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Introduced by: **Dennis G. Rodriguez, Jr.**
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BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COMMITTEE ON RULES OF *I MINA'TRENTAI KUÅTTRO NA LIHESLATURAN GUÅHAN:*

WHEREAS, Colonel Walter Chris Perez was intellectually gifted and a proven academic scholar since a very young age. He was the Sophomore Graduate Valedictorian at St. Jude Thaddeus School in 1968, and the Valedictorian of his senior class of 1970 at Father Duenas Memorial High School. He obtained a Bachelor of Arts Degree in Biology from St. Louis University (Missouri) with Summa Cum Laude honors in 1974. He attended the University of California, San Francisco School of Medicine as a Regent Scholar and received his Medical Degree in 1978. Colonel Perez completed his residency in Family Practice at the UCSF-FP residency program in Santa Rosa, California and was certified as a Diplomate of the American Board of Family Medicine in 1981. He returned to his

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home island of Guam in 1981 where he began his full-time private practice at The Doctors' Clinic; and

WHEREAS, Colonel Perez accepted a direct commission at age 54, as a Lieutenant Colonel, Medical Corps in the Guam Army National Guard (GUARNG) in April 2007. He completed the Medical Basic Officer Leadership Course in August 2007 and was assigned as a Field Surgeon to the GUARNG Medical Detachment. He deployed to Iraq, stationed at Joint Base Balad with the 215th Area Support Medical Company of the Indiana Army National Guard in January 2009 in support of Operation Iraqi Freedom. Colonel Perez then returned to Guam to assume his position as the Deputy Commander, Clinical of the GUARNG Medical Detachment; and

WHEREAS, he was promoted to Colonel in May 2010 and was appointed as the GUARNG State Surgeon with additional duties as the Guam National Guard (GUNG) primary Medical Review Officer (MRO). Colonel Perez was certified by the board of the American Association of Medical Review Officers. He participated in special worldwide assignments including Pacific Angel 2008 (Cambodia), Garuda Shield 2009 (Indonesia), Inferno Creek 2010 (Oman), and numerous Medical Civil Action Program and Medical Readiness and Training events in the Republic of the Philippines under the State Partnership Program. He completed the Brigade Surgeon Course in 2013 at Ft. Sam Houston, in San Antonio, Texas; and

WHEREAS, Colonel Perez was extremely active in service to professional, civic, and community organizations at the local and national levels. He served as the President of the Medical Staff of the Guam Memorial Hospital (GMH). He was a former President of the Guam Medical Society and was a Delegate to the American Academy of Family Physicians National Assembly. Colonel Perez served several terms as the Chairman of the Guam Memorial Hospital Authority

Board of Trustees and Chairman of the Board of Regents of the University of Guam; and

WHEREAS, Colonel Perez was a member of the board of the Guam Cancer Society, the Guam Heart Association and the Guam Chapter of the Make-a-Wish Foundation where he was a delegate to the National Make-a-Wish Annual Meeting. He was a member of the Judiciary of Guam Committee for Judicial Discipline. He was a very active physician volunteer to numerous sports associations around the island, including the Guam Olympic Committee. Colonel Perez was recognized with The Lifetime Achievement Award by the Guam Medical Society in 2013; and

WHEREAS, Colonel Perez retired from clinical practice from The Doctors' Clinic (TDC) in September 2015, but maintained his medical license to practice medicine, remained a Diplomate of the American Board of Family Medicine, and remained fully credentialed and privileged to practice at the Guam Memorial Hospital until his passing on November 14, 2015; and

WHEREAS, Colonel Perez was an officer and a gentleman. A humble man with a solid spiritual belief, a prankster to those closest to him, an exceptional guitar player and most especially a loving husband, father, and grandfather.

WHEREAS, Colonel Perez was pre-deceased by his loving wife Debra G. Ericson, M.D., and is survived by his daughter Kallen Marie, his son Matthew Gregory, and his grandson Nolan Christopher;

WHEREAS, the Guam Army National Guard honors Colonel Walter Chris Perez for his lifetime of service and dedication by dedicating Building 350, the Guam Army National Guard Assembly Hall as the Colonel Walter Chris Perez Assembly Hall; and now be it;

RESOLVED, that *I Liheslaturan Guåhan* and the people of Guam join the Guam Army National Guard in honoring the late Colonel Walter Chris Perez,

M.D., in the naming of Building 350 of the Guam Army National Guard Readiness Center as the "Colonel Dr. Walter Chris Perez Assembly Hall" in recognition and commendation for his lifetime of service and dedication to the people of Guam and the United States; and, be it further;

RESOLVED, that the Speaker and the Chairperson of the Committee on Rules certify, and the Secretary of the Legislature attest to, the adoption hereof, and that copies of the same be thereafter transmitted to Ms. Kallen Marie Perez and Mr. Matthew Gregory Perez, children of the late Colonel Walter Chris Perez; General Rodrick Leon Guerrero, Adjutant General of the Guam Army National Guard; and to the Honorable Eddie Baza Calvo, *I Maga'låhen Guåhan.*

DULY AND REGULARLY ADOPTED BY THE COMMITTEE ON RULES OF *I MINA'TRENTAI KUÅTTRO NA LIHESLATURAN GUÅHAN* ON THE ____ DAY OF _____, 2017.

Benjamin J. F. Cruz
Speaker

Regine Biscoe Lee
Chairman, Committee on Rules

Regine Biscoe Lee
Legislative Secretary