



**BEFORE THE 2015 JUDICIAL COUNCIL OF GUAM
RESOLUTION NO. JC 15-011**

**RELATIVE TO CONGRATULATING AND COMMENDING FORMER SENATOR PILAR C. LUJAN FOR
BEING THE RECIPIENT OF THIS YEAR'S HUSTISIA AWARD**

WHEREAS, as a regular part of Law Week, the Judiciary of Guam presents a Hustisia Award, recognizing a member of our community who has made an outstanding contribution to strengthening the rule of law throughout our community. Modeled on the American Bar Association's Liberty Bell Award, the Guam Judiciary Hustisia Award is the Guam equivalent honor, meant to honor those in our community who contribute to the betterment of our island and the rule of law.

WHEREAS, four criteria are used in determining worthy recipients, to-wit: (1) promotion of a better understanding of the rule of law; (2) encouraging a greater respect for law and the courts; (3) generating a sense of civic responsibility, and (4) contributing to good government in the island, it is the honor of the Judicial Council to name former senator Pilar C. Lujan as the 2015 recipient of the Hustisia Award.

WHEREAS, Pilar Cruz Lujan, a 1951 graduate of George Washington High School, furthered her education with a bachelor's degree followed by a Master's Degree in Elementary School Administration and an Education Specialist Degree. Following these, Pilar C. Lujan served as the Associate Superintendent of Curriculum and Instruction and a consultant in bilingual education, where she was responsible for putting Chamorro language and culture in all Guam elementary schools. Eventually rising to Acting Director of Education in 1976 and Chairman of the first Board of Education in 1977, Pilar entered politics in the 17th Guam Legislature in 1983, and served as Senator of the 17th, 18th, 19th, 20th, 21st and 22nd Guam Legislatures. While Senator, Pilar C. Lujan chaired the Committee on Judiciary and Criminal Justice, Committee on Corrections, Committee on Economic Development, Federal & Foreign Affairs Committee and the Committee on Health.

In that capacity, she can be credited with the following legislative and public policy accomplishments: the establishment of the Supreme Court of Guam (PL 21-147 – Frank G. Lujan Memorial Court Reorganization Act of 1992); the establishment of the Judicial Building Fund to construct the Guam Judicial Center (PL 19-06); Jury and Appointed Counsel Trust Funds (PL 19-28); and Reactivating the Criminal Injuries Compensation Commission (PL 20-155). She is also credited with facilitating the passage of the following important statutes: the Crime Victims Bill of Rights (PL 21-96); the Child Protective Act (PL 20-209); the Child Abuse and Neglect Reporting Act (PL 20-209); and Expedited Judicial Process for Child Support (PL 20-107).

Upon retirement from the government of Guam, Pilar C. Lujan served as the Chairman of the Board of Directors at the A.B. Wonpat International Airport Authority, overseeing the GIAA expansion, the largest capital improvement project ever done on Guam. Throughout her career, she remained active in the community, giving her time to volunteer organizations such as the Salvation Army, Soroptomist International of Guam, International Women's Club, American Association of University Women, Guam Women's Issues Task Force, and Catholic Daughters of America. Her civic involvement has not waned with time, as she now serves the *Servicio Para I Manamko* as Chairman of the Board.

WHEREAS, Pilar C. Lujan's leadership, foresight, and vision shaped the pillars of our criminal justice system. Ever an asset to the education and volunteer community, she also unknowingly charted the way for the legal community on Guam by her legislative contributions, unmatched in her time. The landmark legislation she authored enabled the courts to develop and set a course for judicial excellence.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED; that the Judiciary of Guam and the Guam Bar Association confer upon Former Senator Pilar C. Lujan the grateful thanks of the legal community; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Judiciary of Guam and the Guam Bar Association recognizes Former Senator Pilar C. Lujan's significant contributions towards the promotion of judicial and legal excellence on the island of Guam. By virtue of her exemplary work and contributions to Guam, the Judicial Council hereby gratefully bestows its 2015 Hustisia Award on Pilar C. Lujan.

DULY ADOPTED this 23rd day of April, 2015.

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