

*Seventeenth Northern Marianas Commonwealth Legislature*

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

**FIRST**

SESSION, 2010

C. Res. 17-4

**A HOUSE COMMEMORATIVE RESOLUTION**

To convey the sincere condolences and sympathy of the House of Representatives to the bereaved family of the late Honorable Francisco Castro Ada on the occasion of his untimely passing and to pay fond tribute to his contributions to the Commonwealth.

1           **WHEREAS**, the Late Honorable Francisco Castro Ada was born on  
2           September 26, 1934, in the Northern Mariana Islands, to proud parents Francisco  
3           Alig Ada and Luciana Diaz Castro Ada; and

4           **WHEREAS**, the Late Honorable Francisco Castro Ada married his best  
5           friend Maria Ines Seman Ada and through their union, were blessed with seven  
6           beautiful children namely, Maria Lourdes, Eloise, Lillian, Estrellita, Francisco,  
7           Norma, and Luciana; and

8           **WHEREAS**, the Late Honorable Francisco Castro Ada was a loving  
9           father, grandfather, great grandfather, brother, uncle, but most importantly a friend  
10          to his neighbors and colleagues; and

11          **WHEREAS**, the Late Honorable Francisco Castro Ada, a man with great  
12          work ethic learned that in order to make a living, one must be dedicated and  
13          determined as he began working at an early age; and

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1           **WHEREAS**, the Late Honorable Francisco Castro Ada graduated from  
2 George Washington High School in the Commonwealth's neighboring island of  
3 Guam; and

4           **WHEREAS**, the Late Honorable Francisco Castro Ada received his  
5 Bachelor of Arts degree in Political Science from the University of Hawaii at  
6 Manoa in 1961, and continued his training in the legislative process at the East-  
7 West Center at the Oahu campus; and

8           **WHEREAS**, in 1962 the Late Honorable Francisco Castro Ada returned  
9 home, where he began his distinguished public service career as a member of the  
10 Saipan Municipal Congress from 1962 through 1963; and

11           **WHEREAS**, the Late Honorable Francisco Castro Ada became a member  
12 of the Mariana Islands District Legislature in 1963, where he proudly represented  
13 the people of the Northern Marianas; and

14           **WHEREAS**, the Late Honorable Francisco Castro Ada served the  
15 Mariana District, Trust Territory of the Pacific Islands as an Assistant District  
16 Administrator from 1966 through 1969; and

17           **WHEREAS**, the Late Honorable Francisco Castro Ada, a man with great  
18 work ethic and determination was awarded a promotion to District Administrator  
19 of the Mariana District, Trust Territory of the Pacific Islands in 1969, where he  
20 continued his service with exceptional leadership and honor until he was

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1 designated as the Deputy Resident Commissioner to the Northern Marianas in  
2 1976; and

3           **WHEREAS**, the Late Honorable Francisco Castro Ada became the first  
4 elected Lieutenant Governor of the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana  
5 Islands in 1978, serving the people of this great Commonwealth with utmost  
6 respect and dignity alongside Governor Carlos S. Camacho until 1982; and

7           **WHEREAS**, the Late Honorable Francisco Castro Ada, a man with great  
8 vision and drive, understood the importance of modernized facilities and tourism  
9 as the driving force to economic prosperity for the people of the new  
10 Commonwealth; and

11           **WHEREAS**, the Late Honorable Francisco Castro Ada was very  
12 instrumental in the establishment of the Mariana Islands Airport Authority, which  
13 began the movement to finance what became the Saipan International Airport and  
14 the beginning of the airport structures on the islands of Rota and Tinian; and

15           **WHEREAS**, the Late Honorable Francisco Castro Ada's commitment and  
16 dedication to bring air service to the Commonwealth was honored by the  
17 Thirteenth Commonwealth Legislature through legislation to rename the Saipan  
18 International Airport as the Francisco C. Ada Saipan International Airport; and

19           **WHEREAS**, on October 14, 2002, then Governor Juan N. Babauta signed  
20 into law Saipan Local Law 13-10, renaming the Saipan International Airport the

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1 Francisco C. Ada/Saipan International Airport in honor of the Late Honorable  
2 Francisco Castro Ada; and

3           **WHEREAS**, the Late Honorable Francisco Castro Ada has been described  
4 as a man who contributed to the development of the Commonwealth in achieving  
5 its goal of self-determination; and

6           **WHEREAS**, the Late Honorable Francisco Castro Ada dedicated many  
7 years of his life to serving the people of the Commonwealth; and

8           **WHEREAS**, it would be extremely difficult to find a person with similar  
9 compassion and devotion to public service, like that of the Late Honorable  
10 Francisco Castro Ada, a man who dedicated his life to his family and to the  
11 residents of this Great Commonwealth, contributing with all generosity and  
12 unselfish dedication of his precious time; and

13           **WHEREAS**, the Late Honorable Francisco Castro Ada was called to his  
14 eternal rest on March 2, 2010 and will be greatly missed by his family, friends,  
15 neighbors, colleagues, and the people of the Commonwealth; and

16           **WHEREAS**, the Late Honorable Francisco Castro Ada's lasting legacy as  
17 a public servant will forever be in the hearts and minds of the Commonwealth and  
18 Micronesia;

19           **NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, by the House of  
20 Representatives of the Seventeenth Northern Marianas Commonwealth  
21 Legislature that the House and the People of the Commonwealth of the Northern

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1 Mariana Islands hereby extend its sincere condolences and sympathy to the family  
2 of the late Honorable Francisco Castro Ada on his untimely passing and pay fond  
3 tribute to a man who provided untiring services to the entire Commonwealth; and

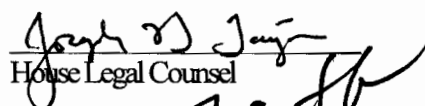
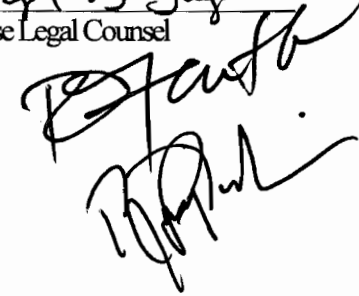
4 **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the sponsor of this resolution or the  
5 designee of the Speaker of the House shall present a certified original copy of this  
6 House Commemorative Resolution; and

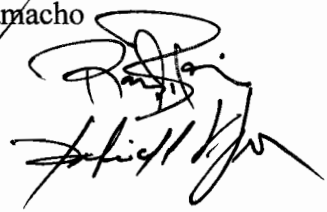
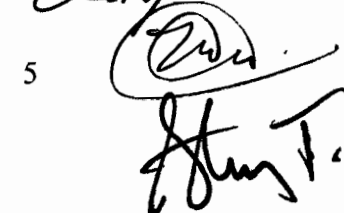
7 **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the Speaker of the House of  
8 Representatives shall certify, and the House Clerk shall attest to the adoption of  
9 this resolution and thereafter the House Clerk shall transmit certified copies to his  
10 wife, Mrs. Ines Seman Ada on behalf of the family of the late Honorable  
11 Francisco Castro Ada; the Honorable Benigno R. Fitial, Governor of the  
12 Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands; Honorable Gregorio "Kilili" C.  
13 Sablan, CNMI Delegate to the United States; and Honorable Paul A. Manglona,  
14 Senate President, Seventeenth Commonwealth Legislature.

Prefiled 03/10/2010

Date: 3/11/2010

Introduced by:   
Rep. George N. Camacho

Reviewed by:  
  
House Legal Counsel  


  
  
  
  
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