

I MINA'TRENTAI SIETTE NA LIHESLATURAN GUÁHAN
RESOLUTIONS

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2024 (SECOND) Regular Session

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Introduced by:

Therese M. Terlaje *TMT*

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

3 **WHEREAS, *I Liheslaturan Guåhan* takes great pride in recognizing the lives**
4 **and achievements of distinguished individuals who have dedicated themselves to**
5 **servicing the best interests of our island community and meeting the needs of our people;**
6 **and**

7 **WHEREAS, in keeping with its long-standing traditions of honoring exemplary**
8 **service, *I Liheslaturan Guåhan* is proud to commend and celebrate the Honorable**
9 **Mayor John A. Cruz; and**

10 **WHEREAS, the Honorable John Aguon Cruz, known affectionately as**
11 **“*Chaka*,” was born on September 13, 1954, to the late †Teresa Aguon Cruz and the late**
12 **†Francisco Taijeron Cruz; and**

1 **WHEREAS**, Mayor Cruz grew up in *Anigua*, graduated from John F. Kennedy
2 High School in 1972, and began a lifetime of service to his community; and

3 **WHEREAS**, he married Marie Duenas Mendiola, daughter of the late †Tomas
4 Flores Mendiola, Commissioner of Agana from 1972 to 1980, and Isabel Duenas
5 Mendiola, and together they have three children: Mia Janelle, Jonathan, and Jude; and

6 **WHEREAS**, Mayor Cruz retired from the Government of Guam in 1996 after
7 twenty (25) years of dedicated service and has since devoted himself to community
8 engagement, including as a player-coach in various basketball leagues, an active
9 member of the Southern Guam Lions Club emphasizing sight conservation, and a
10 parishioner at Dulce Nombre de Maria Cathedral-Basilica Catholic Parish in *Hagåtña*;
11 and

12 **WHEREAS**, since being first elected Mayor of *Hagåtña* in 2004 and re-elected
13 in 2008, 2012, 2016, and 2020, Mayor Cruz has championed initiatives to revitalize
14 Guam’s capital, envisioning it as a clean, vibrant, and thriving business, historical, and
15 cultural hub; and

16 **WHEREAS**, under Mayor Cruz’s leadership, the *Hagåtña* Mayor’s Office was
17 renovated to better serve the community, and he facilitated numerous utility upgrades
18 and infrastructure projects through collaboration with various agencies and
19 departments; and

20 **WHEREAS**, Mayor Cruz has continuously supported local businesses,
21 community organizations, and initiatives that enhance the quality of life for the residents
22 of *Hagåtña* and beyond, embodying the legacy and inspiration of his late father-in-law,
23 Commissioner †Tomas Flores Mendiola; and

24 **WHEREAS**, Mayor Cruz’s steadfast commitment to public service, dedication
25 to the well-being of *Hagåtña* residents, and advocacy for Guam’s heritage and culture
26 reflect his unwavering leadership and devotion to his community; now, therefore, be it

1 **RESOLVED**, that *I Mina'trentai Siette Na Liheslaturan Guåhan* does hereby,
2 on behalf of the people of Guam, recognize the dedication and contributions of the
3 Honorable Mayor John A. Cruz to the community residents of the municipality of
4 *Hagåtña*~Agana; and commend him for his outstanding public service, contributions to
5 the revitalization and development of Guam's capital, and dedication to the people of
6 *Hagåtña* and the island of Guam; and be it further

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

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