

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

As amended.

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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, on the occasion of his Ninetieth (90th) Birthday on September 23, 2008.

- 1 **BE IT RESOLVED BY *I MINA'BENTE NUEBI NA LIHESLATURAN***
2 ***GUÅHAN*:**
3 **WHEREAS, Monsignor Louis Antonelli has been a priest for fifty-nine**
4 **(59) years, having been ordained as a priest on June 11, 1949, upon completion**

1 of his studies at both Stigmatine Minor Seminary at Waltham, Massachusetts,
2 and Stigmatine Major Seminary, Wellesley, Massachusetts; and

3 **WHEREAS**, Monsignor Antonelli was born in Sheppton, Pennsylvania,
4 on September 23, 1918, the son of Aquillino Antonelli and Victoria Woynovic;
5 and

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

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

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

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

20 **WHEREAS**, after being Pastor in Tinian for two (2) weeks in 1973,
21 Monsignor Antonelli moved to be Pastor of San Francisco De Borja in
22 *Songsong*, Rota, from 1973 to 1991, and then served as Pastor of *San Isidro*
23 Mission in *Sinapalo*, Rota, from 1991 until the present; and

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

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

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

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

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

16 **WHEREAS**, Monsignor Antonelli refurbished the San Pedro Catholic
17 Cemetery, having it dedicated, leveling the ground for those buried without
18 markers, landscaping it, and using it for the annual "All Souls Day" Mass
19 celebration; and

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

23 **WHEREAS**, Monsignor Antonelli also started an event, the Procession
24 of the Station of the Cross from San Francisco De Borja Church to *Taimana'*, a

1 mile away, and on the morning of Holy Saturday, three (3) heavy logs are
2 carried in a Novena of the Stations of the Cross, and the Holy Rosary is recited
3 during the procession. At Christmas time, the cross erected at *Taimana'* is
4 decorated with lights and stars; and

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

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

13 **RESOLVED**, that *I Mina'Bente Nuebi Na Liheslaturan Guåhan* does
14 hereby, on behalf of the people of Guam, wish Monsignor Louis Antonelli
15 much happiness on the occasion of his reaching the milestone of his Ninetieth
16 (90th) Birthday on September 23, 2008; and be it further

17 **RESOLVED**, that the Speaker certify, and the Secretary of the
18 Legislature attest to, the adoption hereof, and that copies of the same be
19 thereafter transmitted to Monsignor Louis Antonelli; to the Bishop of Saipan,
20 *Chalan Kanoa* Diocese, Tomas A. Camacho; to the Mayor of Rota, the
21 Honorable Joseph Inos; to the Honorable Benigno Fitial, Governor of the
22 CNMI; to Anthony Sablan Apuron, Archbishop of Agana, Guam Archdiocese;
23 to His Holiness, Pope Benedict XVI, Vatican City, Italy; and to the Honorable
24 Felix P. Camacho, *I Maga'lahren Guåhan*.

DULY AND REGULARLY ADOPTED BY I MINA'BENTE NUEBI NA LIHESLATURAN GUÁHAN ON THE 9TH DAY OF SEPTEMBER 2008.



JUDITH T. WON PAT, Ed.D.
Speaker



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