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A HOUSE RESOLUTION

Recognizing the outstanding achievements and service of the
Honorable Edward Manibusan, Presiding Judge of The Superior
Court of the Northern Mariana Islands.

1 WHEREAS, the House of Representatives is honored to pay tribute to the Honorable Edward
2 Manibusan, Presiding Judge of the Superior Court of the Northern Mariana Islands, who retires from
3 active government service on March 14, 2003, after more than 20 years of exemplary service to the
4 people of the Commonwealth; and

5 WHEREAS, the Honorable Edward Manibusan leaves behind a lasting legacy marked by the
6 pursuit of excellence in all the various positions he has held and as Judge, Justice Pro Tempore,
7 Attorney General, Assistant Attorney General, Assistant Public Defender, and Director of Public
8 Safety, the Honorable Edward Manibusan has performed the mandate of each of his duties and
9 responsibilities with utmost integrity and a solemn respect for his profession and the offices he has
10 held; and

11 WHEREAS, as Presiding Judge, the Honorable Edward Manibusan commands the helm of the
12 Superior Court, the Commonwealth's court of original jurisdiction comprising of the Trial Court
13 division, the Family Court and other divisions handling probate, traffic, small claims and juvenile
14 matters, and the Office of Adult Probation; and

15 WHEREAS, in the span of a decade, the Honorable Edward Manibusan has contributed

1 materially and substantially to the development of the Commonwealth's jurisprudence and the
2 administration of justice by distinguishing himself as a conscientious and thorough jurist determined to
3 address complex legal issues confronting our courts with a purpose to lay a firm foundation for the rule
4 of law of the Commonwealth; and

5 WHEREAS, Judge Manibusan is well-known among his colleagues, staff, and parties and
6 attorneys appearing before him, for his professionalism and code of responsibility based on
7 preparedness, punctuality, and plain hard work; and

8 WHEREAS, upon his subordinates Judge Manibusan imposes a similar work ethic by
9 demanding quality performance which, among other things, made it possible for the Superior Court to
10 improve the efficiency of its administrative functions particularly the timely upgrading of its
11 informational system; and

12 WHEREAS, the Honorable Edward Manibusan first came to the bench on March 1, 1993, as
13 Associate Judge upon appointment by Governor Lorenzo I. Deleon Guerrero, after a successful stint in
14 the private sector as a partner in the firm of Salas & Manibusan and years of distinguished service as a
15 government attorney; and

16 WHEREAS, serving as Attorney General of the Commonwealth, the Honorable Edward
17 Manibusan diligently and faithfully carried out his duties as the chief legal advisor and enforcer for the
18 Commonwealth Government during Governor Pedro P. Tenorio's second term after his tenure as the
19 Criminal Division Chief and as an Assistant Attorney General; and

20 WHEREAS, prior to naming him as Attorney General and in recognition of his outstanding
21 leadership and versatile management skills, Governor Pedro P. Tenorio had appointed the Honorable
22 Edward Manibusan as the Director of the Department of Public Safety to supervise one of the largest
23 executive branch department consisting of three major parts, the police, corrections and fire divisions,
24 and numerous offices within the department; and

25 WHEREAS, the Honorable Edward Manibusan built his distinguished legal career upon his
26 first job as an attorney defending indigent defendants as an Assistant Public Defender of the
27 Commonwealth, after graduating from Gonzaga University School of Law with a Juris Doctor, the
28 culmination of an educational background which includes a Bachelor of Science from California State
29 University at Fullerton, an Associate of Art from the University of Guam, upon graduating as part of
30 the class of 1972 from Marianas High School; and

1 WHEREAS, in addition to his obligation as a Commonwealth judge, the Honorable Edward
2 Manibusan has also rendered service as District Court Judge Designate for the United States District
3 Court for the Northern Mariana Islands; and

4 WHEREAS, the Honorable Edward Manibusan has also maintained an avid interest in
5 improving the administration of justice in his capacity as a Member of the Board of Directors of the
6 CNMI Bar Association, as the Vice Chair of the association's Disciplinary Committee, and as a
7 member of the Council for the Improvement of Criminal Justice where he presently serves as the chair;
8 and

9 WHEREAS, following the humanist sentiments of his heart, the Honorable Edward Manibusan
10 participated in the advancement of numerous public interest projects through his membership on the
11 Commonwealth Council for the Humanities; and

12 WHEREAS, Judge Manibusan, a gifted athlete and dedicated citizen, has found time to foster
13 the interest of both children and adults in competitive sports by serving as a member and officer of the
14 Northern Marianas Amateur Sports Association, Micronesian Games organizations, and the Federation
15 Internationale de Basketball – International Basketball Federation; and

16 WHEREAS, recognizing the lack of suitable extracurricular activities for children, Judge
17 Manibusan founded the Northern Marianas Junior Golf League to provide under-privileged youth the
18 opportunity to learn and enjoy the sport of golf and currently serves as its president; and

19 WHEREAS, as a parent, Judge Manibusan takes a keen interest in education by serving on the
20 Board of Directors of the Mount Carmel School; and

21 WHEREAS, the range of Judge Manibusan's civic duties has expanded with his appointment
22 by Secretary of the Army as the Civilian Aide to the Secretary of the Army for the Commonwealth of
23 the Northern Mariana Islands to assist the Secretary in generating public support for the Army's
24 mission; and

25 WHEREAS, Judge Manibusan's varied contributions to the Commonwealth community
26 embody the ideals and qualities of a true Commonwealth citizen who selflessly gives of time and
27 talents to the advancement and betterment of his community and are well-deserving of public honor and
28 gratitude for having made the Commonwealth a better place for all; now, therefore

29 BE IT RESOLVED, by the House of Representatives, Thirteenth Northern Marianas
30 Commonwealth Legislature, that the House hereby acknowledges the achievements and

1 accomplishments of the Honorable Edward Manibusan, his pursuit of excellence in all the various
2 government offices he has held, particularly as Presiding Judge of the Superior Court of the Northern
3 Mariana Islands and his enduring contribution to the development of the rule of law and the
4 administration of justice in the Commonwealth; and

5 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the House further congratulates the Honorable Edward
6 Manibusan for his appointment as Civilian Aide to the Secretary of the Army for the Commonwealth of
7 the Northern Mariana Islands, an honor well-deserved and aptly bestowed on this patriotic citizen; and

8 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the House extends its appreciation to Judge Manibusan
9 for generously contributing his time and energy to the various civic activities he has undertaken for the
10 benefit of the Commonwealth community and especially our youth; and

11 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Speaker of the House of Representatives shall certify,
12 and the House Clerk shall attest to the adoption of this resolution and thereafter transmit certified
13 copies to Thomas E. White, Secretary of the Army; the Honorable Miguel S. Demapan, Chief Justice of
14 the Supreme Court; and the Honorable Juan N. Babauta, Governor of the Commonwealth of the
15 Northern Mariana Islands.

Adopted by the House of Representatives on March 6, 2003

CERTIFIED BY:

ATTESTED TO BY:

HEINZ S. HOFSCHEIDER
SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE

EVELYN C. FLEMING
HOUSE CLERK