

A SENATE RESOLUTION

To recognize and commend Herman Blas Cabrera for his unyielding service and contribution to architecture, education, and public service as the first Saipan-born Chamorro native licensed to practice architecture in the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands.

WHEREAS, the Senate of the Twenty-Fourth Northern Marianas Commonwealth Legislature are privileged to recognize residents of the Commonwealth whose professional achievements and personal commitment have brought distinction to their fields and the communities they serve; and

WHEREAS, Herman Blas Cabrera was born on September 15, 1945, on the pristine island of Saipan to loving parents, †Francisco San Nicolas Cabrera and †Regina Blas Cabrera. He grew up alongside his siblings †Trinidad Cabrera Duenas, Consolacion (Connie) Cabrera Togawa, Andrea Blas Cabrera, Ana (Arlene) Cabrera Torres, †Felix Blas Cabrera, Antonio Blas Cabrera in a home guided by faith, service, and the belief that hard work fosters both character and community; and

WHEREAS, Herman Blas Cabrera treasures a life filled with fond memories shared with his beloved wife, Abelina Mendiola Cing-Cabrera, their children Londa Tellei, †Francisco Cabrera, Herman Cabrera Jr., and Crystal Cabrera Deleon Guerrero, as well as the joy of their families; and

WHEREAS, a proud son of the Marianas, Herman Blas Cabrera began his extensive academic journey in 1964, earning a High School Diploma from George Washington High School in Guam. He then pursued a higher education, ultimately achieving a Bachelor of Fine Arts in Architecture from the University of Hawai'i at Mānoa in 1975. Additionally, he received a Bachelor of Education Degree in Trade, Industry, and Technical Education, with concentrations in Trade – Architectural Design and Drafting

1 Technology and Industry – Real Estate Development as a secondary degree from the
2 University of Hawai'i system, fulfilling the teaching requirements in Architectural Design
3 and Drafting, which qualified him for instructional service in the state of Hawai'i; and

4 **WHEREAS**, Herman Blas Cabrera has a distinguished professional career that
5 began in the Trust Territory of the Pacific Islands (TTPI), as a teacher and building planner
6 at the Micronesian Occupational Center in Palau from 1969-1972. He continued his career
7 to serve as a Capital Improvement Project Planner and Architect under the CNMI
8 Department of Education from 1975-1996, a position he proudly held for 21 years,
9 improving the educational infrastructure of the Commonwealth; and

10 **WHEREAS**, in 1996, Herman Blas Cabrera transitioned to the private sector by
11 founding Herman B. Cabrera & Associates (HBC&A), serving as its owner and Principal
12 Architect. Over the years, HCB&A has been involved in small and large scale construction
13 projects throughout the Commonwealth, gaining extensive experience in architectural,
14 civil-structural, mechanical, and electrical designs. Under Mr. Cabrera's management and
15 professionalism, HBC&A has become a renowned multi-disciplinary A&E firm offering
16 comprehensive planning, designing, consulting and construction management services for
17 various projects, as well as conducting environmental and building condition assessments.
18 The firm has successfully performed environmental assessments with the National
19 Environment Policy Act (NEPA) and Endangered Species Act (ESA) Section 7 standards,
20 as well as the Secretary of the Interior's standards for conducting restoration assessments
21 on historic buildings; and

22 **WHEREAS**, Herman Blas Cabrera holds the noble distinction of being the first
23 Saipan-born Chamorro native licensed to practice architecture in the Commonwealth,
24 helping to establish a profession of architects during a time when the newly formed
25 Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands was experiencing significant economic
26 growth, while providing his clients with architectural designs that are inspiring, affordable,
27 and aesthetically suited to our geographical conditions; and

1 **WHEREAS**, Herman Blas Cabrera, has notably maintained his professional
2 architect license since he was first registered on May 4, 1989, with a valid renewal period
3 until April 2026; and

4 **WHEREAS**, since 1989, Herman Blas Cabrera has been a dedicated member of
5 the American Institute of Architects (AIA), fulfilling the requirement of completing 18
6 credits per year in architectural continuing education. He is also a member of the
7 International Conference of Building Officials (ICBO), and has consistently pursued
8 professional enrichment to enhance his skills in modern infrastructure designs conducive
9 for our region and the climate; and

10 **WHEREAS**, Herman Blas Cabrera has enhanced his professional career through
11 various certified trainings, including architectural enrichment courses with the Americans
12 with Disabilities Act Accessibility Guidelines (ADAAG), workshop training for Officers
13 In Charge of Construction (OICC) (military) , and completing a workshop training in Tahiti
14 focused on solar panel systems, LED lighting, solar equipment and testing, building energy
15 materials, and solar auditing. In addition, Herman Blas Cabrera's legacy of service,
16 education, and architectural excellence has earned him numerous awards and certificates
17 of recognition for his dedication and outstanding contributions to the community; and

18 **WHEREAS**, Herman Blas Cabrera has overcome historical barriers in education,
19 professional practice, and representation, allowing him to achieve a successful career. His
20 passion and commitment to the Commonwealth have laid a foundation for future
21 generations of local, aspiring professionals to explore architectural designs; and


22 **WHEREAS**, throughout the Commonwealth, Herman Blas Cabrera has been
23 recognized for his extensive projects and contributions that are evident in completed
24 residential homes, commercial, educational, and religious buildings, as well as federally
25 sanctioned projects that have shaped the lives of a developing community. His unwavering
26 dedication to service stands as a testament of his legacy to the people of the Commonwealth
27 of the Northern Mariana Islands that he proudly serves; and

1 **WHEREAS**, among the many successes of his life, Herman Blas Cabrera's greatest
2 accomplishment is the life he built for his family as a devoted husband, a hardworking
3 father, an inspiring grandfather, a loyal brother, and a humble son of the Marianas;

4 **NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the Senate of the Twenty-Fourth
5 Northern Marianas Commonwealth Legislature hereby joins the people of the
6 Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands in recognizing Herman Blas Cabrera as
7 the first Saipan-born Chamorro native licensed to practice architecture in the
8 Commonwealth and for his notable and outstanding efforts in architecture, education, and
9 service to the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands and its people; and

10 **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the President of the Senate shall certify and
11 the Senate Legislative Secretary shall attest to the adoption of this Resolution, and
12 thereafter the Senate Clerk shall transmit certified copies to Herman Blas Cabrera; the
13 Honorable David M. Apatang, Governor of the CNMI; the Honorable Edmund S.
14 Villagomez, Speaker of the House of Representatives; and the Honorable Kimberlyn King-
15 Hinds, CNMI Delegate to the House of Representatives Washington, 119th United States
16 Congress.

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Introduced By: 

Senator Karl R. King-Nabors