

I MINA'BENTE NUEBI NA LIHESLATURAN GUÅHAN
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As amended.

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**Relative to Honoring Eleutaria Diana Carpela on the
celebration of her One Hundred-two (102) Birthday.**

1 **BE IT RESOLVED BY I MINA'BENTE NUEBI NA LIHESLATURAN**
2 **GUÅHAN:**

3 **WHEREAS, *Tan* Eleutaria Diana Carpela** was born on May 26, 1905 in
4 Malabayoc, Cebu, Philippines. Eleutaria was the oldest child in her family
5 and this year she will be celebrating her One Hundred-two (102) Birthday;
6 and

7 **WHEREAS, *Tan* Eleutaria** married Francisco Carpela, and together
8 raised three (3) children. Life for the Carpelas took a hard turn when

1 Francisco fell victim to Malaria while working on a neighboring island and
2 died, leaving his Eleutaria to raise their three (3) children. She worked the
3 family farm consisting of a corn field and two (2) carabaos. Eleutaria would
4 rise early each morning and walk about five (5) miles to tend to the crops and
5 animals; and

6 **WHEREAS**, in addition to working on the farm, Eleutaria would
7 supplement the family income by making *bibinka* (rice cakes). The family
8 would grind rice in the evening and spend the night preparing the dessert.
9 The family would then sell the *bibinka* on Sundays at the *taboc* (open market).
10 The Carpela children would be sent to live with their grandmother, as the
11 running of the family farm and household proved to be most challenging for
12 Mrs. Carpela; and

13 **WHEREAS**, after being recruited as a contract worker for MASDELCO,
14 Eleutaria Carpela's son, Anacleto, moved to Guam. He would later petition
15 for his mother to join him in 1969. The Carpelas lived in Camp Rojas, the area
16 designated for MASDELCO workers and their families. The family later
17 relocated to Santa Rita where they continue to live today; and

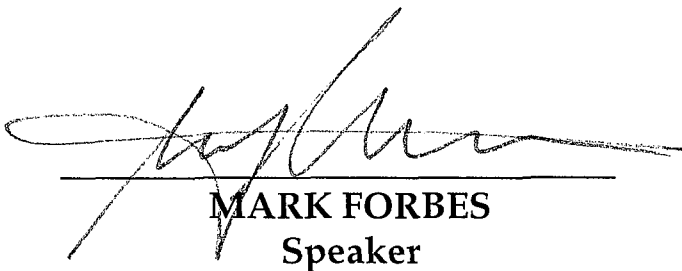
18 **WHEREAS**, today, Eleutaria Carpela spends her days at home with her
19 son and his family and thirteen (13) grandchildren, over fifty (50) great-
20 grandchildren, and more than five (5) great-great-grandchildren. Eleutaria
21 can be found walking through the garden and still attends the 6:00 a.m. mass
22 each Sunday at Mt. Carmel Church in Agat. Her grandchildren fondly call
23 her "stubborn," pointing out that if no one wakes up in time to take her to
24 church, she will start to walk. When asked what has blessed Mrs. Carpela

1 with her long life, her family says that her healthy diet consisting mostly of
2 fish and beans; now, therefore, be it


3 **RESOLVED**, that *I Mina'Bente Nuebi Na Liheslaturan Guåhan* does
4 hereby, on behalf of the people of Guam, expresses its best wishes to Eleutaria
5 Diana Carpela, on the celebration of her One Hundred-two (102) Birthday by
6 saying "*Age is the top of the mountain; Nearer the sky so blue; A long hard climb; A*
7 *bit of fatigue; But oh . . . what a wonderful view!*"; and be it further

8 **RESOLVED**, that the Speaker certify, and the Secretary of the
9 Legislature attest to, the adoption hereof, and that copies of the same be
10 thereafter transmitted to Eleutaria Diana Carpela; to the Director, Department
11 of Public Health and Social Services; to the Honorable Madeleine Z. Bordallo,
12 Member of Congress to the United States House of Representatives; and to the
13 Honorable Felix P. Camacho, *I Maga'lahaen Guåhan*.

DULY AND REGULARLY ADOPTED BY I MINA'BENTE NUEBI NA LIHESLATURAN GUÅHAN ON THE 19TH DAY OF APRIL 2007.



MARK FORBES
Speaker



EDWARD J.B. CALVO
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