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The Honorable Judith T. Won Pat, Ed.D.  
Speaker  
32nd Guam Legislature  
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Dear Madam Speaker:

I have the honor of transmitting herewith a certified copy of House Commemorative Resolution 18-10, entitled: **“A House Commemorative Resolution honoring the legacy and achievements of the late Senator Vicente “Ben” Cabrera Pangelinan for his distinguished public service and outstanding contributions to the people of Guam and the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands.”**, which was duly adopted by the House of Representatives of the Eighteenth Northern Marianas Commonwealth Legislature.

Sincerely yours,

Linda B. Muña  
House Clerk

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*Eighteenth Legislature  
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**IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES**

**July 22, 2014**

**REPRESENTATIVE ANTONIO P. SABLAN** of Saipan, Precinct 1 (*for himself*, Representatives ANTONIO R. AGULTO, ANTHONY T. BENAVENTE, ROMAN C. BENAVENTE, GEORGE N. CAMACHO, TRENTON B. CONNER, FRANCISCO S. DELA CRUZ, JOSEPH P. DELEON GUERRERO, LORENZO I. DELEON GUERRERO, RAFAEL S. DEMAPAN, CHRISTOPHER D. LEON GUERRERO, JANET U. MARATITA, FELICIDAD T. OGUMORO, JOHN PAUL P. SABLAN, TERESITA A. SANTOS, RICHARD B. SEMAN, MARIANO TAITANO, RAMON A. TEBUTEB, EDMUND S. VILLAGOMEZ, RALPH N. YUMUL,) introduced the following Resolution:

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**H. COMM. RES. 18-10**

**A HOUSE COMMEMORATIVE RESOLUTION**

*Honoring the legacy and achievements of the late Senator Vicente "Ben" Cabrera Pangelinan for his distinguished public service and outstanding contributions to the people of Guam and the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands.*

WHEREAS, the Members of the House of Representatives of the Eighteenth Northern Mariana Islands Legislature has heard with profound sorrow and deep regret the announcement of the death of the *Honorable Vicente "Ben" Cabrera Pangelinan*, Senator and former Speaker of the Guam Legislature and therefore pauses to honor and pay tribute to his memory and life; and

WHEREAS, *Senator Vicente "Ben" Cabrera Pangelinan* was born on the island of Saipan on October 22, 1955 to proud parents Francisco Sablan Pangelinan and Luisa Cabrera Pangelinan; and

WHEREAS, *Senator Vicente "Ben" Cabrera Pangelinan* was affectionately known as "Senator Ben" to those who were fortunate enough to have known him; and

WHEREAS, *Senator Vicente "Ben" Cabrera Pangelinan* attended San Vicente Elementary School on Saipan and graduated from Father Duenas Memorial School on Guam in 1974; and

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WHEREAS, *Senator Vicente "Ben" Cabrera Pangelinan* understood the importance of education therefore pursued his education at the prestigious Georgetown University in Washington, DC, where he earned a Bachelor's Degree in Government; and

WHEREAS, *Senator Vicente "Ben" Cabrera Pangelinan* has been bestowed the Pacific American Foundation (PAF) Fellowship and the Toll Fellowship from the Council of State Governments; and

WHEREAS, at an early age, *Senator Vicente "Ben" Cabrera Pangelinan*, realized his keen interest in government service and worked as a staff assistant to the Office of the Guam Delegate, Antonio G. Won Pat in Washington, D.C. while attending college; and

WHEREAS, *Senator Vicente "Ben" Cabrera Pangelinan* also worked for the late Governor Ricardo J. Bordallo upon returning to Guam; and

WHEREAS, *Senator Vicente "Ben" Cabrera Pangelinan* had numerous positions consisting of Member Relations Officer, Guam Director of Government and Public Affairs, Associate Director of Operations and the Regional General Manager; and

WHEREAS, *Senator Vicente "Ben" Cabrera Pangelinan's* distinguished tenure in the Guam Legislature began in the 22nd Guam Legislature; and

WHEREAS, *Senator Vicente "Ben" Cabrera Pangelinan* was re-elected by the people of Guam to the 23rd, 24th, 25th, 26th, 27th, 29th, 30<sup>th</sup>, 31st legislatures and currently served in the 32nd Guam Legislature; and

WHEREAS, *Senator Vicente "Ben" Cabrera Pangelinan* was Speaker in the 27th Guam Legislature; and

WHEREAS, throughout his political career, *Senator Vicente "Ben" Cabrera Pangelinan* has held the Chairmanship of various Committees, including land, taxation,

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banking and retirement and for the past two terms, he chaired the Committee on Appropriations; and

WHEREAS, as Chairman for the Committee on Appropriations and the Office of Finance and Budget, *Senator Vicente "Ben" Cabrera Pangelinan* gained support from the Executive Branch to pass a fiscal year line item budget that was organized, balanced, and completed in an unprecedented time frame never seen in the government of Guam. His budget reflected the priorities of education, health and safety in the allocation of resources; and

WHEREAS, in addition to serving as Chairman of the Committee on Appropriations, Taxation, Public Debt, Banking, Insurance, Retirement and Land, *Senator Vicente "Ben" Cabrera Pangelinan* also held the position of Vice Chair for the Committee on Education and a member of the Committee on Rules, Federal, Foreign & Micronesian Affairs, Committee on Health & Human Services, Economic Development, Senior Citizens and Election Reform, Committee on Municipal Affairs, Tourism, Housing and Recreation and the Committee on Guam Military Buildup and Homeland Security; and

WHEREAS, *Senator Vicente ("Ben") Cabrera Pangelinan* has championed many issues avoided by many as he fought for the government of Guam retirees to receive their cost of living allowance and after more than 15 years, retirees received what was legally owed to them; and

WHEREAS, *Senator Vicente ("Ben") Cabrera Pangelinan* has led the fight for a fair and open government on the Legislative floor and in the highest courts of Guam, the Ninth Circuit of Appeals, and the United States Supreme Court; and

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WHEREAS, *Senator Vicente "Ben" Cabrera Pangelinan* was a steadfast protector of the natural resources of Guam as he authored legislation declaring that the property in and the right to the use of all water, at any time in a stream, river or other surface sources and water located beneath the ground and in the aquifer in Guam are vested in the government of Guam; and

WHEREAS, *Senator Vicente "Ben" Cabrera Pangelinan* was a champion of Guam's quest for self-determination as he submitted testimonies to the United Nations Special Political Decolonization Committee (Fourth Committee) to advocate for Guam's inalienable right to self-determination; and

WHEREAS, *Senator Vicente "Ben" Cabrera Pangelinan* advocated for the importance of the cultural preservation of Guam by enacting legislation that created the "Hatdin Amot Chamorro" which identifies a portion of Chamorro Land Trust lands specifically to grow herbal medicinal plants for "Suruhanus" and "Suruhanas" to use for traditional medicines; and

WHEREAS, *Senator Vicente "Ben" Cabrera Pangelinan* understood the importance of fostering our environment and introduced legislation promoting the development of renewable energy to require the Guam Power Authority to establish renewable portfolio standard goals and his legislation established the first ever net-metering program, which credits homeowners who install renewable energy production capacity; and

WHEREAS, *Senator Vicente "Ben" Cabrera Pangelinan* often shared his legislative knowledge and expertise with Commonwealth legislators and his legislative proposals were readily accessible to the Commonwealth legislature for consideration and adoption; and

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WHEREAS, *Senator Vicente “Ben” Cabrera Pangelinan* was called to eternal life on July 8, 2014 at the Guam Memorial Hospital; and

WHEREAS, *Senator Vicente “Ben” Cabrera Pangelinan’s* memories will forever live in the hearts of his sisters Maria “Mercy” Reyes and Jesusa “Sue” Williams, brother Antonio Pangelinan, his nieces and nephews, and his special friend Therese Terlaje ; and

WHEREAS, it is more than fitting that the House of Representatives pause in its deliberations to honor and pay tribute to the life of this exceptional public servant who truly represented the people of Guam and the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands through his distinguished public services;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the House of Representatives of the Eighteenth Northern Marianas Commonwealth Legislature that the House hereby joins the people of Guam and the Commonwealth in extending its deepest condolences and sympathy to the family and friends of *Senator Vicente “Ben” Cabrera Pangelinan* have lost an inspiring leader and confidant; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the House honors the dauntless valor of *Senator Vicente “Ben” Cabrera Pangelinan*, beloved son of Guam and the Commonwealth, for his dedication and life of selfless service to the people of Guam and the Commonwealth;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the House recognizes that *Senator Vicente “Ben” Cabrera Pangelinan* was a champion for Cultural Preservation; Fair and Open Government; Guam’s quest for self-determination; the Protection of Guam’s Natural Resources; and Renewable Energy programs through his legislative work and initiatives;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the House reiterates the resolute character of

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*Senator Vicente "Ben" Cabrera Pangelinan* as a paragon of bravery who lived a life of honor guided by his values and commitment to public service;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the House expresses admiration and profound respect for the legacy of *Senator Vicente "Ben" Cabrera Pangelinan* as a truly courageous and inspirational leader; and

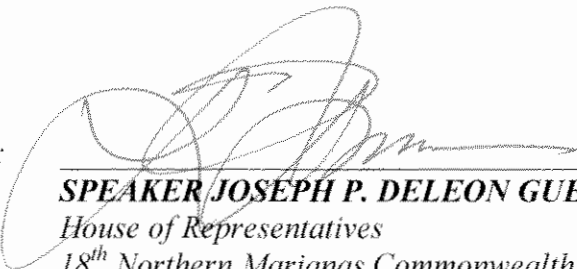
BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Speaker of the House of Representatives shall certify, and the House Clerk shall attest to the adoption of this resolution and thereafter the House Clerk shall transmit certified copies to the bereaved family of Senator Vicente "Ben" Cabrera Pangelinan; the Honorable Judith T. Won Pat, Ed. D., Speaker of the 32nd Guam Legislature; the Honorable Eddie B. Calvo, Governor of Guam; the Honorable Eloy S. Inos, Governor of the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands; the Honorable Ralph DLG. Torres, President of the Senate; and to the Honorable Gregorio Kili Camacho Sablan, CNMI Delegate to the 113<sup>th</sup> United States Congress.

*Duly adopted on the 22nd day of July, 2014*

Attested to by:

  
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*Linda B. Muña, House Clerk*

Certified by:

  
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**SPEAKER JOSEPH P. DELEON GUERRERO**  
*House of Representatives*  
*18<sup>th</sup> Northern Marianas Commonwealth Legislature*