

Resolution No. 98(LS)

As amended.

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Relative to expressing the sorrow of the people of Guam upon the passing of a dear friend of Guam, the late Ana Leon Guerrero Sablan, an honored Guam pioneer in her own right as our island's first policewoman, for her extraordinary contributions to our island and our people.

BE IT RESOLVED BY I MINA'BENTE SIETE NA LIHESLATURAN GUÅHAN:

WHEREAS, the late Ana Leon Guerrero Sablan, a pillar of strength in our island and a successful pioneer in an extremely demanding profession, carrying the remarkable distinction of being Guam's very first policewoman, passed away on Sunday, November 23, 2003, in Toto, Guam, at the age of ninety-three (93); and

WHEREAS, the late Ana Leon Guerrero Sablan was born on July 30, 1910, in Agana, Guam, and her parents were the late Jose Tello Leon Guerrero and the late Maria Perez Leon Guerrero; and

WHEREAS, the late Ana Leon Guerrero Sablan made a pioneering decision as a young woman when she chose to pursue a career in a field of endeavor as difficult and challenging as police work, widely regarded as "a man's job" at the time of her enlistment in 1946, and her choice has always been a source of pride to her family, our island, and our people; and

WHEREAS, as Guam's first policewoman, the late Ana Leon Guerrero Sablan received several Commendation Letters for superior performance in her various assignments, including serving at the Hagåtña Lock-Up and in Records and Identification, her exemplary record paving the way for future generations of women to make their marks in careers that were traditionally dominated by men; and

WHEREAS, the late Ana Leon Guerrero Sablan demonstrated her dedication and leadership by serving as a guard with the Ordot Prison Camp, to heading the Agana Headquarters Female Confinement Unit, to heading the Fingerprinting and Processing Unit, to her final assignment as head of Civilian ID Cards and Police Records Unit; and

WHEREAS, women entering police work have encountered enormous difficulties, primarily as a result of the negative attitudes of men, and the late Ana Leon Guerrero Sablan faced the greatest challenges of her lifetime in the resistance displayed by male officers, further strengthening her resolve to prove that women can perform police work as well as men, becoming a role model for girls and women who desire to enter the police force; and

WHEREAS, the late Ana Leon Guerrero Sablan proved the theory that women act less aggressively and believe less in aggression, focusing increased attention on ways of avoiding violence and cooling violent situations without using physical force; and

WHEREAS, the late Ana Leon Guerrero Sablan's twenty-nine (29) years of service to our island and steady progression through the ranks, beginning as a Police Matron, Matron (Max), reclassification as a Public Safety Policewoman, and eventual retirement as a Public Safety Officer I, all the while tending to a family of eight (8) children, is a testament to her desire to achieve and succeed, and reflects warmly on all of the people of Guam; and

WHEREAS, in conjunction with Women's History Month, the American Association of University Women, Guam Branch, presented to the late Ana Leon Guerrero Sablan a certificate acknowledging her as the first female *Chamorro* policewoman; and her notable achievement was published in the *Manfa'yi*, Who's Who Women in Guam; and

WHEREAS, the late Ana Leon Guerrero Sablan received a Certificate of Recognition by the Guam Police Department as a retired police officer, commemorating the occasion of her 90th Birthday and recognizing her dedicated service performed from October 1946 to July 1975; and

WHEREAS, following the late Ana Leon Guerrero Sablan's long and full life, her love and spirit remains in the hearts of her children Mariquita Matanane, Rosa Quinata, Annie Quitugua, and Johnny L.G. Sablan; her brothers and sisters Maria Torres, Gertrudes Tayama, and Joaquin Perez Leon Guerrero, and she is additionally survived by sixty (67) great-grandchildren and eleven (11) great-great-grandchildren; and

WHEREAS, the late Ana Leon Guerrero Sablan joins many loved ones who preceded her into the next life, including her children Sylvia Siguenza, Patricia Cruz, Antonio L.G. Sablan, Raymond L.G. Sablan; and her brothers and sisters Dolores Perez Leon Guerrero, Jesus Perez Leon Guerrero, Francisca Shimizu, Jose Perez Leon Guerrero, Sauru Perez Leon Guerrero, Dolores Giesseman, and Juan Perez Leon Guerrero; and

WHEREAS, the late Ana Leon Guerrero Sablan was a model policewoman, a community leader, a loving wife and a devoted mother to her children, grand-children, great-grandchildren and great-great grandchildren, and it is fitting that she receives the recognition and appreciation she deserves for giving so much to so many while exemplifying the true meaning of "public servant"; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that *I Mina'Bente Siete Na Liheslaturan Guåhan* does hereby, on behalf of the people of Guam, express the sorrow of the people of Guam upon the passing of a dear friend of Guam, the late Ana Leon Guerrero Sablan, for her extraordinary contributions to our island and our people; and be it further

RESOLVED, that the Speaker certify, and the Legislative Secretary attest to, the adoption hereof and that copies of the same be thereafter transmitted to the family of the late Ana Leon Guerrero Sablan, including Mariquita Matanane, Rosa Quinata, Annie Quitugua, Johnny L.G. Sablan, Maria Torres, Gertrudes Tayama, and Joaquin Perez Leon Guerrero; to the families of her predeceased children and brothers and sisters, including Sylvia Siguenza, Patricia Cruz, Antonio L.G. Sablan, Raymond L.G. Sablan, Dolores Perez Leon Guerrero, Jesus Perez Leon Guerrero, Francisca Shimizu, Jose Perez Leon Guerrero, Sauru Perez Leon Guerrero, Dolores Giesseman, and Juan Perez Leon Guerrero; to the Guam Police Department; and to the Honorable Felix P. Camacho, *I Maga'láhen Guåhan*.

DULY AND REGULARLY ADOPTED BY I MINA'BENTE SIETE NA LIHESLATURAN GUÅHAN ON THE 3RD DAY OF DECEMBER, 2003.

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Speaker

TINA ROSE MUÑA BARNES
Senator and Legislative Secretary

