



BEFORE THE 2012 JUDICIAL COUNCIL OF GUAM  
RESOLUTION NO. JC 12-001

RELATIVE TO MEMORIALIZING THE PASSING OF RETIRED JURIST THE  
HONORABLE RAMON VALERO DIAZ

- WHEREAS**, the Honorable Ramon Valero Diaz received a Bachelor of Philosophy and Letters Degree from the University of Santo Tomas in Manila, Republic of the Philippines, and a LL.B. degree from the same university the following year, and was immediately admitted to the Philippine Bar Association; and
- WHEREAS**, Judge Ramon V. Diaz thereafter was commissioned into the Philippine Army in 1941 as Corps Commander of the University's Cadet Brigade, and thereafter inducted into the United States Armed Forces of the Far East as a Infantry Line officer in serving in Batangas; and
- WHEREAS**, under this service, Judge Ramon V. Diaz was captured as a prisoner of war in Bataan, survived the "Bataan Death March" and was held prisoner in Capas Concentration Camp, thereby demonstrating extraordinary bravery and fortitude; and
- WHEREAS**, Judge Ramon V. Diaz returned to military service in 1945, graduated from the University of Michigan U.S. Army Judge Advocate General School for commissioned officers in 1945, serving thereafter as the Chief of the Claims Branch of the Philippine Army's Judge Advocate General's officer from 1946 to 1951, eventually receiving a Medal of Military Merit from the Republic of the Philippines' President Magsaysay; and
- WHEREAS**, Judge Ramon V. Diaz took up residence on Guam in 1951, was admitted to practice law on Guam in 1956, thereafter engaging in private practice, and became a U.S. citizen in 1956; and
- WHEREAS**, from 1971 to 1976, he served as the U.S. Presidential Appointee on the U.S. Selective Service Appeal Board; and
- WHEREAS**, on September 8, 1980, Judge Ramon V. Diaz was appointed to the Superior Court bench by Governor Paul Calvo, and thereafter served the bench and bar for almost fourteen years with integrity and dedication; and
- WHEREAS**, the years 1980 to 1994 were years of enormous growth on Guam, and Judge Diaz's steady hand in running his courtroom was felt by all in the legal community. His steadfastness reverberated throughout the island during this time of change; and
- WHEREAS**, throughout his career on Guam, in addition to mentoring judges, attorneys and Judiciary employees, Judge Ramon V. Diaz also dedicated himself to countless community activities, from service as a deacon in his chosen faith, to activities on many boards of non-profit organizations; and
- WHEREAS**, Judge Ramon V. Diaz was the first Filipino-American to serve as a judge on Guam, faithfully executing the laws of Guam and of the United States, and he will always be remembered as a distinguished gentleman and a passionate judge; and
- WHEREAS**, Judge Ramon V. Diaz is remembered for fairness and compassion always tempered by his sense of humor;

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Judicial Council declares that the memory of the Honorable Ramon V. Diaz is one of the Judiciary's most cherished legacies. Let it be said that Judge Ramon V. Diaz, Retired Judge of the Superior Court of Guam, Guam's first Filipino-born jurist, is revered as one of the most memorable, decent, and distinctive jurists in Guam history.



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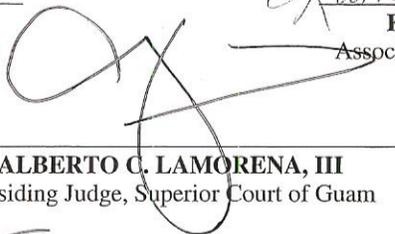
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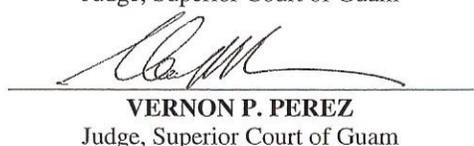
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