

I MINA'TRENTAI SIETTE NA LIHESLATURAN GUÁHAN
RESOLUTIONS

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Introduced by:

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Relative to posthumously recognizing the late †Rodolfo Dacasin Silan, M.D. for his contributions to the field of medicine and to our island community; and expressing condolences to his family on his passing, on behalf of the people of Guam.

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

3 **WHEREAS**, Dr. Rodolfo Dacasin Silan, MD, was born on January 20, 1932, in
4 the Philippines to Aurelio "Eliong" and Gregoria Silan. He is the fifth (5th) of seven (7)
5 biological children, †Maria "Yayao," †Julio, †Rosita, †Julita, †Erlinda and Ruben,
6 along with two (2) adopted siblings †Herminia "Baby," and Frank "Jun". Despite
7 humble beginnings, his family prioritized education, enduring hardships to support Dr.
8 Silan in achieving his academic and professional aspirations; and

9 **WHEREAS**, Dr. Silan graduated from the prestigious University of Santo
10 Tomas Faculty of Medicine and Surgery in 1959, a testament to his dedication and
11 perseverance. He completed his internship at New Hanover Regional Medical Center
12 in North Carolina from 1959 to 1960, followed by a residency in surgery at Riverside
13 Regional Medical Center in California from 1960 to 1961; and

14 **WHEREAS**, following several years of clinical practice in his hometown in the
15 Philippines, Dr. Silan relocated to Guam in 1968. He began his medical practice at the

1 original Guam Memorial Hospital (GMH) and its satellite clinic in Inarajan, where he
2 provided healthcare services to patients from Yona, Talofoyo, Inarajan, Merizo,
3 Umatac, and Agat. During his tenure in Southern Guam, he forged deep friendships and
4 became a respected figure in the community; and

5 **WHEREAS**, Dr. Silan later worked at Good Samaritan Clinic and FHP Health
6 Center before opening his own medical clinic, where he continued his dedication to
7 patient care, specializing in Family Medicine, Obstetrics, and Gynecology. Over the
8 course of his remarkable sixty-five (65) year career, Dr. Silan became a trusted and
9 beloved physician on Guam; and

10 **WHEREAS**, Dr. Silan also contributed to the Guam community through his
11 leadership as president of the Pangasinan Association of Guam. Under his presidency,
12 the association conducted medical missions to Pangasinan, Philippines, and
13 spearheaded the construction of park pavilions in Guam, including those near ITC and
14 GCIC buildings, reflecting his commitment to improving the quality of life for others;
15 and

16 **WHEREAS**, Dr. Silan was a role model and trailblazer, celebrated as one of the
17 first physicians in his hometown to rise from modest beginnings to become a pillar of
18 his family and community. His story inspired countless individuals to pursue their
19 dreams despite challenges; and

20 **WHEREAS**, Dr. Silan resided in Guam for over fifty (50) years with his late
21 wife, Merly, and was the devoted father of three (3) sons, Mario "Natoy," Rudy "Nady,"
22 and Noel. He was a proud grandfather to seven grandchildren and great-grandfather to
23 two great-grandchildren, and he is survived by his brothers, Dr. Ruben Silan and Frank
24 "Jun" Silan; and

25 **WHEREAS**, Dr. Silan's legacy of compassion, dedication to medicine, and
26 service to the community will be remembered and cherished by all who had the
27 privilege of knowing him; now therefore, be it

28 **RESOLVED**, that *I Mina'trentai Siette Na Liheslaturan Guåhan* does hereby,
29 on behalf of the people of Guam relative to posthumously recognizing the late †Rodolfo

1 Dacasin Silan, M.D. for his contributions to the field of medicine and to our island
2 community; and expressing condolences to his family on his passing, on behalf of the
3 people of Guam; and be it further

4 **RESOLVED**, that the Speaker certify, and the Legislative Secretary attest to, the
5 adoption hereof, and that copies of the same be thereafter transmitted to the family of
6 the late †Rodolfo Dacasin Silan, M.D.; and to the Honorable Lourdes A. Leon
7 Guerrero, *I Maga'hågan Guåhan*.

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