

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

**Resolution No. 89 LS)**

As amended.

Introduced by:

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**Relative to commending and congratulating Father Agustin Aguon Gumataotao, OFM Cap. on the occasion of the Twenty-fifth (25<sup>th</sup>) Anniversary of his Ordination as a Capuchin Franciscan Friar.**

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

3           **WHEREAS,** Father Agustin Aguon Gumataotao, OFM Cap. was born  
4 on Guam on January 8, 1956, the son of the late Agustin Ungacta Gumataotao  
5 and Rosa Aguon Gumataotao. Four (4) other sons were born to this marriage:  
6 Joseph (whose children are Christopher, Agustin, Joseph and Mariah), Peter  
7 (married to the former AnneMarie Pangelinan; their children are Kailani and

1 PJ), Anthony (married to the former Miriam Lowe; their children are  
2 Anthony, Francisco and Aaron) and John, who recently passed on to the Lord;  
3 and

4       **WHEREAS**, besides the immediate family, Father Gus grew up closely  
5 tied to the extended family which lived in the same neighborhood. This  
6 included the late Francisco Ungacta and Julia Aguon Gumataotao and the late  
7 Maria Aguon, also a sister of Father Gus' mother, whose daughter Cecilia  
8 married Robert H. Perez (their children include three (3) sons, Paul, Robert  
9 and Canice and a daughter Celeste, married to John Mercado. The family  
10 grew up attending the St. Jude Parish, Sinajana; and

11       **WHEREAS**, he was a graduate of Father Duenas Memorial School,  
12 where he attended the Minor Seminary. Father Gus entered the Capuchin  
13 Order on August 31, 1976. After finishing his college education at the  
14 University of Guam, Father Gus completed his theological studies at the  
15 Maryknoll School of Theology in New York. He was ordained as a Priest by  
16 the late Archbishop Felixberto C. Flores on October 23, 1982; and

17       **WHEREAS**, for the first months of his priesthood, Father Gus covered  
18 for Friars who were temporarily off-island, first in Piti and then in Saipan.  
19 His first permanent assignment as a Pastor was at Our Lady of the Blessed  
20 Sacrament Parish, in Agana Heights, from 1983 until 1986. In 1986, he was  
21 transferred to Our Lady of Guadalupe Parish, in Santa Rita. In 1989, he was  
22 then made Pastor of Our Lady of Mt. Carmel Parish, in Agat; and

23       **WHEREAS**, in 1997, Father Gus was elected the first *Chamorro* Vice  
24 Provincial of the Capuchin Vice Province of Mary Star of the Sea (Guam and  
25 Hawaii). He served in this capacity until the year 2000. He was assigned as

1 Pastor once again at Our Lady of Guadalupe Parish, in Santa Rita. In 2005, he  
2 was sent to his present ministry as Pastor of St. Jude Parish in Sinajana, the  
3 first native son of the parish to serve as its Pastor; and

4 **WHEREAS**, Father Gus has also taught in several Catholic schools  
5 throughout these years, namely: Mt. Carmel School, Father Duenas Memorial  
6 School and Notre Dame High School. He has also served on the Archbishop's  
7 College of Consultors and the Archdiocesan Presbyteral Council. In his  
8 Capuchin Community, Father Gus has worked in formation ministry and has  
9 served several terms on the Council which advises the Capuchin Superior;  
10 and

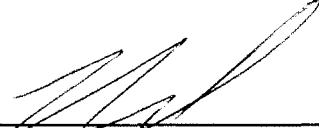
11 **WHEREAS**, Father Gus is known for many gifts and talents,  
12 especially for being close to his parishioners and for his preaching. He is also  
13 appreciated for his building efforts improving parish facilities. He also served  
14 on the Building Committee that oversaw the recent construction of St. Fidelis  
15 Friary. His priesthood will leave both physical and spiritual legacies of his  
16 Twenty-fifth (25) years of priestly service in the Archdiocese; now, therefore,  
17 be it

18 **RESOLVED**, that *I Mina'Bente Nuebi Na Liheslaturan Guåhan* does  
19 hereby, on behalf of the people of Guam, commend and congratulate Father  
20 Agustin Aguon Gumataotao, OFM Cap., on the occasion of the Twenty-fifth  
21 (25<sup>th</sup>) Anniversary of his Ordination as a Capuchin Franciscan Friar. May God  
22 bless Father Gus with many more years; and be it further

23 **RESOLVED**, that the Speaker certify, and the Secretary of the  
24 Legislature attest to, the adoption hereof, and that copies of the same be  
25 thereafter transmitted to Father Agustin Aguon Gumataotao, OFM Cap., to

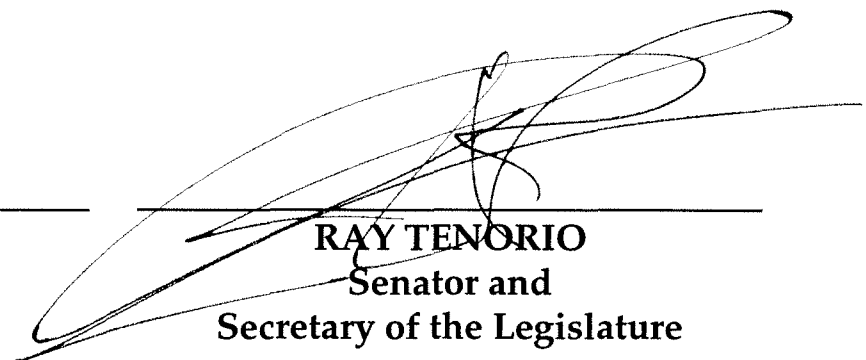
- 1 the Honorable Madeleine Z. Bordallo, Guam's Delegate to the United States
- 2 Congress; and to the Honorable Felix P. Camacho, *I Maga'lahaen Guåhan*.

**DULY AND REGULARLY ADOPTED BY *I MINA'BENTE NUEBI NA LIHESLATURAN GUÅHAN* ON THE 9<sup>TH</sup> DAY OF OCTOBER 2007.**



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**EDWARD J.B. CALVO**  
Acting Speaker



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**RAY TENORIO**  
Senator and  
Secretary of the Legislature