

I MINA'BENTE NUEBI LIHESLATURAN GUÅHAN
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Res. No. 204 (LS)

Introduced by:

T. R. Muna Barnes
R. J. Respicio
J. T. Won Pat
v. c. pangelinan
A. B. Palacios, Sr.
B.J. Cruz
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Relative to extending a sincere *Biba I Kasimenton* to the Honorable Retired Mayor Vicente "Ben" Salas San Nicolas *Yan Si* Teresita Divera Ignacio (Corpuz) San Nicolas on the occasion their Fiftieth (50th) Golden Wedding Anniversary Celebration on November 22, 2008 and to further extending them an *Un Dangkulo Na Si Yu'os Ma'åse'* for their life-long service and outstanding dedication to the village of Chalan Pago / Ordot and our Island Community.

1 **BE IT RESOLVED BY I MINA'BENTE NUEBI NA LIHESLATURAN GUÅHAN:**
2 **Whereas,** Vicente "Ben" Salas San Nicolas was born on February 28, 1935 to
3 Francisco Tajeron San Nicolas and Pilar Lujan Salas of Chalan Pago, Guam; and
4 **Whereas,** the former Teresita "Terry" Divera Ignacio (Corpuz) was born on
5 September 16, 1938 to Jesus Naputi Ignacio and Francisca Borja Divera of Mong Mong,
6 Guam; and later raised by her mother and step-father, Frank Nicolas Corpuz; and
7 **Whereas,** in the spring of 1957, Teresita, then 19 years-old and Vicente who had
8 just turned twenty two (22), first met at the Guam Memorial Hospital in Tamuning; and
9 **Whereas,** the young Vicente became smitten with Teresita and courted her
10 despite the objections of Terry's younger brothers, she recalls that they would often try
11 to prevent Ben from advancing towards her home, often blocking him from walking to
12 the door of the Corpuz residence, and
13 **Whereas,** despite the resistance of her brothers, Ben persevered and won the
14 heart of an unassuming Terry; and

1 **Whereas**, on the eve of his 23rd Birthday in February of 1958, Vicente approached
2 Mr. and Mrs. Frank Corpuz to ask for their daughter’s hand in marriage, the parents
3 agreed and Terry accepted; and

4 **Whereas**, on November 22, 1958 Vicente Salas San Nicolas and Teresita Divera
5 Ignacio (Corpuz) were joined in Holy Matrimony at the Santa Barbara Catholic Church
6 in Dededo, Guam; and

7 **Whereas**, a short ten (10) months later, the newlyweds - became proud parents -
8 with the birth of their eldest child, a daughter whom they named Philomena Theresa,
9 was born on September 29, 1959; and

10 **Whereas**, Mr. and Mrs. Vicente San Nicolas were blessed with a total of eleven
11 (11) children – seven (7) girls and four (4) boys - Philomena Theresa, Germaine Marie,
12 Vincent Francis, Stephanie Christine, Peregrine Blaise, Ursulyn Angela, Dymphnia
13 Paulyn, Sophia Yolaine, Wilbert Joseph, Apolline Justine and their youngest Ledwynn
14 Elphide born on March 23, 1982; and

15 **Whereas**, Vicente San Nicolas spent nineteen (19) years providing for his
16 burgeoning family as a civil service employee of the former Ship Repair Facility (SRF),
17 where he began in 1958 as a Clerk I; Ben worked his way through the ranks of Clerks I,
18 II and III, at SRF, the Navy Supply Depot, and the U.S. Naval Communications,
19 eventually becoming the Plant Property Clerk – as he climbed the civil service ladder -
20 he earned the Superior Achievement Award and the Outstanding Performance Award
21 and the Superior Performance in Recognition of Contribution Award; and

22 **Whereas**, meanwhile, Terry kept house and raised their children with the
23 principles of a devout catholic, whilst volunteering her time with the catholic church
24 and school communities, including the St. Anthony, St. Francis and San Vicente
25 catholic schools that her children attended in the primary grades; and

26 **Whereas**, in January 1975 - at the insistence of prominent Chalan Pago / Ordot
27 villagers including and retired Judges Francisco Lujan, Joaquin Manibusan, Sr., and
28 Joaquin Perez, the San Nicolas home became a house of public service with the

1 nomination of Vicente Salas San Nicolas to the post of Commissioner, currently titled as
2 Mayor, of the Municipality of Chalan Pago / Ordot by then Commissioner Francisco C.
3 Carbullido; and

4 **Whereas**, the Honorable Mayor Vicente “Ben” Salas San Nicolas with the
5 support of his wife Teresita and their families served the municipality of Chalan Pago /
6 Ordot with distinction for the course of twenty (20) years, handily besting, by
7 significant margins, all candidates in each subsequent Mayoral election including the
8 elections of 1976, 1980, 1984, 1988 and 1992; Mayor San Nicolas ably retired in 1995; and

9 **Whereas**, Ben and Terry have served the island with distinction as pillars of the
10 community of Chalan Pago / Ordot and island community and are active or had been in
11 such professional and volunteer organizations including: 1960 – 1980, Holy Name
12 Society with stints as president, and the Recipient of Outstanding Performance award;
13 1965-Present, Knights of Columbus; 1965 – 1990 Catholic Charities Appeal, with stints
14 as President, earned the Recipient of Certificate of Meritorious Service; 1985, Workers
15 Compensation College – Trainee; 1987, Babe Ruth Prep League, Treasurer; 1990 – 1991,
16 Babe Ruth League, Inc. Umpire Consultant; 2001 Amateur Softball Association
17 Umpire; 2001-2008, Guam Sports Official Association, Treasurer; as well as
18 volunteered through the years with the Jerry Lewis Telethon and Muscular Dystrophy
19 Association, military commands, committee on federal, foreign & legal affairs, the
20 American Cancer Society, the George Washington High School, American Red Cross,
21 Micronesia Games Volunteer, Little League Baseball Umpire; and

22 **Whereas**, today Ben and Terry are enjoying retirement with a full compliment of
23 three generations of the San Nicolas Clan including their eleven (11) children, 29
24 Grandchildren - and counting, and 11 Great-Grandchildren - with more expected in the
25 coming years, the families include: **Philomena and Frank Bamba**: Richard and Cheryl –
26 Christian, Rico, Camille, Ryelee; Jason, and Kevin; and **Germaine and John Ash**:
27 Brandon and Leslie – Aiden; and Ryan and Kacy – Cameron, Trinity Sanford, and
28 Christopher; and **Vincent and Carmelleta**: Jon Derek, and Catherine – Isaiah, Caitlyn,

1 Josaiah; Brandon, Dionne and Alejandro – Amarea, Layla, Ashley Renee, and Vincent
2 Scott; and **Stephanie and Peter Finona:** Steven, Renee; and **Peregrine and Josephina:**
3 **Blaize;** and **Ursulyn and Andry Harrigan:** A’shon, Aaron, and Aidan; and **Dymphnia**
4 **and Alvin San Nicolas:** Leah Miche’, Alijjah, + Azriel Therese, Ariana, Calvin,
5 Aubrienne, and Amanda; and **Sophia:** Erin, Sia, and Samyra; and **Wilbert, Apolline,**
6 **and Ledwynn:** Leandra Marie; now, therefore, be it

7 **Resolved,** that the I Mina Bente Na Liheslaturan Guåhan, does hereby, on behalf
8 of I Liheslaturan Guåhan and the people of Guam, extend a sincere *Biba I Kasimenton* to
9 the Honorable Retired Mayor Vicente “Ben” Salas San Nicolas Yan Si Teresita Divera
10 Ignacio (Corpuz) San Nicolas and family on the occasion their Fiftieth (50th) Golden
11 Wedding Anniversary Celebration and renewal of vows at the Our Lady of Peace and
12 Safe Journey Catholic Church in Chalan Pago on November 22, 2008; and, be it further

13 **Resolved,** that the I Mina Bente Na Liheslaturan Guåhan, does hereby, on behalf
14 of *I Liheslaturan Guåhan* further extend to Vicente “Ben” Salas San Nicolas and his wife
15 Teresita “Terry” and family an *Un Dangkulo Na Si Yu’os Ma’åse’* for their life-long
16 service and outstanding dedication to the village of Chalan Pago / Ordot and our Island
17 Community; and, be it further

18 **Resolved,** that the Speaker certify to and the Secretary of the Legislature attest
19 the adoption hereof and that copies of the same be transmitted to the Honorable Retired
20 Mayor Vicente “Ben” Salas San Nicolas and his wife Teresita Divera Ignacio (Corpuz)
21 San Nicolas; to each of their eleven (11) children, to the Honorable Madeleine Z.
22 Bordallo, Guam Delegate to the United States Congress; and to the Honorable Felix P.
23 Camacho, I Maga’Lahen Guåhan.

**DULY AND REGULARLY ADOPTED BY I MINA’ NUEBI NA LIHESLATURAN
GUÅHAN ON THE ____ DAY OF NOVEMBER 2008.**

JUDITH T. WON PAT
Speaker

TINA ROSE MUNA BARNES
Secretary of the Legislature