

**I MINA' BENTE NUEBI NA LIHESLATURAN GUÅHAN
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Resolution No. 179(LS)

Introduced by:

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Relative to recognizing the lifetime work of Monsignor Louis Antonelli on Rota, Guam, and in various locations in the United States, upon the occasion of his Ninetieth Birthday on September 23, 2008.

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

WHEREAS, Monsignor Louis Antonelli has been a priest for 59 years, having been ordained a priest on June 11, 1949 upon completion of his studies at both Stigmatine Minor Seminary at Waltham, Massachusetts and Stigmatine Major Seminary, Wellesley, Massachusetts; and

WHEREAS, Monsignor Antonelli was born at Sheppton, Pennsylvania on September 23, 1918, the son of Aquillino Antonelli and Victoria Woynovic; and

WHEREAS, Monsignor Antonelli first started his priestly duties as Assistant Pastor at Sacred Heart Church, Milford Massachusetts, then as Assistant Pastor at Our Lady of Mount Carmel Church, Pittsfield Massachusetts; and

WHEREAS, Monsignor Antonelli served as a teacher at Father Duenas Memorial School on Guam from 1953 to 1959, teaching math, science, and history; and

WHEREAS, Monsignor Antonelli returned to the U.S. mainland and served in various assignments from 1959 to 1970; and

WHEREAS, In 1970, Monsignor Antonelli returned to Guam and served until 1973 in various Assistant Pastor positions at the Agana Cathedral, Santa Barbara, and San Vicente parishes, and then also served as Director of Seminary in San Vicente Parish for advanced students and as Director of the Permanent Diaconate Program; and

WHEREAS, after being Pastor at Tinian for two weeks in 1973, Monsignor Antonelli moved to be Pastor of San Francisco De Borja in Songsong, Rota from 1973 to 1991, and then served as Pastor of San Isidro Mission in Sinapalo, Rota, from 1991 until the present; and

WHEREAS, upon reaching Rota, there was only a small chapel at San Francisco De Borja and, in time, Monsignor Antonelli built a new church and established mission stations, as well as a second parish at San Isidro and a new church at Sinapalo; and

WHEREAS, in 1985, at the San Francisco De Borja Parish, Monsignor Antonelli began a school with the Sisters of Mercy from Guam; and

WHEREAS, in 1996, while serving in Sinapalo, Monsignor Antonelli was named "Prelate of Honor" by His Holiness Pope Paul II; and

WHEREAS, Monsignor Antonelli taught math classes at Rota High School on a volunteer basis, and assisted local ranchers and farmers in developing modern and comprehensive agricultural plans, winning the title "Farmer of the Year" twice by the local government; and

WHEREAS, Monsignor Antonelli was recognized as “Conservationist of the Year” by the Luta Soil and Water Conservation District in 1990, and he is a recognized and published expert on cattle feed; and

WHEREAS, Monsignor Antonelli refurbished the San Pedro Catholic Cemetery having it dedicated, leveling the ground for those buried without markers, and landscaping it; using it for the annual “All Souls Day” Mass celebration; and

WHEREAS, Monsignor Antonelli also refurbished the San Jose Cemetery, constructing a fence and building a chapel, and here he offers a Mass of Intention every first Monday of the month at 5:00 p.m.; and

WHEREAS, Monsignor Antonelli also started an event Procession of the Station of the Cross from San Francisco De Borja Church to Taimana’, a mile away, and on the morning of Holy Saturday three heavy logs are carried and a Novena of the Stations of the Cross and the Holy Rosary is recited during the procession; at Christmas time the cross erected at Taimana’ is decorated with lights and stars; and

WHEREAS, Monsignor Antonelli has been recognized and appreciated for his many years of devoted and unselfish service and has given a Christ-like example to his people for many years; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that *I Mina' Bente Nuebi Na Liheslaturan Guåhan* does hereby, on behalf of the people of Guam, recognize the lifetime work of Monsignor Louis Antonelli over 59 years of priesthood, and so many accomplishments and good works in the U.S. mainland, on Guam and on Rota over the years; and be it further

RESOLVED, that *I Mina' Bente Nuebi Na Liheslaturan Guåhan* does hereby, on behalf of the people of Guam, wish Monsignor Louis Antonelli much happiness on the occasion of his reaching the milestone of his ninetieth (90th) birthday, on September 23, 2008; and

RESOLVED, that the Speaker certify, and the Secretary of the Legislature attest to, the adoption hereof, and that copies of the same be thereafter transmitted to **Monsignor Louis Antonelli**, to the Bishop of the Chalan Kanoa Diocese; to the Archbishop of the Agana, Guam Archdiocese; to His Holiness, Pope Benedict XVI, Vatican City, Italy; and to the Honorable Felix P. Camacho, *I Maga'lahren Guåhan*

DULY AND REGULARLY ADOPTED BY I MINA'BENTE NUEBI NA LIHESLATURAN GUÅHAN ON THE _____ DAY OF _____ 2008.

JUDITH T. WON PAT
Speaker

TINA ROSE MUNA BARNES
Senator and
Secretary of the Legislature