

I MINA'BENTE OCHO NA LIHESLATURAN GUÅHAN
2006 (SECOND) Regular Session

Resolution No. 178 (EC)

As amended.

Introduced by:

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Relative to recognizing the accomplishments and dedication of the late Honorable Rita Afleje Tainatongo, Mayor of Merizo, and extends humble and sincere condolences to her family, and *un dångkolo na si Yu'os ma'åse'* for her lifetime of dedicated public service.

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

3 **WHEREAS,** the late Honorable Rita Afleje Tainatongo, Mayor of
4 Merizo, was born on January 7, 1949 to the late Rosa Tedpahago-Champaco
5 Afleje and Antonio Taitano Afleje, and was raised as a teen by her reared
6 parents Felipe Duenas and Josefina Acfalle Candaso of Merizo; and

1 **WHEREAS**, Mayor Rita Afleje Tainatongo is married to Ramon Baza
2 Tainatongo, a retired Federal Civil Service employee; and

3 **WHEREAS**, Mayor Rita Afleje Tainatongo is a proud parent of four (4)
4 children: Ramon Baza Tainatongo, Jr. (deceased); Anthony Gerard Tainatongo
5 and wife Antonia A. Tainatongo; Roxanne T. and husband Joey J. Quinata;
6 Kevin A. and wife Sharlyne S. Tainatongo; ten (10) grandchildren: Analisia,
7 Anthony Jr., Brittney-Rae, Alexander; Kristen-Lee, Kasea Jo, Kevin Jr.,
8 (deceased) Amya Liana, Joey Jr., Kevin Jr. II; and ;

9 **WHEREAS**, Mayor Rita Afleje Tainatongo graduated from the
10 Academy of Our Lady of Guam, class of 1967; and

11 **WHEREAS**, Mayor Rita Afleje Tainatongo worked at the Merizo
12 Elementary School and in the Federal Civil Service; and

13 **WHEREAS**, in 1985, Mayor Rita Afleje Tainatongo was hired by the
14 Merizo Mayor's Office as a Municipal Clerk and worked herself up to the
15 position of Administrative Assistant to the Mayor; and

16 **WHEREAS**, Mayor Rita Afleje Tainatongo participated in many
17 charitable organizations such as the American Cancer Society, the American
18 Red Cross, Senior Citizens Program, the *Malessa Fiestan Tasi* Events; the
19 Merizo *Marytrs* and other World Wars Casualty Memorial Services; and

20 **WHEREAS**, Mayor Rita Afleje Tainatongo was very instrumental in
21 working collaboratively with the Command United States Coast Guard,
22 Marianas, Section, Guam, Explosive Ordinance Depot Mobile Unit Five –
23 Naval Magazine, Guam and 36th Andersen Air Force Base Operation Support
24 Squadron (OSS) with the Sister Village of Merizo in its beautification and
25 other improvements for the betterment of its people and its visitors; and

1 **WHEREAS**, Mayor Rita Afleje Tainatongo served over sixteen (16)
2 years as a key staff member of the Merizo Mayor’s office; and

3 **WHEREAS**, Mayor Rita Afleje Tainatongo served the wonderful people
4 of Merizo for two (2) terms and was recognized as a very effective and
5 community oriented Mayor who shared her sincere concerns and compassion
6 in serving her people; and

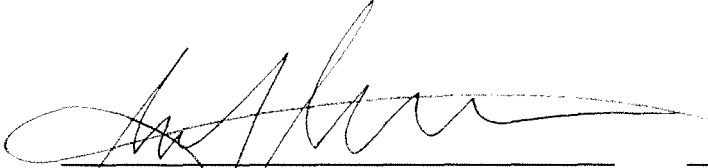
7 **WHEREAS**, Mayor Rita Afleje Tainatongo’s commitment to helping
8 people and their families was the reason she became the first female Mayor of
9 Merizo; now, therefore, be it

10 **RESOLVED**, that *I Mina’Bente Ocho Na Liheslaturan Guåhan* does hereby,
11 on behalf of the people of Guam, recognize the outstanding contributions and
12 services of the late Honorable Rita Afleje Tainatongo, Mayor of Merizo, and
13 extends humble and sincere condolences and *un dângkolo na si Yu’os ma’åse’* to
14 the Tainatongo Family; and be it further

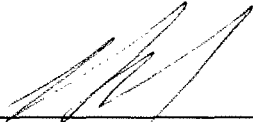
15 **RESOLVED**, that *I Mina’Bente Ocho Na Liheslaturan Guåhan* is hereby
16 authorized to pay for the funeral expenses for the late Honorable Rita Afleje
17 Tainatongo, Mayor of Merizo, *not to exceed* Six Thousand Dollars (\$6,000.00);
18 and be it further

19 **RESOLVED**, that the Speaker certify, and the Secretary of the
20 Legislature attest to, the adoption hereof, and that copies of the same be
21 thereafter transmitted to her husband Mr. Ramon Baza Tainatongo; to the
22 Mayor’s Council of Guam; and to the Honorable Felix P. Camacho, *I*
23 *Maga’lahen Guåhan*.

DULY AND REGULARLY ADOPTED BY *I MINA'BENTE OCHO NA LIHESLATURAN GUÅHAN* ON THE 15TH DAY OF AUGUST 2006.



MARK FORBES
Speaker



EDWARD J.B. CALVO
Senator and Secretary of the Legislature