NINETEENTH COMMONWEALTH OF THE NORTHERN MARIANA ISLANDS YOUTH CONGRESS

9TH REGULAR Session, 2024 Y.C. Res. No. 19-25

A YOUTH CONGRESS RESOLUTION

Paying tribute and recognizing the life of hard work and unwavering dedication to the late Honorable James Masga Mendiola, former Mayor of the Municipality of Tinian & Aguiguan.

1	WHEREAS, the late Honorable James Masga Mendiola was born on Apri
2	24, 1949 to +Felipe C. Mendiola and +Joaquina M. Mendiola on the island of
3	Saipan; and
4	WHEREAS, during his life, the late Honorable James Masga Mendiola
5	showed love for his country and home by serving in the United States Air Force
6	and
7	WHEREAS, throughout the life of the late Honorable James Masga
8	Mendiola, he exhibited tremendous love for our Commonwealth most especially
9	his home island of Tinian; and
10	WHEREAS, with his love for his island, the late Honorable James Masga
11	Mendiola served our Commonwealth government as a representative in the 2 nd
12	Northern Marianas Commonwealth Legislature; and
13	WHEREAS, after his time as a lawmaker, the late Honorable James Masga
14	Mendiola, with the support of his family and the island of Tinian, made a decision

1 to give back to the island by serving as the Mayor of Tinian and Aguiguan from 2 1990 to 1994; and 3 WHEREAS, the late Honorable James Masga Mendiola continued to serve 4 his island community as a member of the Tinian Casino Gaming Control 5 Commission (TCGCC) along with several other board positions; and 6 WHEREAS, the late Honorable James Masga Mendiola was a family man 7 who shared tremendous love and memories with his wife Thomasa, his children, 8 and his grandchildren; and 9 WHEREAS, on July 11, 2024, the late Honorable James Masga Mendiola 10 was called by our Creator to his eternal home after living a life of love, memories, 11 countless laughter, and valuable lessons passed down within his family and the 12 community of Tinian; and 13 WHEREAS, the late Honorable James Masga Mendiola leaves a legacy of 14 unwavering dedication and love for his country, his commonwealth, and most 15 especially his home, the island of Tinian; and 16 WHEREAS, the late Honorable James Masga Mendiola served as not only 17 a public servant, but as an inspiration to his children, grandchildren, and youth all 18 across the Commonwealth to give back to the community that shaped them; and 19 WHEREAS, the Youth Congress extends its deepest and sincere 20 condolences to the family of the late James Masga Mendiola, most especially to his 21 wife Thomasa, children, and grandchildren; and

1 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Nineteenth 2 Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands Youth Congress, that the Youth 3 Congress recognizes the life and legacy of the late Honorable James Masga 4 Mendiola, and conveys its deepest and sincere condolences to the family; and 5 **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the Sponsor of this Resolution or the 6 designee of the Speaker of the Youth Congress shall present a certified original 7 copy of this Youth Congress Resolution to Mrs. Thomasa P. Mendiola; and 8 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Speaker of the Youth Congress 9 shall certify, and the Youth Congress Legislative Secretary shall attest to the 10 adoption of this resolution and thereafter shall transmit a certified copy to the 11 Honorable Edmund S. Villagomez, Speaker of the House of Representatives (23rd 12 Northern Marianas Commonwealth Legislature); Honorable Edith E. DeLeon 13 Guerrero, President of the Senate (23rd Northern Marianas Commonwealth 14 Legislature); the Honorable Arnold I. Palacios, Governor of the Commonwealth of 15 the Northern Mariana Islands; the Honorable Gregorio Kilili Camacho Sablan, CNMI Delegate to the House of Representatives (118th United States Congress). 16 Date: 08/06/2024 Introduced by:

Senator Yabella V. Palacios

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