

Seventeenth Northern Marianas Commonwealth Legislature

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Session, 2011

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A HOUSE RESOLUTION

To Congratulate and Commend the Honorable Chief Judge Ramona V. Manglona on her confirmation as U.S. District Court judge for the Northern Mariana Islands.

1 **WHEREAS**, the Honorable Chief Judge Ramona V. Manglona was born
2 on February 26, 1967, to proud parents †Manuel S. and †Luise P. Villagomez;
3 and

4 **WHEREAS**, the Honorable Chief Judge Ramona V. Manglona is happily
5 married to Associate Justice John A. Manglona and through their union, they are
6 both blessed with two wonderful children, namely Dencio and Savana; and

7 **WHEREAS**, the Honorable Chief Judge Ramona V. Manglona attended
8 Mount Carmel School on Saipan and later attended and graduated from San
9 Leandro High School, San Leandro, California in 1985; and

10 **WHEREAS**, the Honorable Chief Judge Ramona V. Manglona obtained
11 her Bachelor of Arts in 1990 from the University of California at Berkeley; and

12 **WHEREAS**, in 1996, the Honorable Chief Judge Ramona V. Manglona
13 earned her Juris Doctor Degree from the University of New Mexico School of
14 Law which she completed in two and a half years and graduated with honors; and

1 **WHEREAS**, the Honorable Chief Judge Ramona V. Manglona's vast
2 experience in the legal profession include serving as Law Intern for the CNMI
3 Third Constitutional Convention (1995), Student Attorney for the University of
4 New Mexico, School of Law Clinic (1996), Judicial Extern to the Honorable C.
5 Leroy Hansen, U.S. District Court in Albuquerque, New Mexico (1996), Law
6 Clerk for the Commonwealth Superior Court, Saipan (1997-1998), Assistant
7 Attorney General, Criminal Division, CNMI Office of the Attorney General
8 (1998-2001), Assistant Attorney General, Civil Division, CNMI Office of the
9 Attorney General (2001-2002), and Deputy Attorney General, CNMI Office of the
10 Attorney General (2002); and

11 **WHEREAS**, the Honorable Chief Judge Ramona V. Manglona is
12 admitted to practice law in the State of New Mexico since 1997, Commonwealth
13 of the Northern Mariana Islands since 1997, U.S. District Court for the Northern
14 Mariana Islands in 2001, and Court of Appeals for the Ninth Circuit since 2002;
15 and

16 **WHEREAS**, the Honorable Chief Judge Ramona V. Manglona was the
17 Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands first female Attorney General,
18 CNMI Office of the Attorney General (2002-2003); and

19 **WHEREAS**, the Honorable Chief Judge Ramona V. Manglona served as
20 Associate Judge, Commonwealth Superior Court from 2003 to 2011; and

1 **WHEREAS**, the Honorable Chief Judge Ramona V. Manglona also
2 served as a justice pro tempore and judge pro tempore with the Guam Supreme
3 Court and the Guam Superior Court from 2004 to 2008; and

4 **WHEREAS**, the Honorable Chief Judge Ramona V. Manglona was
5 nominated to the United States District Court for the Northern Mariana Islands on
6 January 26, 2011 by President Barack Obama; and

7 **WHEREAS**, in the press release, President Obama stated “Throughout
8 their careers, these distinguished men and women have demonstrated a steadfast
9 commitment to public service. I am confident they will serve the American people
10 with distinction from the District Court bench.”; and

11 **WHEREAS**, the Honorable Chief Judge Ramona V. Manglona appeared
12 before the Senate Judiciary Committee on March 16, 2011 to take questions; and

13 **WHEREAS**, on April 07, 2011, the Senate Judiciary Committee approved
14 the nomination of the Honorable Chief Judge Ramona V. Manglona to be the
15 Judge for the Federal District Court for the Northern Mariana Islands and ordered
16 her nomination to be sent to the full Senate for a vote; and

17 **WHEREAS**, the Honorable Chief Judge Ramona V. Manglona was
18 confirmed by the full Senate on July 18, 2011; and

19 **WHEREAS**, the Honorable Chief Judge Ramona V. Manglona is the first
20 person from the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands to be appointed
21 to any federal court; and

1 **WHEREAS**, the Honorable Chief Judge Ramona V. Manglona is the first
2 woman to be named judge for the district court of the Northern Mariana Islands;
3 and

4 **WHEREAS**, the Honorable Chief Judge Ramona V. Manglona is the 14th
5 Asian-American and Pacific Islander district court judge; and

6 **WHEREAS**, the Honorable Chief Judge Ramona V. Manglona is the 8th
7 Asian-American and Pacific Islander judge to be confirmed under President
8 Barack Obama; and

9 **WHEREAS**, the Honorable Chief Judge Ramona V. Manglona's
10 confirmation is a significant milestone for the Commonwealth of the Northern
11 Mariana Islands and its people; and

12 **WHEREAS**, the Honorable Chief Judge Ramona V. Manglona is a
13 trailblazing woman with integrity and impeccable character and serves as an
14 example of excellence and a model for our youth, women and people of the
15 Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands; and

16 **WHEREAS**, the Honorable Chief Judge Ramona V. Manglona has
17 accomplished so much in so little time and the people of the Commonwealth and
18 the 17th House of Representatives are extremely proud of her success and
19 accomplishments;

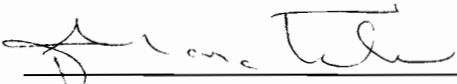
20 **NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** by the House of
21 Representatives of the Seventeenth Northern Marianas Commonwealth
22 Legislature that the House congratulates and commends the Honorable Chief

1 Judge Ramona V. Manglona on her confirmation as U.S. District Court judge for
2 the Northern Mariana Islands; and

3 **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the Speaker of the House of
4 Representatives shall certify, and the House Clerk shall attest to the adoption of
5 this resolution and thereafter the House Clerk shall transmit a certified copy to the
6 Honorable Ramona V. Manglona, Chief Judge, U.S. District Court for the
7 Northern Mariana Islands; Honorable Benigno R. Fitial, Governor,
8 Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands; Honorable Gregorio Kilili
9 Camacho Sablan, CNMI Delegate to the United States Congress, 112th United
10 States Congress; Honorable Paul A. Manglona, Senate President, Seventeenth
11 Northern Marianas Commonwealth Legislature; Honorable Donald G. Flores,
12 Mayor of Saipan; Honorable Melchor A. Mendiola, Mayor of Rota; Honorable
13 Ramon Dela Cruz, Mayor of the Municipality of Tinian and Aguiguan; Honorable
14 Tobias Aldan, Mayor of the Northern Islands and Ms. Remedio Buniag, Special
15 Assistant for Women's Affairs.

Intro 8/9/11
Prefiled: _____

Date: 8/9/11

Introduced By: 
Rep. Janet U. Maratita