

FOURTEENTH NORTHERN MARIANAS COMMONWEALTH LEGISLATURE

SESSION, 2005

H. Com. Res. No.

14-5

A HOUSE COMMEMORATIVE RESOLUTION

CONVEYING SINCERE CONDOLENCES AND SYMPATHY BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, FOURTEENTH NORTHERN MARIANAS COMMONWEALTH LEGISLATURE, TO THE BEREAVED FAMILY OF THE LATE HONORABLE PEDRO MANGLONA ATALIG ON HIS UNTIMELY PASSING AND PAYING TRIBUTE TO HIS CONTRIBUTIONS.

1           **WHEREAS**, the Honorable Pedro Manglona Atalig of Rota was born on October  
2           3, 1949 and was called to his eternal rest on February 16, 2005 at the age of 55; and

3           **WHEREAS**, the Honorable Pedro Manglona Atalig received his Bachelor of Arts  
4           degree in Political Science from the California State University in San Jose, California in  
5           1972; and

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7           Degree from Washburn University of Topeka School of Law in 1975. He was admitted  
8           to practice law in the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands, the State of  
9           Kansas, the U.S. District Court for the Northern Mariana Islands, and the U.S. Ninth  
10          Circuit Court of Appeals; and

11          **WHEREAS**, the Honorable Pedro Manglona Atalig furthered his education by  
12          attending and completing various training seminars in the following areas: legal writing  
13          in plain English, criminal defense school, negotiation, college of advocacy, general  
14          jurisdiction, appellate judges seminar, mediation and alternative dispute resolution, and  
15          logic for lawyers and judges; and

16          **WHEREAS**, the Honorable Pedro Manglona Atalig began his distinguished legal  
17          career in the CNMI as the assistant District Attorney for the Marianas from 1975-1976.  
18          Subsequently, he was the assistant director for Public Administration for the Office of

1 Transition and Planning for Constitutional Government from 1976-1978. From May  
2 1978 to January 1979, he served as an assistant legislative counsel for the First Northern  
3 Marianas Commonwealth Legislature. From 1979 to 1986, he was the legal counsel for  
4 the Marianas Public Land Corporation. From 1986-1991, Mr. Atalig was in private  
5 practice; and

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10 **WHEREAS**, the Honorable Pedro Manglona Atalig further served the  
11 community as follows: as a Member and Chairman of the United Nation Task Force on  
12 Trust Territory Termination; the First Constitutional Convention Delegate for Rota and  
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15 Lands Authority; and

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19 **WHEREAS**, the Honorable Pedro Manglona Atalig joins his father, Antonio  
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21 **WHEREAS**, the Honorable Pedro Manglona Atalig is survived by his mother,  
22 Ana (Anita) Manglona Atalig; his wife, Mrs. Nelida Bisnar Atalig; and his children and  
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25 **NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that the House of Representatives,  
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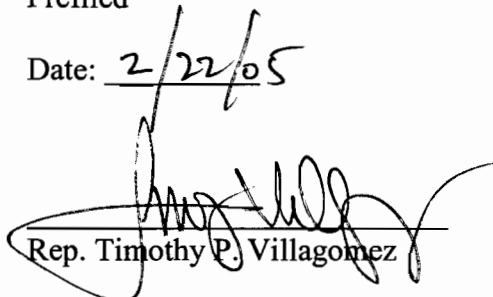
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- 2 **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the Speaker of the House of
- 3 Representatives shall certify, and the House Clerk shall attest to the adoption of this
- 4 Resolution and thereafter transmit certified copies to Mrs. Nelida Bisnar Atalig, the wife
- 5 of the late Honorable Pedro Manglona Atalig; the Honorable Juan N. Babauta, Governor
- 6 of the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands; the Honorable Joaquin G.
- 7 Adriano, Fourteenth Commonwealth Senate President; and the Honorable Benjamin T.
- 8 Manglona, Mayor of Rota.

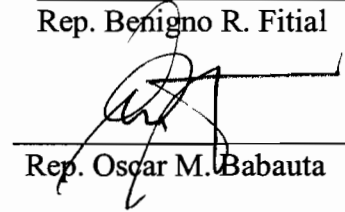
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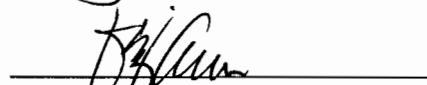
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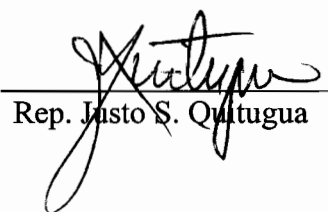
  
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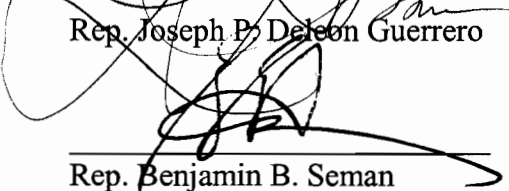
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## **PEDRO MANGLONA ATALIG**

### **EDUCATION**

- Washburn University of Topeka School of Law  
Juris Doctor Decree, 1975
- California State University, San Jose California  
Bachelor of Arts, Political Science, 1972

### **PROFESSIONAL CREDENTIALS**

- Admitted to Practice Law - CNMI
- Admitted to Practice Law - KANSAS
- Admitted to Practice Law - U.S. District Court for CNMI; Ninth Circuit Court of Appeals

### **EMPLOYMENT HISTORY**

- Private Practice  
January 1, 1998 to present
- Associate Justice, CNMI Supreme Court  
February 23, 1993 to December 6, 1997
- Presiding Judge, CNMI Superior Court  
November 7, 1991 to February 23, 1993
- Private Practice  
1986 - 1991
- Legal Counsel, Marianas Public Land Corp.  
1979 - 1986
- Assistant Legislative Counsel  
May 1978 to January 1979
- Assistant Director for Public Administration  
For Office of Transition and Planning for  
Constitutional Government  
1976 - 1978
- Assistant District Attorney for Marianas  
District, 1975 - 1976

### **Board and Governmental Membership**

- First Constitutional Convention Delegate for Rota and Convention Secretary

- Vice Chairman Board of Election
- Member, Law Revision Commission
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- Member, Board of Public Lands

#### Training

- Legal Writing in Plain English
- Criminal Defense School
- Negotiation
- College of Advocacy
- General Jurisdiction
- Appellate Judges Seminars
- Mediation Alternative Dispute Resolution
- Logic for Lawyers and Judges

#### Appointments

- Special Judge -- U.S. District Court, CNMI
- Special Judge -- CNMI
- Justice and Judge Pro Tem for the CNMI Supreme and Superior Court



**HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES**  
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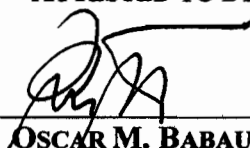
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*Approved this 22<sup>nd</sup> day of February, 2005*

**CERTIFIED BY:**

  
**TIMOTHY P. VILLAGOMEZ**  
ACTING SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE

**ATTESTED TO BY:**

  
**OSCAR M. BABAUTA**  
FLOOR LEADER