

THIRTEENTH NORTHERN MARIANAS COMMONWEALTH LEGISLATURE

FIRST SPECIAL SESSION, 2003

S. R. NO. 13-40

A SENATE RESOLUTION

To extend appreciation to and commend the Honorable Presiding Judge Edward Manibusan for his dedication and devotion in serving the Commonwealth of the Northern Marianas Islands with distinction as the Presiding Judge of the CNMI Superior Court and for his lifelong commitments to the Community.

1 WHEREAS, the Honorable Presiding Judge Edward Manibusan was born on
2 October Twentieth, Nineteen Hundred and Fifty-Three; and

3 WHEREAS, the Honorable Presiding Judge Edward Manibusan has three lovely
4 children named Edward, Maribeth, and Monica with his beautiful wife Delfina
5 Villagomez Manibusan; and

6 WHEREAS, the Honorable Presiding Judge Edward Manibusan a graduate of
7 Marianas High School in 1972, pursued higher education receiving an Associate of Arts
8 Degree from the University of Guam in 1975; and

9 WHEREAS, the Honorable Presiding Judge Edward Manibusan continued his
10 education receiving a Bachelor of Science Degree from the California State University at
11 Fullerton California in 1977, and received his Juris Doctorate Degree from Gonzaga
12 University School of Law in Spokane Washington in 1982; and

13 WHEREAS, the Honorable Presiding Judge Edward Manibusan began his
14 professional service to the Commonwealth as a Legal Intern in the Office of the Public
15 Defender in June of 1979, and upon completing his Juris Doctorate became the Assistant
16 Public Defender in June of 1982; and

17 WHEREAS, the Honorable Presiding Judge Edward Manibusan moved to become

1 an Assistant Attorney General in December of 1983 and soon became Chief of the
2 Criminal Division, a position he held with distinction for a term of three years; and

3 WHEREAS, the Honorable Presiding Judge Edward Manibusan was appointed
4 the Director of the Department of Public Safety in August of 1986, where he served with
5 sincerity for more than three years; and

6 WHEREAS, the Honorable Presiding Judge Edward Manibusan then appointed
7 Attorney General in July of 1989, in which he carried out such duties and responsibilities
8 that accompany such appointment most notably; and

9 WHEREAS, the Honorable Presiding Judge Edward Manibusan was appointed
10 and confirmed as an Associate Judge in February of 1993 a position he held for more
11 than five years and then became the Presiding Judge of the CNMI Superior Court starting
12 in July of 1998, an office he has held with distinction until his retirement; and

13 WHEREAS, the Honorable Presiding Judge Edward Manibusan is a member of
14 numerous community service organizations and committees, both Professionally and
15 Community Based, including the CNMI Bar Association, Chairman of the Council for
16 the Improvement of Criminal Justice, a member of the Northern Marianas Amateur
17 Sports Association, Founder and President of the Northern Marianas Junior Golf League,
18 along with various other organizations; and

19 WHEREAS, the Honorable Presiding Judge Edward Manibusan has always
20 pursued challenges and strived to improve the community through his efforts and
21 goodwill, and has continuously dedicated himself to upholding the law professionally and
22 personally; and

23 WHEREAS, the Senate is privileged in honoring the Honorable Presiding Judge
24 Edward Manibusan, a man with prestige and devotion like no other, who retires from
25 active government service on March 14, 2003, after more than 20 years of exemplary
26 service to the people of the Commonwealth; now, therefore,

1 BE IT RESOLVED, by the Senate, Thirteenth Northern Marianas Commonwealth
2 Legislature, that the Senate hereby extends its utmost appreciation and commends the
3 Honorable Presiding Judge Edward Manibusan for serving the Commonwealth of the
4 Northern Marianas Islands with pride, as the Presiding Judge of the CNMI Superior
5 court, and his accomplishments in upholding the Rule of Law and his many other
6 contributions to the Community; and

7 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the President of the Senate shall certify, and
8 the Senate Clerk shall attest to the adoption of this Resolution and thereafter transmit
9 certified copies to the Honorable Edward Manibusan, Presiding Judge of the
10 Commonwealth Superior Court, the Honorable Chief Justice Miguel S. Demapan of the
11 Commonwealth Supreme Court, the Honorable Associate Justice Alexander C. Castro of
12 the Commonwealth Supreme Court, the Honorable Associate Justice John a. Mangloña of
13 the Commonwealth Supreme Court and the Honorable Juan N. Babauta, Governor of the
14 Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands.

Date: 04/03/03

Introduced By: /s/ _____
Sen. Paul A. Mangloña

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