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The Honorable Judith T. Won Pat, Ed.D. Speaker
32nd GUAM LEGISLATURE
155 Hesler Street
Hagatna, Guam 96910

Dear Madame Speaker,

The University of Guam joins the island in mourning the tremendous loss of former legislative Speaker, Ben-Pangelinan, who worked tirelessly for the island and her people as a senator for over two decades. The well-respected leader and statesman was a strong advocate for higher education and the efforts of the University to fulfill its mission. He was also a dear friend to many in the UOG community who worked closely with him over the years.

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UOG President Dr. Robert Underwood, who is currently traveling, expressed his sadness at the news, "Speaker Pangelinan was more than just a supporter of resources for the University, he was a champion of sound government finances and an intelligent force for positive change. I knew him for several decades and my admiration for his insights, tenacity and sense of service grew decade after decade. The island will miss his voice."

The leadership at the University of Guam sends its deepest condolences to the family of Speaker Pangelinan and to his colleagues in the 32<sup>nd</sup> Guam Legislature. The University community is grateful for the commitment and dedication to Guam that Speaker Pangelinan has demonstrated over the years and will remember his legacy in public service.

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