

SEVENTEENTH NORTHERN MARIANAS COMMONWEALTH LEGISLATURE

THIRD REGULAR SESSION, 2011

S. R. NO. 17-44

A SENATE RESOLUTION

TO COMMEND AND RECOGNIZE THE LATE MANUEL SEMAN “KIYU”
VILLAGOMEZ ON A DISTINGUISHED LIFE OF COMMUNITY AND BUSINESS
SERVICE.

1 **WHEREAS**, Mr. Manuel Seman Villagomez ‘Kiyu,’ was born in Garapan,
2 Saipan, CNMI on January 24, 1924; and,

3 **WHEREAS**, Mr. Villagomez is the youngest of 10 children, is married to the
4 former Ms. Luise SN. Pangelinan, the two of whom were blessed with 12 children, 34
5 grandchildren, and 6 great grandchildren; and

6 **WHEREAS**, immediately after World War II, Mr. Villagomez joined the police
7 force of the Trust Territory of the Insular Islands Civilian Constabulary; and

8 **WHEREAS**, Mr. Villagomez was one of 50 Chamorro and Carolinian police
9 officers trained by the U.S. Marine Corps in the Donnal area of Central Saipan to
10 accompany Marines on active combat patrols to clear remaining Japanese Soldiers from
11 the island, between August 19, 1945 and September 2, 1945; and

12 **WHEREAS**, Mr. Villagomez retired from the police force in 1955 to enter
13 private enterprise; and

14 **WHEREAS**, Mr. Villagomez is one of our islands most successful indigenous
15 entrepreneurs during the earliest days of the Commonwealth, before our people had
16 learned to become entrepreneurs or gone into private business; and

17 **WHEREAS**, Mr. Villagomez originally began a grocery store called M.S.
18 Villagomez Store in Chalan Kanoa; and

1 **WHEREAS**, after succeeding in the grocery business, Mr. Villagomez formed
2 numerous other companies including MSV Property Management Co., MSV
3 Construction Co., MSV Recycling Center and Pacific Sky Travel Services; and

4 **WHEREAS**, in addition to his primary businesses, Mr. Villagomez was also a
5 shareholder in the Bank of Guam, Saipan Shipping Co., Saipan Stevedore, UMDA and
6 DFS Ltd; and

7 **WHEREAS**, Mr. Villagomez has also contributed to his community by donating
8 time and money, including making a sizable donation with co-benefactor Jose Camacho
9 Tenorio for the building of the Joeten-Kiyu Public Library, the modern library we all
10 enjoy today; and

11 **WHEREAS**, Mr. Villagomez was also a member of the Catholic Church Parish
12 Council and Fund Raising Committee, and a former member of the Saipan Infantry
13 Scouts Corp; and

14 **WHEREAS**, Mr. Villagomez's proudest achievement was as the first person
15 from the Commonwealth to serve as the Civilian Aid to the Secretary of the Army
16 representing the Commonwealth from 1988-2000, in which he worked with generals,
17 active duty personnel and veterans; and

18 **WHEREAS**, Mr. Villagomez was also active in politics, as Secretary for the
19 Committee for Employer Support of the National Guard and Reserve, and the Co-founder
20 of the Territorial Party, now known as the Republican Party;

21 **WHEREAS**, due to a lifetime of hard work, Mr. and Mrs. Villagomez spent
22 many years traveling throughout Asia, Europe and the United States; now therefore,

23 **BE IT RESOLVED**, by the Senate, Seventeenth Northern Marianas
24 Commonwealth Legislature, that the Senate hereby commends and recognizes the life
25 and memory of the late Manuel 'Kiyu' Seman Villagomez as an example of indigenous
26 hard work, success and philanthropy; and

27 **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the President of the Senate shall certify,
28 and the Senate Legislative Secretary shall attest to the adoption of this Resolution and the

- 1 Senate Clerk thereafter transmit certified copies to the family of Manuel Seman
- 2 Villagomez, the Honorable Benigno R. Fitial, Governor of the Commonwealth of the
- 3 Northern Mariana Islands, and the Honorable Eliceo Cabrera, Speaker of the House of
- 4 Representatives.

Date: 04/04/11

Introduced By: _____
Sen. Ralph DLG. Torres

Sen. Pete P. Reyes

Sen. Luis P. Crisostimo

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