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Relative to recognizing the accomplishments and dedication of the late Honorable Antonio Reyes Unpingco, for Speaker and Senior Senator of *I Liheslaturan Guåhan*. *I Mina'Bente Nuebe Na Liheslatura* extend its humble and sincere condolences to his wife, Emily and their children on behalf of the People of Guam.

1 BE IT RESOLVED BY *I MINA'BENTE NUEBE NA LIHESATURAN*

2 *GUAHAN*:

3 WHEREAS, on April 21, 1942 God gave a gift to the people of

4 Guam. The gift was Antonio Reyes Unpingco who dedicated his life

5 in service to the people of Guam, and

1           **WHEREAS**, Antonio Reyes Unpingco, fondly called “Tony”  
2 was born during World War II of the union of Jose Aguon Unpingco  
3 and Eliza Guevara Reyes; and

4           **WHEREAS**, Antonio Reyes Unpingco graduated from Father  
5 Duenas Memorial School, and later attended the University of Guam  
6 and the University of Portland before graduating from Portland State  
7 University; and

8           **WHEREAS**, on June 19, 1965, Antonio Reyes Unpingco married  
9 the former Emilia Cruz Borja, his most loyal supporter of forty-two  
10 (42) years; and

11           **WHEREAS**, from that union, Tony and Emily, fondly known as  
12 Auntie Emily, are proud parents of ten (10) children Eliza, Christine,  
13 Raymund, Nicole, Noel, Meriza, Carlo, Aaron, Jerome and Daniel  
14 who in return gave their parents sixteen (16) grandchildren who  
15 affectionately referred to their grandfather as “Papa,” and

16           **WHEREAS**, the Unpingco’s are long-time resident of Santa Rita  
17 and were actively involved in all aspects of the village organizations.  
18 To the church of Santa Rita, they countless hours of their personal

1 time to the Santa Rita Parish Finance Council and the Santa Rita Mom  
2 & Pop Choir. Further wanting to serve the Catholic church of this  
3 Territory, Tony was also a member of the Knights of Columbus; and

4       **WHEREAS**, never forgetting the memories of World War II, the  
5 suffering of people and the loss of Chamorro lives, Tony as the  
6 Chairman of the Fena Massacre Memorial Committee and as Co-  
7 Chairman of the Mannengon Memorial Foundation; and

8       **WHEREAS**, the memories of the atrocities of World War II,  
9 Speaker Unpingco took it one step further by resurrecting the War  
10 Reparation Bill in Congress as a member of the Guam Claims Review  
11 Commission, a federal appointment hoping to see that one day the  
12 people of this Territory will be compensated for their suffering or the  
13 loss of their Chamorro families. Speaker Unpingco always imparted  
14 that “there must be justice for our people;” and

15       **WHEREAS**, in 1976, Antonio Reyes Unpingco took another  
16 step in the ladder of service to his people by entering the race to be a  
17 senator in the 14th Guam Legislature. The people recognized the  
18 talent of this man and voted him to serve as their representative. At

1 the time of his death, Speaker Antonio Reyes Unpingco was a  
2 member of *I Mina'Bente Nuebe Na Liheslaturan Guâhan* and served as  
3 Chairman of the Committee on Tourism, Maritime, Military,  
4 Veterans and Foreign Affairs.

5       **WHEREAS**, Antonio Reyes Unpingco's long career in *I*  
6 *Lihesalturan Guahân*, has served as Speaker of *I Mina'Bente Cuatro*,  
7 *Mina'Bente Cinco* and *Mina'Bente Sais Na Liheslaturan Guâhan*. He also  
8 served as chairman and member of numerous committees. Tony also  
9 was a Republican Co-Leader, Minority Leader, Assistant Minority  
10 Leader, and the Minority Whip; and

11       **WHEREAS**, as a senator, Antonio Reyes Unpingco was a  
12 passionate advocate, parliamentarian to such an extent his colleagues  
13 always sought for him to be a mediator. He broke deadlocks on  
14 issues and provided guidance on legislative proceedings. He was a  
15 model for all senators and will always remain a model for future  
16 senators; and

17       **WHEREAS**, during his last attendance during Session, October  
18 10, 2007, Speaker Unpingco stood among his peers and requested

1 that his bills be voted early so that he may be excused due for  
2 medical reasons. His last words to his colleagues were “once more I  
3 must ask for your prayers. He then departed the Session Hall; and

4       **WHEREAS**, for sixty-five (65) years the people of Guam were  
5 privileged to have the presence and wisdom of Senator Antonio  
6 Reyes Unpingco as a citizen, civic leader and statesman. On October  
7 18, 2007, God took his gift from the people of Guam to his eternal  
8 reward for which is so richly deserved. The people are saddened at  
9 the loss of Senator Unpingco’s presence, however, the people of this  
10 Territory will always know that Senator Antonio Reyes Unpingco  
11 will be watching over them as a father who would watch over his  
12 children; therefore, be it;

13       **RESOLVED**, that *I Mina’Bente Nuebe Na Liheslaturan Guåhan*, on  
14 behalf of the people of Guam, does hereby recognize the outstanding  
15 contributions, and services of the late Antonio R. Unpingco, Senator  
16 and extends humble and sincere condolences to the Unpingco family,  
17 and be it further

1           RESOLVED, that the Speaker certify and the Secretary of the  
2   Legislature attest to, the adoption hereof and that copies of the same  
3   be thereafter transmitted to his wife Emily Borja Unpingco, their  
4   children, Eliza U. Paulino, Christine U. Martinson, Raymund  
5   Unpingco, Nicole U. Reinhardt, Noel Unpingco, Meriza U. Peredo,  
6   Carlo Unpingco, Aaron Unpingco, Jerome Unpingco and Daniel  
7   Unpingco, to the Honorable Madeline Z. Bordallo, Guam's Delegate  
8   to the United States; and to the Honorable Felix P. Camacho, *I*  
9   *Maga'låhen Guåhan.*

10   DULY AND REGULARLY ADOPTED BY *I MINA'BENTE OCHO NA*  
11   *LIHESLATURAN GUÅHAN ON THE 23<sup>rd</sup> DAY OF \_\_\_\_ 2007.*

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13   EDWARD J.B CALVO

Ray Tenorio

14           Acting Speaker

Secretary of the Legislature

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