I MINA'BENTE NUEBI NA LIHESLATURAN GUÅHAN 2007 (FIRST) Regular Session

Resolution No. 34 (LS)

As amended.

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Relative to Honoring Toribia E. Lopez De Leon on the celebration of her One Hundred-two (102) Birthday.

- BE IT RESOLVED BY I MINA'BENTE NUEBI NA LIHESLATURAN
- 2 GUÅHAN:
- WHEREAS, the limits and well being of our people are not in its land or
- 4 its location, but in how those who live and work here live their lives; and
- 5 **WHEREAS**, Toribia E. Lopez De Leon was born in Sarrat, Illocos Norte,
- 6 Philippines on April 25, 1905. Toribia graduated from the University of the
- 7 Philippines with a Degree in Nursing and worked in that profession for about
- 8 five (5) years; and

WHEREAS, Toribia then married Pascual P. Lopez De Leon, a widower and father of seven (7) children. She raised her husband's children as her own and later had four (4) children with him. The family lived in Biñan Laguna, Manila, Philippines; and

WHEREAS, Toribia thrived as a homemaker and enjoyed singing with the church choir. Outside of her daily housework, she spent her time attending church services, rosaries, and visiting her bank. She traveled throughout the U.S. mainland where she had the opportunity to visit with numerous friends from the Philippines, including well-known figures such as Romeo Arguelles, Josephine Cojuangco, and Philippine Consulate General Teresita Mendiola; and

WHEREAS, in 2005, Toribia Lopez De Leon moved to Guam with her daughter and currently resides in Tamuning. Toribia Lopez De Leon now enjoys spending her days juggling her personal possessions between five (5) bags that she keeps with her and counting her money. Toribia Lopez De Leon is truly blessed with thirty-two (32) grandchildren, seventy-three (73) great-grandchildren and nine (9) great-grandchildren; and

WHEREAS, when asked what her secret to longevity is, her daughter Silveria Lopez De Leon attributes her mother's long life to *living a simple life* free of pressure, a very balanced diet of fresh fruits, vegetables, fish and meat; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that *I Mina'Bente Nuebi Na Liheslaturan Guåhan* does hereby, on behalf of the people of Guam, expresses its best wishes to Toribia Lopez De Leon on the celebration of her One Hundred-two (102) Birthday by

- 1 Lopez De Leon on the celebration of her One Hundred-two (102) Birthday by
- 2 saying "Age is the top of the mountain; Nearer the sky so blue; A long hard
- 3 *climb; A bit of fatigue; But oh . . . what a wonderful view!"*; and be it further
- 4 RESOLVED, that the Speaker certify, and the Secretary of the
- 5 Legislature attest to, the adoption hereof, and that copies of the same be
- 6 thereafter transmitted to Toribia Lopez De Leon; to the Director, Department
- 7 of Public Health and Social Services; to the Honorable Madeleine Z. Bordallo,
- 8 Member of Congress to the United States House of Representatives; and to the
- 9 Honorable Felix P. Camacho, I Maga'lahen Guåhan.

DULY AND REGULARLY ADOPTED BY I MINABENTE NUEBI NA LIHESLATURAN GUÅHAN ON THE 19^{TH} DAY OF APRIL 2007.

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Speaker

EDWARD J.B. CALVO

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Acting, Secretary of the Legislature