

**I MINA'BENTE NUEBI NA LIHESLATURAN GUÁHAN**  
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**Relative to Honoring Ana Acfalle Gogue on the  
celebration of her 101<sup>st</sup> Birthday.**

1        **BE IT RESOLVED BY I LIHESLATURAN GUÁHAN:**  
2        **WHEREAS,** the limits and well being of our people are not in its land or its  
3 location, but in how those who live and work here live their lives; and  
4        **WHEREAS,** *Tan* Ana Acfalle Gogue of Malesso, born to Victorina Acfalle and  
5 Antonio C. Acfalle, on April 20, 1906, celebrated her 101<sup>st</sup> Birthday. At the age of 25,  
6 *Tan* Ana married Jose E. Champaco and together they have two daughters, Beatrice  
7 and Dolores; and  
8        **WHEREAS,** *Tan* Ana is a member of the Christian Mothers and continues to  
9 remain devoted to her Catholic faith. In her younger days, *Tan* Ana was a *Techa*

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1 (prayer leader). She has inspired many people in this role, and when called upon, was  
2 always happy to help with the leading of prayers; and

3 **WHEREAS**, on July 16, 1944, her husband Jose was one of 30 men massacred  
4 by Japanese occupying forces during World War II. Eleven years later, *Tan Ana*  
5 married Geronimo Gogue; and

6 **WHEREAS**, *Tan Ana* has instilled many family values into her children. Their  
7 greatest memory is of *Tan Ana* always having food on the table. She would cook the  
8 tastiest dishes from her harvests of the sea and land. She would constantly make her  
9 way into the jungle in the back of her home and come out with a sack of goodies,  
10 including taro, tapioca, yams and even *tangantangan* for firewood. *Tan Ana* often  
11 gathered her grandchildren to go clamming to make her famous *kadon ta'pon* (clam  
12 soup). She is also known for making *titiyas fa'dang* (torillas made from the Federico  
13 Palm nut); and

14 **WHEREAS**, in 1992, *Tan Ana* won the first place prize for the longest *dågu*  
15 (yam) measuring six feet in length at the senior citizen fair in Malesso. During that  
16 same year, *Tan Ana* suffered a stroke following Typhoon Omar. Her family suspects  
17 that the stress caused by damage to her home of thirty six years from the typhoon  
18 triggered the stroke. However, through prayer and luck, *Tan Ana's* house was rebuilt  
19 and she was nursed back to health the following year; and

20 **WHEREAS**, *Tan Ana* has appeared in several publications on Chamorro  
21 culture. She is sometimes found in Chamorro books teaching the younger generations  
22 about Chamorro dishes like *konsetba* (candied papaya), *buñelos dågu* (yam donuts),  
23 sweet bread rolls, and *apigigi* (young coconut meat, fresh coconut milk, and tapioca  
24 wrapped and cooked in a banana leaf). Her unselfishness in teaching the younger  
25 children has not gone unnoticed in the community; now, therefore, be it

26 **RESOLVED**, that *I Mina'Bente Nuebi na Liheslaturan Guåhan*, on behalf of  
27 the people of Guam, hereby expresses its best wishes to *Tan Ana Acfalle* on the

1 celebration of her 101<sup>st</sup> birthday by saying “Age is the top of the mountain; Nearer the  
2 sky so blue; A long hard climb; A bit of fatigue; But oh . . . what a wonderful view!”;  
3 now, therefore be it

4 **RESOLVED**, that the Speaker certify to and the Secretary of the Legislature  
5 attest to the adoption hereof and that copies of the same be thereafter transmitted to  
6 *Tan Ana Acfalle Gogue*; to the Director, Department of Public Health and Social  
7 Services; to the Honorable Madeleine Z. Bordallo, Guam’s Delegate to the United  
8 States Congress and to the Honorable Felix P. Camacho, *I Maga’lahen Guåhan*.