


I MINA'TRENTAI SIETTE NA LIHESLATURAN GUÅHAN
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Introduced by:

Roy A. B. Quinata 

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1 **BE IT RESOLVED BY *I MINA'TRENTAI SIETTE NA LIHESLATURAN***
2 ***GUÅHAN*:**

3 **WHEREAS**, it is the sense of *I Liheslatura* to recognize and honor those
4 distinguished, pioneering citizens of this great island who have devoted themselves to
5 faithfully serving the best interests of our community and the needs of our island; and

6 **WHEREAS**, such an example of an exemplary citizen is the late Edward Finona
7 Roberto, fondly known as Bubbles, born on September 10, 1966, to †Filipe Barcinas
8 and †Vicenta Finona Roberto, and was raised in the village of Agana Heights; and

9 **WHEREAS**, Edward's love for his siblings: †Avalina "Evelynn" R. & †Vicente
10 S.A. Martinez (Jimmy, Michael, Vincent); †Vicente F. & Felomena G. Roberto
11 (†Melvin, †Adrian, Vanessa, †Bernadette, Matthew); †Rosalin R. & Sebastian Quenga
12 (Jessica, Marylynn, Stephanie, Sebastian Jr, †Roque); †Phillip F. Roberto (James,
13 Denise, Colleen, Desirae) Lourdes L. San Nicolas & John San Nicolas; †Victor F.
14 Roberto, †Roy F. Roberto, †Elizabeth F. Roberto, †Anthony F. Roberto, †Rudy F.

1 Roberto; †Patricia “Patty” F. & Frankie Marrero (Francisco, Leeana, Frankie Jr,
2 Gabriel); and Jesse F. & Arleen Q. Roberto (Joshua, Samuel, Nicole, Dominique,
3 Janelle) was as boundless and extraordinary as the bond with his cat, Mitten; and

4 **WHEREAS**, at the age of 15, Edward was given the nickname Bubbles because
5 of his fizzy beverage, which holds to his personality, a name that suggests a bubbly
6 personality and a light-heartedness that can lift the spirits of those around them; and

7 **WHEREAS**, in 1984, Bubbles graduated from George Washington High School,
8 and in 1993, Bubbles pursued an Associate of Arts in Business Management at Highline
9 College in Des Moines, Washington; and

10 **WHEREAS**, Bubbles has demonstrated unwavering dedication and
11 professionalism while serving as a support staff member across various schools within
12 the Guam Department of Education. His exceptional interpersonal abilities have
13 surpassed expectations, confirming his belief in every student's capacity to excel. This
14 serves to underscore the importance of individualized attention in the educational
15 journey of students with special needs; and

16 **WHEREAS**, Bubbles is renowned for his exceptional customer service at
17 Payless Supermarket, where he consistently goes above and beyond for every customer.
18 His infectious enthusiasm and unwavering dedication to customer satisfaction have
19 made him a beloved figure in the community. Through his meticulous attention to detail
20 and cheerful demeanor, Bubbles ensures that every shopping experience is memorable
21 and enjoyable. His commitment to excellence sets a high standard for customer service,
22 making Payless Supermarket a prime example of how businesses can thrive by putting
23 their customers first; and

24 **WHEREAS**, Bubbles' unwavering belief in faith and the power of prayer. His
25 compassion reminds everyone there are always havens of peace and support to be found
26 in the kindness of others; and

1 **WHEREAS**, in 2005, Bubbles, along with lifelong friends, gathered to form the
2 legendary house, Sisters of the Moonlight, it would come to consist of various unique
3 individuals who have paved the way for future generations while overcoming
4 adversities to live their authentic selves in a time of intolerance toward LGBTQ+; and

5 **WHEREAS**, the Sisters of the Moonlight have learned from the teachings of
6 Bubbles, who has been a gracious and accepting figure within the LGBTQ+ community.
7 Bubbles has opened his home to host family celebrations and holiday gatherings for his
8 "children," ensuring a safe space for everyone. He has created a community where all
9 students feel that they belong and are valued, fostering a sense of family and
10 community. Additionally, Bubbles has offered guidance and support to those living
11 their truth; and

12 **WHEREAS**, Bubbles' house was a beacon of joy, where the echoes of laughter
13 filled every corner. It became a home treasure trove of cherished memories. During
14 family gatherings, the walls seemed to dance with the warmth of his affection, creating
15 an atmosphere where every moment celebrated togetherness. Bubbles' heart, much like
16 his home, was always open, inviting a symphony of love and laughter that resonated
17 long after the festivities ended; and

18 **WHEREAS**, Bubbles' cherished memory will forever ignite smiles and
19 happiness, serving as a reminder of the beauty within us all as we embrace the legacy
20 of love, joy, and a spirit of light-heartedness that Bubbles instilled in our hearts to
21 continue to light our paths; now therefore, be it

22 **RESOLVED**, that *I Mina'trentai Siette Na Liheslaturan Guåhan* does hereby,
23 on behalf of the people of Guam, posthumously recognize the late Edward Finona
24 Roberto for his contributions as a community advocate; and commemorate his goodwill
25 to our island community; and further expressing condolences to his family on his
26 passing on behalf of the people of Guam; and be it further

1 **RESOLVED**, that the Speaker certify, and the Legislative Secretary attest to, the
2 adoption hereof, and that copies of the same be thereafter transmitted to the family of
3 †Edward “Bubbles” Finona Roberto; and to the Honorable Lourdes A. Leon Guerrero,
4 *I Maga'hågan Guåhan.*

DULY AND REGULARLY ADOPTED BY *I MINA'TRENTAI SIETTE NA LIHESLATURAN GUÅHAN* ON THE DAY OF 2024.

THERESE M. TERLAJE
Speaker

AMANDA L. SHELTON
Legislative Secretary