

I MINA'BENTE NUEBI NA LIHESLATURAN GUÅHAN
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As amended.

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Relative to recognizing the accomplishments and dedication of the late Honorable Antonio Reyes Unpingco, former Speaker and Senior Senator of *I Liheslaturan Guåhan*. *I Mina'Bente Nuebi Na Liheslatura* extends 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 NUEBI NA LIHESLATURAN***
2 ***GUÅHAN*:**

3 **WHEREAS, on April 21, 1942, God gave a gift to the people of Guam.**
4 **The gift was Antonio Reyes Unpingco who dedicated his adult years in**
5 **service to the people of Guam; and**

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

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

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

10 **WHEREAS**, from that union, Tony and Emily, fondly known as “Auntie
11 Emily”, are proud parents of ten (10) children: Eliza, Christine, Raymund,
12 Nicole, Noel, Meriza, Carlo, Aaron, Jerome and Daniel, who in return gave
13 their parents nineteen (19) grandchildren and who affectionately referred to
14 their grandfather as “Papa”; and

15 **WHEREAS**, the Unpingcos are long-time residents of Santa Rita and are
16 actively involved in all aspects of the village organizations. They were
17 involved in the Our Lady of Guadalupe Church, and they devoted countless
18 hours of their personal time for the Santa Rita Parish Finance Council and the
19 Santa Rita Mom & Pop Choir. Further, wanting to serve the Catholic Church,
20 Tony was also a member of the Knights of Columbus; and

21 **WHEREAS**, never forgetting the memories of World War II, the
22 suffering of people, and the loss of Chamorro lives, Tony was Chairman of the
23 *Fena* Massacre Memorial Committee and Co-Chairman of the *Mannengon*
24 Memorial Foundation; and

1 **WHEREAS**, with the atrocities of World War II permanently etched in
2 his mind, Speaker Unpingco took it one step further by resurrecting the War
3 Reparation Bill in Congress as a member of the Guam Claims Review
4 Commission, hoping to see the day the people receive compensation for their
5 suffering or the loss of their *Chamorro* families. Speaker Unpingco always
6 imparted that “there must be justice for our people”; and

7 **WHEREAS**, in 1976, Antonio Reyes Unpingco further dedicated his life
8 in service to his people by running for the position of Senator in the
9 fourteenth (14th) Guam Legislature; he was elected by his people that year,
10 and every year that he ran for the Guam Legislature thereafter, serving in
11 fourteen (14) terms and becoming the longest-serving Senator in Guam’s
12 history; and

13 **WHEREAS**, at the time of his death, Senator Antonio Reyes Unpingco
14 was a member of *I Mina’Bente Nuebi Na Liheslaturan Guåhan* and served as
15 Chairman of the Committee on Tourism, Maritime, Military, Veterans and
16 Foreign Affairs, dedicating his passion and leadership to getting Guam’s
17 veterans the recognition and services they rightfully deserve, expanding
18 cultural tourism on Guam, and protecting the people of Guam during this
19 time of military expansion; and

20 **WHEREAS**, during his long career in *I Liheslaturan Guåhan*, Antonio
21 Reyes Unpingco served as Speaker of *I Mina’Bente Kuatro*, *I Mina’Bente Singko*
22 and *I Mina’Bente Sais Na Liheslaturan Guåhan*. He also served as Chairman and
23 member of numerous committees and was a Republican Co-Leader, Minority
24 Leader, Assistant Minority Leader, and Minority Whip; and

1 **WHEREAS**, as a Senator, Antonio Reyes Unpingco was a passionate
2 advocate and was such a strong parliamentarian and peacemaker that his
3 colleagues always sought him out as a mediator. He broke deadlocks on
4 issues and provided guidance on legislative proceedings. He was a model for
5 all Senators and will always remain a model for future Senators; and

6 **WHEREAS**, during his last attendance of the October 10, 2007 Session,
7 Senator Antonio Reyes Unpingco stood among his peers and requested that
8 his two (2) Port Authority of Guam Bills be voted on early so that he may be
9 excused for medical reasons. Unknown to his colleagues, he was in great pain
10 and his last words to them were “once more I must ask for your prayers”. He
11 then departed the Session Hall; and

12 **WHEREAS**, for sixty-five (65) years, the people of Guam were
13 privileged to have the presence and wisdom of Senator Antonio Reyes
14 Unpingco as a citizen, civic leader, and statesman. On October 18, 2007, God
15 took his gift from the people of Guam to his eternal reward for which is so
16 richly deserved. The people are saddened at the loss of his presence.
17 However, the people of Guam know that the late Antonio Reyes Unpingco
18 will be watching over them as a father watches over his children; now,
19 therefore, be it;

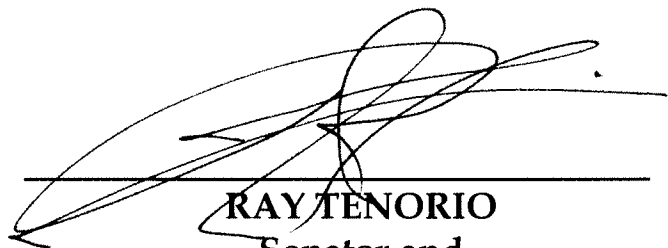
1 **RESOLVED**, that *I Mina'Bente Nuebi Na Liheslaturan Guåhan*, on behalf
2 of the people of Guam, does hereby recognize the outstanding contributions
3 and services of the late Antonio Reyes Unpingco as former Speaker and Senior
4 Senator, and extends its humble and sincere condolences to the Unpingco
5 family; and be it further

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

DULY AND REGULARLY ADOPTED BY I MINA'BENTE NUEBI NA LIHESLATURAN GUÅHAN ON THE 22ND DAY OF OCTOBER 2007.



EDWARD J.B. CALVO
Acting Speaker



RAY TENORIO
Senator and
Secretary of the Legislature