 14-37
10 AN ACT TO REPEAL AND REEACT CHPATR VIII OF TITLE LKI OF THE
11 GOVERNMENT OF GUAM CODE RELATIVE TO SOLID WASTE MANAGEMENT
12 AND TO REPEAL SECTIONS 9660.5. 9660.8 THROUGH 966.11, AND 9660.13
13 THROUGH 9660.16 OF SUBCHAPTER Q, CHAPTER VI, TITLE X AND SECTION
14 57170, 57171, AND 57172 OF CHAPTER VIII OF PUBLIC LAW 12-1891, P.L.18-38 AN
15 ACT TO CONTRUCT A SOLID WATE TRANSFER STATION IN YIGO/DEDEDO,
16 UMATAC, MERIZO, INARAJN AREAS AN TO APPOPRIATE NECESSARY FUNDS,
17 P.L.; and

18 WHEREAS, as Senator in the Fifteenth Guam Legislature he introduced bills that
19 became Public Law 15-35 AN ACT TO ADD SUBSECTION E TO CHAPTER II, TITLE X
20 OF THE GOVERNMENT OF GUAM CODE TO THE FOOD STAMP PROGRAM, P.L.

1 15-90 AN ACT AMENDING SECTIN IN CHAPTER IV OF TITLE X OF THE
2 GOVERNMENT OF GUAM CODE RELATIVE TO VIATAL STATISTICS, P.L. 15-26
3 AN ACT TO ADD A NEW ARTICLE V TO CHAPTER II OF TITLE I OF THE CIVIL
4 CODE RELATIVE TO CONCILATION OF TROUBLED MARRIGES, P.L. 15-99 AN
5 ACT TO AUTHORIZE THE GOVERNOR OF GUAM TO DESIGNATE TEN
6 HECTARES OF GOVERNMENT LAND IN THEMUNICIPALITY OF YIGO FOR
7 RCREATIONAL PURPOSES; and

8 WHEREAS, as Senator in the Nineteenth Guam Legislature he introduced bill
9 that became Public Law 19-46 AN ACT TO AUTHORIZE THE APPLICATION OF THE
10 HEALTH CARE QUALITY IMPROVENT ACT OF 1986 TO GUAM; and

11 WHERAS, as Senator in the Twenty-First Guam Legislature he introduced bills
12 that became Public Law 21-11 AN ACT EXTENDING TO THE GUAM COMMUNITY
13 COLLEGE THE REQUIREMENT FOR REPORTING TRUANCY TO THE COURT,
14 P.L.21-66 AN ACT TO APPROPRIATE FIFTY TOUSAND DOLLARS TO PROVIDE
15 TRANSACTION SERVICES FOR DISABLED AMERICAN VETERANS, P.L. 21-139 AN
16 ACT TO REGULATE SOMOKING WITHIN OUBLIC PLACES AND PLACES OF
17 EMPLOYMENT; now, therefore, be it

18 RESOLVED, that the Executive Committee of *I Mina'bente Ocho na Liheslaturan*
19 *Guâhan* does hereby, recognize the outstanding contributions, legacy and service of the

1 late Honorable Dr. Ernesto M. Espaldon M.D., former Senator, and extends humble and
2 sincere condolences to the Espaldon Family; and

3 RESOLVED, that the Executive Committee of *I Mina'bente Ocho Na Liheslaturan*
4 *Guåhan* is hereby authorize to pay for the funeral expenses for the late Honorable Dr.
5 Ernesto Mercader Espaldon, former Senator, not to exceed Ten Thousand Dollars
6 (\$10,000.00) and be it further

7 RESOLVED, that the Speaker and the Legislative Secretary attest to, the adoption
8 hereof and that copies of the same be thereafter transmitted to his wife Leticia, his
9 children Arlene, Vivian, James, Dian Marie, and Ernesto, Jr. and to the Honorable Felix
10 P. Camacho, *I Maga'låhen Guåhan*.

11 DULY AND REGULARLY ADOPTED BY *I MINA'BENTE OCHO NA*
12 *LIHESLATURAN GUÅHAN* ON THE ___ DAY OF ___ 2006.

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14 MARK FORBES
15 Speaker

EDWARD J.B. CALVO
Secretary of the Legislature

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