A RESOLUTION

Resolution No. 48-BOD-04, CD1

"Expressing the utmost sympathy and extending the sincerest condolences to the family and friends of the late Honorable Antonio Reyes Unpingco for his untimely passing."

WHEREAS, the late Honorable Antonio Reyes Unpingco was born during the World War II era on April 21, 1942; and

WHEREAS, Antonio Reyes Unpingco graduated from Father Duenas Memorial School, and later attended the University of Guam and the University of Portland before graduating from Portland State University; and

WHEREAS, on June 19, 1965, Antonio Reyes Unpingco married the former Emilia Cruz Borja, his most loyal supporter and soul mate of forty-two (42) years; and

WHEREAS, from that union, Tony and Emily, fondly known as "Auntie Emily", are proud parents of ten (10) children: Eliza, Christine, Raymund, Nicole, Noel, Meriza, Carlo, Aaron, Jerome and Daniel, who in return gave their parents nineteen (19) grandchildren and who affectionately referred to their grandfather as "Papa"; and

WHEREAS, in 1976, Antonio Reyes Unpingco further dedicated his life in service to his people by running for the position of Senator in the fourteenth (14th) Guam Legislature; he was elected by his people that year, and every year that he ran for the Guam Legislature thereafter, serving in fourteen (14) terms and becoming the longest-serving Senator in Guam's history; and

WHEREAS, at the time of his death, Senator Antonio Reyes Unpingco was a member of I Mina'Bente Nuebi Na Liheslaturan Guahan and served as Chairman of the Committee on Tourism, Maritime, Military, Veterans and Foreign Affairs, dedicating his passion and leadership to getting Guam's veterans the recognition and services they rightfully deserve, expanding cultural tourism on Guam, and protecting the people of Guam during this time of military expansion; and

WHEREAS, during his long career in I Uheslaturan Guahan, Antonio Reyes Unpingco served as Speaker of I Mina'Bente Kuatro, I Mina'Bente Singko and I Mina'Bente Sais Na Uheslaturan Guahan. He also served as Chairman and member of numerous committees and was a Republican Co-Leader, Minority Leader, Assistant Minority Leader, and Minority Whip; and
WHEREAS, as a Senator, Antonio Reyes Unpingco was a passionate advocate and was such a strong parliamentarian and peacemaker that his colleagues always sought him out as a mediator. He broke deadlocks on issues and provided guidance on legislative proceedings. He was a model for all Senators and will always remain a model for future Senators; and

WHEREAS, for sixty-five (65) years, the people of Guam were privileged to have the presence and wisdom of Senator Antonio Reyes Unpingco as a citizen, civic leader, and statesman. On October 18, 2007, God took his gift from the people of Guam to his eternal reward which is so richly deserved. The people are saddened at the loss of his presence. However, the people of Guam know that the late Antonio Reyes Unpingco will be watching over them as a father watches over his children; and

WHEREAS, Honorable Antonio Reyes Unpingco served several terms as a Director in the Association of Pacific Island Legislatures (APIL); and

WHEREAS, the Member Legislative Assemblies of the Association of Pacific Island Legislatures, who have had the unique privilege of serving with this statesman in APIL, join together in fond memory of his friendship in good times and thankfulness for his guidance in difficult times, in mourning the death of the late Honorable Antonio Reyes Unpingco, whom the Almighty God has called unto himself; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Directors of the Association of Pacific Island Legislatures, 48th Board Meeting, November 27-28, 2007, State of Kosrae, that the Board of Directors on behalf of the Association of Pacific Island Legislatures hereby expresses its utmost sympathy and sincerest condolences to Mrs. Emily A. Unpingco, the family and friends of the Honorable Antonio Reyes Unpingco for his untimely passing; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that APIL President shall certify, and the APIL Secretary shall attest to the adoption hereof and that copies of the same shall be thereafter transmitted to Mrs. Emily A. Unpingco and to the family of the late Honorable Antonio Reyes Unpingco; the Governor of the Island of Guam; Speaker of the Guam Legislature; Chief Executives and Legislative Presiding Officers of each member legislature of the Association of Pacific Island Legislatures.

DULY AND REGULARLY ADOPTED ON THE 28TH DAY OF NOVEMBER, 2007

SABINO SAUCHOMAL
APIL PRESIDENT

WILLIAM NIGRAIKELAU
APIL SECRETARY