

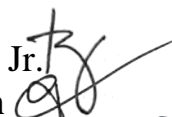














**I MINA'TRENTAI OCHO NA LIHESLATURAN GUÁHAN  
RESOLUTIONS**

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**Resolution No. 101-38 (COR)**

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**Relative to commending Justice F. Philip Carbullido for his twenty-five (25) years of judicial service to the people of Guam.**

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

3 **WHEREAS,** the Honorable F. Philip Carbullido was invested as an Associate  
4 Justice of the Supreme Court of Guam on October 27, 2000, having been nominated to  
5 the position by Governor Carl T.C. Gutierrez and confirmed by the Twenty-Fifth Guam  
6 Legislature without objection, and has since dedicated twenty-five (25) years of judicial  
7 service to the people of Guam; and

1           **WHEREAS**, Justice Carbullido was first elevated to Chief Justice on January  
2 23, 2003, serving the unexpired term of retiring Chief Justice Peter C. Siguenza, Jr. and  
3 then served a second term until January 15, 2008. He returned for a third term beginning  
4 January 18, 2011, serving until January 21, 2014, and was again appointed for a fourth  
5 term on January 21, 2020, serving until January 17, 2023. Over these four terms as Chief  
6 Justice and his tenure as Associate Justice, Justice Carbullido has been a steadfast leader  
7 in the development of Guam’s Judiciary; and

8           **WHEREAS**, Justice Carbullido has led the Judicial Branch of Guam through  
9 two of the most challenging periods in its history – the successful effort to consolidate  
10 the Supreme Court and the Superior Court into a Unified Judiciary co-equal with the  
11 other branches of the Government of Guam, and the navigation of the Judiciary through  
12 the COVID-19 pandemic; and

13           **WHEREAS**, during his investiture on October 27, 2000, Justice Carbullido  
14 spoke of his vision for a unified Judiciary – an aspiration that could only be realized  
15 through an amendment to the Organic Act of Guam. Through his leadership in the  
16 Judicial Council, he advanced this transformation and advocated before Congress for  
17 an amendment to the Organic Act of Guam with the support of Guam’s executive and  
18 legislative branches; and

19           **WHEREAS**, on April 23, 2004, the Twenty-Seventh Guam Legislature, with  
20 near-unanimous bipartisan support, adopted a resolution urging the U.S. Congress to  
21 amend the Organic Act of Guam to firmly establish the judicial branch as a separate and  
22 co-equal branch of government with the Supreme Court of Guam as its head, and on  
23 May 7, 2004, the Governor of Guam provided a letter to Guam’s delegate in support of  
24 the amendment; and

25           **WHEREAS**, this landmark amendment, enacted in United States Public Law  
26 108-378 and codified at 48 U.S.C. § 1421 *et seq.*, secured an independent judicial  
27 branch beyond legislative repeal or executive interference, confirmed the Supreme

1 Court as the island’s highest appellate authority, vested it with appellate, supervisory,  
2 and rulemaking powers, and designated the Chief Justice as the administrative head of  
3 the Judiciary, thereby safeguarding the separation of powers, the rule of law, and the  
4 promise of self-governance – principles long championed by Justice Carbullido;

5 **WHEREAS**, following the Organic Act amendment, Justice Carbullido  
6 advanced numerous reforms in line with the Judiciary’s new unified status, including  
7 the consolidation of administrative functions under a single Administrator of the Courts;  
8 the modernization of operational rules such as the Judiciary’s Procurement Regulations  
9 and Amended Personnel Rules and Regulations; the integration of the Compiler of Laws  
10 under the judicial branch; the revision of practice and procedure before the courts; and  
11 the strengthening of indigent defense services, such as the creation of the Alternate  
12 Public Defender;

13 **WHEREAS**, during his third term as Chief Justice and Chairman of the Judicial  
14 Council, Justice Carbullido established the Court Interpreter Registry Program to ensure  
15 access to justice for all, and spearheaded the Judiciary of Guam’s Strategic Plan entitled  
16 “Our Way Forward,” which functioned as an operational blueprint, setting year-by-year  
17 goals for long-term progress; and

18 **WHEREAS**, during his fourth term as Chief Justice, Justice Carbullido led the  
19 Judiciary through the COVID-19 pandemic, ensuring that essential court operations  
20 continued with minimal disruption and that due process and justice services remained  
21 accessible to the people of Guam; and

22 **WHEREAS**, over the course of twenty-five (25) years, including four terms as  
23 Chief Justice, Justice Carbullido’s dedication, vision, and reforms have left an enduring  
24 impact on the Judiciary of Guam and the people it serves; now therefore, be it

25 **RESOLVED**, that the Committee on Rules of *I Mina'trentai Ocho Na*  
26 *Liheslaturan Guåhan* does hereby, on behalf of *I Liheslaturan Guåhan* and the people  
27 of Guam, recognize that the dedication and efforts of the Honorable F. Philip Carbullido

1 over the past twenty-five (25) years have contributed greatly to the development and  
2 continuation of three co-equal branches of the government in Guam and for the people  
3 of Guam; and be it further

4 **RESOLVED**, that the that the Committee on Rules of *I Mina'trentai Ocho Na*  
5 *Liheslaturan Guåhan* does hereby, on behalf of *I Liheslaturan Guåhan* and the people  
6 of Guam further commends the Honorable F. Philip Carbullido for his service to the  
7 people of Guam as one of the most influential judicial officers to serve in the Judicial  
8 Branch of Guam in the decades of its existence, whose contributions will be felt by the  
9 people of Guam for years to come; and be it further

10 **RESOLVED**, that the Speaker and the Chairperson of the Committee on Rules  
11 certify, and the Legislative Secretary attest to, the adoption hereof, and that copies of  
12 the same be thereafter transmitted to the Honorable F. Philip Carbullido, Associate  
13 Justice of the Supreme Court of Guam; and to the Honorable Lourdes A. Leon Guerrero,  
14 *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 2025.**

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**Frank F. Blas, Jr.**  
**Speaker**

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**V. Anthony Ada**  
**Chairperson, Committee on Rules**

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**Sabrina Salas Matanane**  
**Legislative Secretary**