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Relative to expressing sincerest condolences on the passing of Marciano “Mark” Vega Pangilinan, Sr.; and to honoring and commending his extraordinary lifetime of entrepreneurial leadership, public service, philanthropy and steadfast dedication to the people of Guam.

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COMMITTEE ON RULES OF I
MINA'TRENTAI OCHO NA LIHESLATURAN GUÅHAN:

WHEREAS, Marciano “Mark” Vega Pangilinan, Sr.’s life was one of family and cultural connection; having immigrated to Guam, he chose to build his life permanently on Guam and married Guadalupe Torres, a Chamorro woman, and together they raised their children: David, Cerila, Genedine, Mark Jr., and John, establishing a family whose

1 members would themselves become involved in the community and continue the
2 tradition of service exemplified by their father; and

3 WHEREAS, he was a pioneering businessman, community benefactor, civic
4 leader and one of Guam's most consequential entrepreneurs, whose remarkable life
5 reflected perseverance, courage, humility, generosity and an abiding faith in the promise
6 and people of Guam; and

7 **WHEREAS**, born in Pampanga, Philippines, Mark came of age during a period
8 of tremendous hardship and uncertainty, with his Liberal Arts studies at Far Eastern
9 University interrupted by the outbreak of World War II; and following his service in the
10 Merchant Marines, he embarked upon a new chapter of his life that would ultimately
11 become inseparable from the modern economic and civic history of Guam; and

12 **WHEREAS**, on June 15, 1946, Mark first arrived on Guam, where he found not
13 merely a place of opportunity and possessed extraordinary determination and an
14 entrepreneurial spirit far beyond his years. He founded M. V. Pangilinan Enterprises in
15 1948, when he was only nineteen (19) years old, using the proceeds of a Five Thousand
16 Dollar (\$5,000) bank loan to establish a haberdashery and tailor shop popularly known
17 as Agana Men's Apparel; and from this modest beginning, he began a business journey
18 that would span decades and help shape Guam's commercial landscape; and

19 **WHEREAS**, he soon expanded his ventures, opening the Bataan Restaurant,
20 which became another popular establishment on Guam, and in 1952, he established the
21 Guam Furniture Mart, steadily building a reputation as an enterprising businessman
22 who recognized the needs of a growing island community and had the courage to invest
23 in Guam's future; and

24 **WHEREAS**, Mark's determination was tested in extraordinary fashion on
25 November 11, 1962, when Typhoon Karen, with winds reported at more than two
26 hundred (200) miles per hour, brought widespread devastation to homes and businesses

1 throughout Guam, including the businesses that Mark had worked so diligently to
2 establish; yet, rather than surrender to adversity, he rebuilt; and

3 **WHEREAS**, in the aftermath of Typhoon Karen, he demonstrated the resilient
4 character for which he would become known: he revived the Guam Furniture Mart,
5 established Allied Construction Company, rebuilt what had been lost and continued
6 expanding his commercial enterprises with renewed determination, transforming
7 profound personal and economic loss into an opportunity to participate in Guam's
8 recovery and continued development; and

9 **WHEREAS**, from these beginnings, he built an extensive family of businesses
10 and investments that touched numerous sectors of Guam's economy, and his enterprises
11 at various times included Mark's Shoe Store; Mark's Walgreen; Ben Franklin
12 Department Store; Mark's Music Center; Mark's Motor Company; Honda and
13 American Motors dealerships; Daewoo Motors; Mark's Insurance Underwriters, Inc.;
14 Mark's LP Gas; Ace Hardware; Mark's Sporting Goods; Sinajana Shopping Mart;
15 Guam Furniture Mart; Mark's Laundromat; the Brig Restaurant; and Guam Office
16 Supply, among other ventures; and

17 **WHEREAS**, Mark also participated in the development of significant
18 commercial and community projects, including the Guam Amusement Park, Yigo
19 Shopping Center and Sinajana Shopping Mall, while his investments extended to major
20 stockholdings in the Bank of Guam and real estate holdings throughout the island; and
21 one of the prominent buildings associated with his business accomplishments would
22 come to house the District Court of Guam in Hagåtña, further reflecting the lasting
23 physical imprint of his work on the island; and

24 **WHEREAS**, he was willing to enter new and competitive fields not simply for
25 personal success, but to broaden the range of services available to the people of Guam;
26 he entered the local newspaper business through the establishment of the Guam Tribune,
27 which later became the Guam Shoppers Guide and through his many commercial

endeavors, he helped stimulate competition, expand consumer choices, create opportunities for local workers and contribute to Guam's developing postwar economy; and

WHEREAS, Mark understood that the true measure of enterprise was not found solely in acquisitions, but in people; and throughout the growth of his companies, he employed hundreds of individuals, helped families put food on their tables, supported parents in educating their children and provided opportunities through which countless residents could improve their quality of life; and

WHEREAS, despite the extraordinary expansion of his business interests, he remained deeply involved in the daily operations and management of his companies, meeting regularly with his division officers and maintaining direct oversight of business developments and activities, demonstrating the discipline, personal involvement and work ethic upon which his success had been built; and

WHEREAS, Mark's commitment to Guam extended far beyond the business community, as he willingly devoted his time, leadership, experience and resources to numerous civic and public organizations, serving in capacities that included Chairman of the University of Guam Board of Regents; Chairman of the Guam Power Authority Board of Directors; Chairman of the American Red Cross Guam Chapter; a Board Member of the Guam Chamber of Commerce; a member of the SAC-USAF Civilian Advisory Council; a member of the COMNAVMAR Civilian Advisory Council; and a leader and spokesman for the Filipino Community of Guam; and

WHEREAS, among the public responsibilities that held special meaning for Mark was his leadership of the University of Guam Board of Regents, where he served as Chairman from 1962 through 1983, a formative period during which the University grew and developed into a full-fledged institution of higher education with expanding facilities, academic programs and a diverse student population; and

1 **WHEREAS**, Mark believed that education carried with it a responsibility to give
2 back to the community and he was particularly concerned that students receiving public
3 financial assistance use their education and expertise for the future benefit of Guam; as
4 Chairman of the Board of Regents, he encouraged scholarship recipients to commit
5 themselves to returning to the island after completing their studies so that the knowledge
6 they acquired could help build a stronger and more prosperous Guam; and

7 **WHEREAS**, Mark's contributions were recognized both on Guam and beyond
8 its shores; in 1974, he received recognition as the Most Outstanding Filipino Overseas
9 in the Philippine Government Business Category, an honor reflecting not only his
10 achievements as a businessman, but also the personal and financial assistance he
11 extended to communities in the Philippines during times of natural disaster and
12 calamity; and

13 **WHEREAS**, in recognition of his exceptional contributions to Guam's economic
14 development, he was named an Outstanding Pioneer Businessman by the Guam
15 Economic Development Authority in 1986 and was recognized by the Guam Business
16 News as Executive of the Year in 1987; and

17 **WHEREAS**, Mark's character and accomplishments earned the respect of
18 Guam's leaders, and his life and contributions were entered into the Congressional
19 Record on November 1, 1991, during the First Session of the 102nd Congress, wherein
20 former Congressman +Vicente T. "Ben" Blaz described Mark as a man who
21 exemplified integrity and humility, and who had pursued his dreams tenaciously and
22 achieved extraordinary success; and

23 **WHEREAS**, in further recognition of his contributions to the island, Governor
24 Joseph F. Ada issued Proclamation No. 91-195, declaring November 9, 1991, as "Mark
25 V. Pangilinan Day" in the Territory of Guam, thereby honoring a man whose
26 achievements had become part of Guam's larger story of perseverance, rebuilding and
27 community advancement; and

1 **WHEREAS**, in 1994, Mark was inducted into the Guam Business Hall of Fame,
2 adding to a distinguished list of honors that also included his being a two-time recipient
3 of the Ancient Order of the Chamorri Award, receiving an Honorary Doctorate of Law
4 from the University of Guam, and receiving the *Pro Ecclesia et Pontifice* honor
5 associated with Pope Paul VI in recognition of his service to the Catholic Church; and

6 **WHEREAS**, he never measured his life solely by his successes, and he was
7 candid about ventures that did not prosper financially, including the Yigo Amusement
8 Park and the Guam Tribune; yet even those experiences reflected a willingness to take
9 risks, introduce new ideas, invest in the island and attempt projects he believed could
10 contribute to the people and economy of Guam; and

11 **WHEREAS**, Mark’s perseverance earned him recognition as an “invincible”
12 *Che’lu*—a brother who would not retreat from circumstances that could be overcome
13 through diligence and hard work and his life demonstrated that resilience most
14 powerfully when he rebuilt after disaster, continued forward after setbacks, and refused
15 to allow hardship to diminish his faith in Guam or its future; and

16 **WHEREAS**, the extraordinary story of +Marciano “Mark” Vega Pangilinan, Sr.,
17 is not simply the story of a successful businessman; it is the story of a young immigrant
18 who arrived on Guam with ambition and courage, made this island his home, built
19 enterprises that created livelihoods for hundreds of families, helped strengthen Guam’s
20 institutions, supported education, responded generously to the needs of his community
21 and used the fruits of his success to help others pursue better lives; and

22 **WHEREAS**, his legacy can be seen not only in the businesses and buildings he
23 established, but in the generations of families whose livelihoods were supported by his
24 enterprises, the students and institutions strengthened through his public service, the
25 civic organizations that benefited from his leadership, and the broader economic
26 foundation that entrepreneurs such as Mark helped establish during Guam’s formative
27 postwar decades; and

1 **WHEREAS**, through his lifetime of perseverance, he earned an enduring place
2 in the history of Guam and in the hearts of the people whose lives he touched, and his
3 passing marks the loss of one of the island’s great pioneering figures; now therefore, be
4 it

5 **RESOLVED**, that the Committee on Rules of *I Mina'trentai Ocho Na*
6 *Liheslaturan Guåhan* does hereby, on behalf of *I Liheslaturan Guåhan* and the people
7 of Guam, express sincerest condolences on the passing of Marciano “Mark” Vega
8 Pangilinan, Sr.; and to honor and commend his extraordinary lifetime of entrepreneurial
9 leadership, public service, philanthropy and steadfast dedication to the people of Guam;
10 and be it further

11 **RESOLVED**, that the Speaker and the Chairperson of the Committee on Rules
12 certify, and the Legislative Secretary attest to, the adoption hereof, and that copies of
13 the same be thereafter transmitted to the Pangilinan family; and to the Honorable
14 Lourdes A. Leon Guerrero, *I Maga'hågan Guåhan*.

**DULY AND REGULARLY ADOPTED BY THE COMMITTEE ON RULES OF
I MINA'TRENTAI OCHO NA LIHESLATURAN GUÅHAN ON THE DAY
OF MONTH 2026.**

Frank F. Blas, Jr.
Speaker

V. Anthony Ada
Chairperson, Committee on Rules

Sabrina Salas Matanane
Legislative Secretary