## I MINA'BENTE OCHO NA LIHESLATURAN GUÅHAN 2005 (FIRST) Regular Session

**Resolution No. 105 (LS)** 

As amended.

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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 *Hagåtña*; 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
- 2 GUÅHAN:

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1 WHEREAS, the late Honorable Lucas Lujan San Nicolas was born on

2 September 20, 1909 to Martina Baza Lujan San Nicolas and Augustine

- 3 Mantanona San Nicolas of Hagåtña; and
- 4 WHEREAS, upon graduating from the former Guam Evening High
- 5 School in 1927, Lucas Lujan San Nicolas began work at age eighteen (18) as a
- 6 young educator; and
- WHEREAS, in 1928, he married the former Ana Leon Guerrero Castro,
- 8 and together they had four (4) daughters, Jane, Lucy, Anna and Elaine; and
- 9 WHEREAS, his commitment to home, community and faith was
- shared equally as he was a devoted husband, doting father, diligent public
- 11 servant, industrious entrepreneur and faithful parishioner; and
- 12 WHEREAS, in 1933, Lucas Lujan San Nicolas relocated his family to a
- 13 new home in the village of Inarajan and opened a general merchandise store;
- 14 and
- WHEREAS, with money scarce in the 1930's, the Inarajan store, which
- 16 listed Ana as the proprietress because teachers were prohibited from
- 17 obtaining a business license at the time, became a central trading spot in the
- 18 village where bartering for copra, corn, chicken and eggs, and goods offered
- 19 by the San Nicolas store took place; and
- WHEREAS, upon securing the bartered goods, the educator and now
- 21 budding entrepreneur created a wholesale market of sorts, selling traded

1 copra to copra dealers and corn to the Department of Agriculture in Hagåtña

2 to ensure a steady cash flow for his family and business growth; and

WHEREAS, at age twenty-six (26), he entered the realm of politics, holding the post of an Assemblyman in the Guam Congress, 1935 - 1937, and represented the People of Inarajan; and

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

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

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

WHEREAS, post–liberation, in 1945, the military commander on Guam appointed the respected Lucas Lujan San Nicolas to the post of Notary Public for the island; and

1 WHEREAS, in 1947, after twenty (20) Years, Mr. San Nicolas, the

2 Teacher, expanded his business ventures and moved the San Nicolas family to

3 Sinajana and began operating the Ana C. San Nicolas Retail Store in Hagåtña.

4 The store quickly blossomed into a full-fledged department store; and

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

WHEREAS, from 1964 – 1973, Lucas Lujan San Nicolas concurrently held the elected post of Commissioner, now known as Mayor, of the capital city of *Hagåtña*, and the appointed post of member of the Guam Planning Council. As Commissioner of the island's capital, he was tasked with leading

the rebuilding efforts of the village after two (2) devastating typhoons, Lola

and Karen, destroyed the landscape and infrastructure of the island's central

business area; and

of the Guam Militia; and

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

WHEREAS, the Honorable Lucas Lujan San Nicolas enjoyed a fruitful and rewarding life of stewardship that included, aside from his appointed and elected posts, membership or service with the following: delegate to the

- 1 National Council on Aging in 1971; the Guma' Onra Commission, 1980-1983;
- 2 the American Association of Retired Persons; the Guam Association of Retired
- 3 Persons; the Knights of Columbus; the Young Men's League of Guam; and the
- 4 Knights of St. Sylvester; Secretary, Guam Chapter of the American Red Cross;
- 5 President, the Particular Council of St. Vincent de Paul Society; executive
- 6 board member, Chamorro Council; the Holy Name Society; and the Sinajana
- 7 Civic Improvement Club; and
- 8 WHEREAS, featured in the publication, "I Manfåyi: Who's Who in
- 9 Chamorro History" Volume II, Lucas Lujan San Nicolas, the devout Catholic,
- 10 stated that one of his most treasured honors was his position as a Papal
- 11 Knight, an honor bestowed upon him by Pope Paul VI.; and
- 12 WHEREAS, the Late Honorable Tun Lucas Lujan San Nicolas has now
- 13 passed on to join his late wife Ana, with whom he shared seventy-one (71)
- 14 years of wedded bliss and prosperity, in the hereafter; and
- 15 WHEREAS, he leaves behind a proud San Nicolas clan spanning four
- 16 (4) generations, including his daughters Jane S.N. Duenas, Lucy S.N. Isaacson,
- 17 Anna S.N. Artero and Elaine S.N. Cadigan, Ph.D., seventeen (17)
- 18 grandchildren, twenty-nine (29) great-grandchildren and eight (8) great-
- 19 great-grandchildren, to carry forth his remarkable legacy; now, therefore, be it
- RESOLVED, that I Mina'Bente Ocho Na Liheslaturan Guåhan, on behalf of
- 21 the people of Guam, does hereby recognize the outstanding contributions,

- 1 legacy and service of the late Honorable Tun Lucas Lujan San Nicolas, and
- 2 extends humble and sincere condolences to the San Nicolas Family; and be it
- 3 further
- 4 RESOLVED, that the Speaker certify, and the Secretary of the
- 5 Legislature attest to, the adoption hereof, and that copies of the same be
- 6 thereafter transmitted to his daughters, Jane S.N. Duenas, Lucy S.N. Isaacson,
- 7 Anna S.N. Artero and Elaine S.N. Cadigan, Ph.D.; to the Mayor's Council of
- 8 Guam; to the Robert F. Taitano Micronesian Area Research Center, University
- 9 of Guam; and to the Honorable Felix P. Camacho, I Maga'lahen Guåhan.

DULY AND REGULARLY ADOPTED BY I MINA'BENTE OCHO NA LIHESLATURAN GUÅHAN ON THE 11<sup>TH</sup> DAY OF NOVEMBER 2005.

MARK FORBES

Speaker

EDWARD J.B. CALVO

Senator and

**Secretary of the Legislature**