

**TWENTY-FIRST NORTHERN MARIANAS COMMONWEALTH
LEGISLATURE**

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

SESSION, 2020

H. Res. 21- 25

A HOUSE RESOLUTION

To extend our sincere condolences and sympathies to the family of the late Honorable Froilan “Lang” Cruz Tenorio and to honor his life and legacy whose exemplary endeavors contributed to the quality and character of life in the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands.

1 **WHEREAS**, it is the sense of this Legislative Body that the quality and
2 character of life in this great Commonwealth is indelibly enriched by
3 the noble and selfless efforts of those exceptional individuals who
4 would devote their lives to public service; and

5 **WHEREAS**, this Legislative Body, representing the people of the
6 Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands, is moved this day to pay just
7 tribute to the distinguished life and career of the late Honorable Froilan “Lang”
8 Cruz Tenorio, and to honor his memory whose worthy endeavors contributed to the
9 quality and character of a true dignitary for the Commonwealth of the Northern
10 Mariana Islands and the rest of the world; and

11 **WHEREAS**, the Honorable Froilan Cruz Tenorio married Grace Lynn K.
12 Tenorio and together they were blessed with three children, Dawn Marie, Laura
13 Jean, Gina Lyn and precious grandchildren; and

1 **WHEREAS**, the Honorable Froilan Cruz Tenorio was born on September
2 9, 1939 to proud parents † Albert Camacho Tenorio and † Rita Duenas Cruz and
3 grew up in the village of Chalan Kanoa; and

4 **WHEREAS**, the Honorable Froilan Cruz Tenorio completed his primary
5 education at the Chalan Kanoa Elementary School in 1952, the Saipan International
6 School in 1954 and completed high school at the Duenas Memorial School in Tai,
7 Guam in 1958; and

8 **WHEREAS**, in pursuit of a higher education, the Honorable Froilan Cruz
9 Tenorio graduated from the Territorial College of Guam with an Associate of Arts
10 Degree in 1962 and then went on to earn a Bachelor of Civil Engineering Degree
11 in 1967 from Marquette University in Milwaukee; and

12 **WHEREAS**, with his degree in hand, the Honorable Froilan Cruz Tenorio
13 worked for the City of Los Angeles' Department of Public Works from 1967 to
14 1972; and

15 **WHEREAS**, in 1972, the Honorable Froilan Cruz Tenorio was appointed
16 General Manager of the Micronesian Construction Company and in 1974 founded
17 the Tenorio Construction Company; and

18 **WHEREAS**, in 1979, the Honorable Froilan Cruz Tenorio confidently
19 ventured into politics and was successful in his bid to become a Senator
20 representing the Third Senatorial District in the Senate of the Northern Marianas
21 Commonwealth Legislature; and

1 **WHEREAS**, the Honorable Froilan Cruz Tenorio ran and was elected to
2 three consecutive terms as the Resident Representative to the United States in
3 Washington, D.C. serving from 1984 to 1990; and was committed to reducing the
4 dominant role of government in the economic life of our islands and replacing it
5 with private initiative and productive jobs for our people; and

6 **WHEREAS**, on January 10, 1994, the Honorable Froilan Cruz Tenorio was
7 sworn in as the Fourth Governor of the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana
8 Islands; and

9 **WHEREAS**, during his governorship, the Honorable Froilan Cruz Tenorio
10 emphasized fiscal responsibility, promoted economic growth, encouraged the
11 private sectors success and helped reorganize the Commonwealth government; and
12 was distinguished and praised for his commitment to growing the CNMI's
13 economy; and

14 **WHEREAS**, the Honorable Froilan Cruz Tenorio played an instrumental
15 role to include the CNMI in the North American Numbering Plan that obtained
16 substantial cost reductions through rate integration and allowed our people to
17 communicate with loved ones in the mainland more frequently and at what used to
18 cost nearly two dollars per minute (international rate) down to 15 to 40 cents a
19 minute (domestic rate); and

20 **WHEREAS**, the Honorable Froilan Cruz Tenorio had the foresight and
21 vision to develop an underused scenic route along the beach from Oleai to Garapan
22 and envisioned a pathway as a means to beautify the area and make it more

1 accessible to the public; after the construction was completed, the pathway has
2 become so popular with locals and tourists alike and is used for various community
3 and cultural events, fitness and health training and a place to enjoy our island's
4 natural beauty including magnificent sunrises and sunsets and to remember the
5 historical events that shaped our political status and in honor of his vision, the
6 pathway was named "Governor Froilan C. Tenorio Beach Road Pathway"; and

7 **WHEREAS**, in 2010, the Honorable Froilan Cruz Tenorio was elected a
8 representative representing election precinct 1 and became the Speaker of the
9 House of Representatives in the Seventeenth Northern Marianas Commonwealth
10 Legislature; and

11 **WHEREAS**, during his tenure in public service, the Honorable Froilan
12 Cruz Tenorio worked diligently and tirelessly, dedicating a lifetime of public
13 service to the pursuit of an independent, secure, and sustainable Commonwealth
14 and making immeasurable differences in the lives of our people; and

15 **WHEREAS**, the Honorable Froilan Cruz Tenorio embodied all the
16 characteristics of a true dignitary, such as intelligence, humility, and commitment
17 with a vision that made it possible for him to make an immeasurable difference in
18 the lives of our people as well as other communities around the world; and

19 **WHEREAS**, as an advocate and public figure, he represented his people
20 with honor and dignity and served as the voice for CNMI rights and sought to
21 protect and preserve the lands and people that he so cherished; and

22 **WHEREAS**, the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands wishes

1 to pay tribute the legacy of the Honorable Froilan Cruz Tenorio, that will long serve
2 as a model of integrity and devotion with the hope that future generations
3 understand and appreciate his benevolence, the merit of his causes, and the quality
4 of his service that he has relentlessly shown to the world;

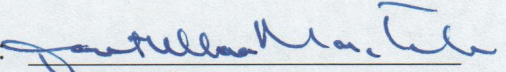
5 **NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** by the House of
6 Representatives of the Twenty-First Northern Marianas Commonwealth
7 Legislature that the House wishes to extend our sincere condolences and
8 sympathies to the family of the late Honorable Froilan Cruz Tenorio and to
9 acknowledge his lifelong service and countless contributions as an advocate and
10 public figure; and

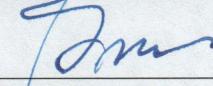
11 **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the Speaker of the House of
12 Representatives shall certify, and the House Clerk shall attest to the adoption of this
13 resolution and thereafter the House Clerk shall transmit a certified copy to the
14 bereaved family of the Honorable Froilan Cruz Tenorio; Honorable Ralph DLG.
15 Torres, Governor of the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands;
16 Honorable Victor B. Hocog, President of the Senate, Twenty-First Northern
17 Marianas Commonwealth Legislature; and Honorable Gregorio "Kilili" Camacho
18 Sablan, CNMI Delegate to the 116th United States Congress.

Prefiled: 5/18/2020

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Date: 5/13/2020

Introduced By: 
Rep. Janet U. Maratita


Rep. Joseph Lee Pan T. Guerrero

