

I MINA'TRENTAI SIETTE NA LIHESLATURAN GUÅHAN
RESOLUTIONS

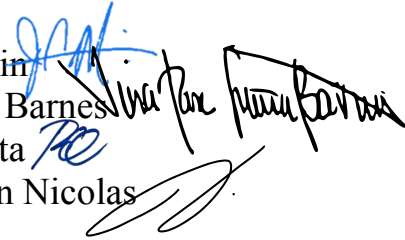
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2024 (SECOND) Regular Session

Resolution No. 571-37 (LS)

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

3 **WHEREAS**, the late Stephen “Steve”, Michael Cruz, was born in November 22,
4 1958 in California. He is the son of former *Malesso*’ Mayor Ignacio “Buck” Cruz and
5 Maria Pablo Cruz. He is married to Jessabelle “Abby” Sablan Baranda Cruz; and

6 **WHEREAS**, Stephen lived in the village of *Malesso*’, where he spent most of
7 his childhood and adolescent years with his family. He was a devoted father to his four
8 (4) children, eight (8) grandchildren and one (1) great grandchild: Anthony Roke
9 (Alyjah (Kai Xitlai), Briseis, Carter); Lawren Jessy (Liam Cai, Teddy Noelle); Lindsey
10 Jae; Lariah Jo (Alias John, Aziah Jo) and Lawrel Joy (Lucas Jose); and

1 **WHEREAS**, Stephen is a retired Police Captain of the Guam Police Department
2 who has served with great distinguishment for many years. He is also the Chief
3 Executive Officer of SMC Security Corporation; and

4 **WHEREAS**, his presence was a beacon of positivity, touching the lives of
5 countless individuals. He cherished the connections he formed and held a special place
6 in his heart for everyone who had been a part of his life. Like many *CHamoru* men on
7 Guam, he is a man of a faith, a devout Catholic. Stephen alongside his family had faith
8 in the center of their lives, they dedicated their time to San Dimas Church in *Malesso*’,
9 where they supported numerous church events, helped to maintain the church and its
10 grounds; and

11 **WHEREAS**, taking action in an unofficial capacity, he organized and led
12 numerous community projects, demonstrating his commitment to enhancing the quality
13 of life for residents; specifically, he oversaw the maintenance and painting of public-
14 school bus stops, the upkeep of *Malesso's* Bell Tower, Santa Marian Kamalen parks,
15 and the Malesso Community Cemetery; and

16 **WHEREAS**, Stephen played a pivotal role in the creation of the renowned
17 “Coconut Christmas Tree” and the twelve-foot “Heart of *Malesso*,” projects that
18 brought joy and unity to the community, attracting numerous volunteers from both
19 public and military sectors; and

20 **WHEREAS**, During the COVID-19 pandemic, Stephen and his wife Abby
21 provided essential supplies including: hand sanitizers, gloves, and masks to those in
22 need, demonstrating their unwavering commitment to public health and safety; and

23 **WHEREAS**, following the devastation caused by the recent typhoon, Stephen
24 stepped forward to assist families with household supplies, showcasing his
25 compassionate nature. Stephen was a staunch supporter of Merizo Elementary School
26 programs and activities, investing in the future of the youth in his community; and

1 **WHEREAS**, through his demonstrated leadership qualities, abilities, and tireless
2 devotion to improving the quality of life for his community. He earned the respect, trust
3 and admiration from the people of Malesso’; now therefore, be it

4 **RESOLVED**, that *I Mina'trentai Siette Na Liheslaturan Guåhan* does hereby,
5 posthumously recognize the late Stephen “Steve”, Michael Cruz, for his goodwill to the
6 people of *Malesso’* and to our island community; and further expressing condolences
7 to his family on his passing on behalf of the people of Guam; and be it further

8 **RESOLVED**, that the Speaker certify, and the Legislative Secretary attest to, the
9 adoption hereof, and that copies of the same be thereafter transmitted to his wife Abby;
10 and to the Honorable Lourdes A. Leon Guerrero, *I Maga'hågan Guåhan*.

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

THERESE M. TERLAJE
Speaker

AMANDA L. SHELTON
Legislative Secretary