



# Association of Pacific Island Legislatures

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FSM, State of Chuuk  
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Island of Guam  
Republic of Kiribati  
Republic of the Marshall Islands  
Republic of Nauru  
Republic of Palau  
State of Hawaii

## 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.”**

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

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

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

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

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

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

21           **WHEREAS**, during his long career in *I Uheslaturan Guahan*, Antonio Reyes Unpingco served  
22 as Speaker of *I Mina'Bente Kuatro*, *I Mina'Bente Singko* and *I Mina'Bente Sais Na Uheslaturan Guahan*.  
23 He also served as Chairman and member of numerous committees and was a Republican Co-Leader,  
24 Minority Leader, Assistant Minority Leader, and Minority Whip; and



1       **WHEREAS**, as a Senator, Antonio Reyes Unpingco was a passionate advocate and was such a  
2 strong parliamentarian and peacemaker that his colleagues always sought him out as a mediator. He  
3 broke deadlocks on issues and provided guidance on legislative proceedings. He was a model for all  
4 Senators and will always remain a model for future Senators; and

5       **WHEREAS**, for sixty-five (65) years, the people of Guam were privileged to have the presence  
6 and wisdom of Senator Antonio Reyes Unpingco as a citizen, civic leader, and statesman. On October  
7 18, 2007, God took his gift from the people of Guam to his eternal reward which is so richly deserved.  
8 The people are saddened at the loss of his presence. However, the people of Guam know that the late  
9 Antonio Reyes Unpingco will be watching over them as a father watches over his children; and

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

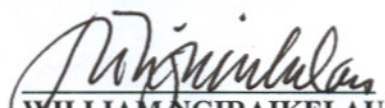
12       **WHEREAS**, the Member Legislative Assemblies of the Association of Pacific Island  
13 Legislatures, who have had the unique privilege of serving with this statesman in APIL, join together in  
14 fond memory of his friendship in good times and thankfulness for his guidance in difficult times,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

17       **BE IT RESOLVED** by the Board of Directors of the Association of Pacific Island Legislatures,  
18 48<sup>th</sup> Board Meeting, November 27-28, 2007, State of Kosrae, that the Board of Directors on behalf of the  
19 Association of Pacific Island Legislatures hereby expresses its utmost sympathy and sincerest  
20 condolences to Mrs. Emily A. Unpingco, the family and friends of the Honorable Antonio Reyes  
21 Unpingco for his untimely passing; and

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

**DULY AND REGULARLY ADOPTED ON THE 28<sup>TH</sup> DAY OF NOVEMBER, 2007**

  
SABINO SAUCHOMAL  
APIL PRESIDENT

  
WILLIAM NGIRAI KELAU  
APIL SECRETARY

