

I MINA'TRENTAI OCHO NA LIHESLATURAN GUÅHAN
RESOLUTIONS

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Introduced by:

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BE IT RESOLVED BY *I MINA'TRENTAI OCHO NA LIHESLATURAN GUAHAN*:

WHEREAS, the late †Mark Forbes was born in New York on October 27, 1954; he is the son of the late †Rosalind Limtiaco Forbes and the late †John Dennis Forbes, and is the eldest of three (3) sons - his brothers are the late †Carl Forbes and *Pali'* Eric Forbes; and he is the husband of Cina Hume Forbes and the father of Sean Forbes; and

WHEREAS, after spending his early years in the mainland USA, Speaker †Forbes moved back to Guam with his family in 1959, residing in his maternal grandmother Maria Perez Torres's home village of *Sinajaña*. Speaker †Forbes attended St. Francis Catholic School in *Yona*; he graduated from Father Dueñas Memorial School in *Mangilao* in 1971; and he attended the University of Guam; and

WHEREAS, in 1972, Speaker †Forbes began working as a volunteer with Sanctuary, Inc. until 1975 when he became the Director of the organization that provides a safe and temporary alternative to correctional detention to our island's youth; and

WHEREAS, after briefly relocating to Washington state, Speaker †Forbes returned to Guam in 1986 and began his political career serving as a Deputy Chief of Staff and the Director for Policy and Communications for Governor Joseph F. Ada during the Ada-Blas administration from 1987 to 1995; and

WHEREAS, Speaker †Forbes ran for Senator of the Guam Legislature as a Republican and was elected to serve seven (7) consecutive terms from the 23rd Guam Legislature in 1995 to the 29th Guam Legislature in 2007; and Senator †Forbes was elected to serve as Speaker of the Legislature during the 28th and 29th Guam Legislatures; and

WHEREAS, during his tenure as Senator, Speaker †Forbes introduced landmark legislation that reduced the number of Senators from twenty-one (21) members to fifteen (15) members, streamlining legislative processes, promoting efficiency, and ensuring fiscal responsibility and prudent use of public funds; and

WHEREAS, Speaker †Forbes was instrumental in the creation of the Office of Public Accountability, a crucial step toward enhancing transparency and accountability within the government, and championed legislation that made the Attorney General of Guam an elected office; and

WHEREAS, Speaker †Forbes demonstrated an unwavering commitment to the betterment of Guam's governance and the welfare of its citizens; he was known for his intelligence, eloquence and visionary approach; he was recognized for his sharp mind and charisma which enabled him to effectively reach his constituents and work collaboratively with his colleagues; and he was a staunch supporter of fiscal responsibility and government accountability, principles that guided his legislative efforts and defined his legacy; and

WHEREAS, Speaker †Forbes is a true statesman who will be remembered for his exemplary service and substantial contributions to the governance of Guam; and he will always be an inspiration to legislative colleagues and an example of strong leadership to our island's future leaders; and

WHEREAS, it is also very noteworthy to mention that with the passing of former Speaker Mark Forbes in the month of March which is *Mes Chamorro* on Guam, we commemorate a significant milestone as coincidentally this celebrates and honors Speaker Forbes' dedicated service to the improvement of Guam and to the perpetuation and preservation of the *Chamorro* language and culture of its people, as demonstrated by his writing of various *Chamorro*-centric bills that became public laws, to include, among others: using the *Chamorro* word *Hagåtña*, which is the capital city of Guam, instead of *Agaña*, to use *I Maga'lahen/Maga'hagan Guahan*, *I Sigundo Na Maga'lahen/Maga'hagan Guahan* and *I Liheslaturan Guahan* for the Governor and Lieutenant Governor of Guam and the Guam Legislature; redesigning the Great Seal of Guam to be inscribed as "GREAT SEAL OF GUAM -TANO I MAN CHAMORRO"; changing the name of Routes 4, 2, and 2A to *Chalan Chamorro*; creating the Department of Chamorro Affairs and the Guam Ancestral Lands Commission; and to discontinue using the words "territory" or "Territory of Guam" when referring to official GovGuam usage in its documents and self-description writings; now therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that *I Mina'trentai Ocho Na Liheslaturan Guahan* does hereby, on behalf of the people of Guam, posthumously recognize the late Honorable †Mark Forbes, former Senator and Speaker of *I Liheslaturan Guahan*, for his public service and dedication to our island; and express condolences to his family on his passing, on behalf of the people of Guam; 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 Honorable †Mark Forbes; and to the Honorable Lourdes A. Leon Guerrero, *I Maga'hagan Guahan*.

DULY AND REGULARLY ADOPTED BY *I MINA'TRENTAI OCHO NA LIHESLATURAN GUAHAN* ON THE 31ST DAY OF MARCH 2025.


Frank F. Blas, Jr.
Speaker


Sabrina Salas Matanane
Legislative Secretary



I MINA'TRENTAI OCHO NA LIHESLATURAN GUÅHAN
2025 (FIRST) Regular Session

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2 ***GUÅHAN*:**

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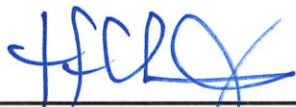
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OFFICE OF THE SPEAKER
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38TH GUAM LEGISLATURE – *I Mina'trentai Ocho Na Liheslaturan Guåhan*

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April 2, 2025

MEMORANDUM

To: All Senators

From: Speaker Frank F. Blas, Jr.

Subject: First Notice – Call to Session for State Funeral – Tuesday, April 8, 2025 at 9:00 a.m.

Håfa Adai,

I Liheslaturan Guåhan will be called into Session on **Tuesday, April 8, 2025 at 9:00 a.m.** in the **Speaker Antonio R., Unpingco Legislative Session Hall** in the **Guam Congress Building** for the purpose of conducting **State Memorial Services** for the **late Honorable Mark Forbes, former Speaker**. **State services will begin promptly at 10:00 a.m.**

The session will be broadcast on GTA Channel 21, Docomo Channel 117 or 112-4 and at http://www.guamlegislature.gov/live_feed.htm. A recording of the session will be available online via Guam Legislature Media on YouTube after the session.

Please email

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Si Yu'os Ma'ase

FRANK F. BLAS, JR.
Speaker



OFFICE OF THE SPEAKER
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April 4, 2025

MEMORANDUM

To: All Senators

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