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Chita A. Blaise

IN RECOGNITION OF YOUR MOST VALUABLE CONTRIBUTION • GI INABIBAN ETMĀS GUAGUAN NA NINA'I-MU

WHEREAS, Maria Carmen Austria Blaise, affectionately known to all as Chita A. Blaise, was born in Manila, Philippines, on December 16, 1942, the youngest of four daughters in a close-knit Filipino-Spanish family;
KUMU, si Maria Carmen Austria Blaise, mās matungo -ña para todū as Chita A. Blaise, mafañāgu gi iya Manila, Islas Filipinas, gi diha disisais gi Disembre gi Mit Nuebe Sientos Kuñrentai Dos, etmās pāgon gi kuñtiro na famalao'an gi māsensātion familiāña ni 'Filipinu yan Españōt.

WHEREAS, her father, Demetrio Austria, was a proud Filipino known for his charm and vitality, while her mother, Fidela delos Santos, a strong-willed woman of Spanish-Filipino descent, instilled in her daughters steadfast discipline, enduring faith, and the values of perseverance, dignity, and self-reliance—principles that would guide Chita through every chapter of her life;
KUMU, si tatāña as Demetrio Austria, banidosu na Filipinu ni' i mās matungo -ña kumu kariñusu-ña yan mipasión, mientras si nanāña as Fidela delos Santos, un metgot na palao'an ni' disidenten Españōt yan Filipinu, ya ha na 'fanñitme gi i disiplinān i hağā-ña siha, put fiet na komfe'ānsa yan i prisiosu na balen hinenge yan diñetminasiōn, ni para u giniha si Chita mo'na gi kada kapitulu gi i lina'lā -ña;

WHEREAS, Chita began her professional journey with the Ford Foundation in Manila, where for 11 years she contributed to programs advancing education, community development, and institutional strengthening, demonstrating her early commitment to service and social progress;
KUMU, si Chita ha tutuhon i prufesionāt na hinanao-ña gi i Ford Foundation gi iya Manila, ni' put onse (11) āños ha fa'cho'chu' i adilānto i prugrama siha para ma'abāsan idukasiōn, kinalānten che'cho' kumunidāt yan para minetgot establesemento siha, annai ha mostra i inadilānto na dinisehā-ña para setbisio yan inabāsan susiāt;

WHEREAS, upon relocating to New York, her exceptional talents were once again recognized by the Ford Foundation, where she worked closely with a noted communicator and then-Newsweek Bureau Chief in Paris—an experience that broadened her understanding of global philanthropy and communication;
KUMU, gi annai ha muebi gu'i asta New York, i Ford Foundation ha rikoknisa i finayen talente-ña ya mumacho'cho' guñhi kun un takhelo 'na kama'gas kumunikiān yan despues kun i Newsweek Bureau Chief gi iya Paris, un eksperensia ni' bumaba mās i kinemprende-ña put global philanthropy yan kumunikiān gi enteru mundo;

WHEREAS, in 1982, a new chapter began when her husband, Dr. Hans C. Blaise, accepted a faculty position at the University of Guam's College of Business and Public Administration, leading the couple to make Guam their home;
KUMU, gi Mit Nuebe Sientos Uchentai Dos, ha tutuhon nuebu na kapitulu gi lina'lā -ña annai i asaguā-ña as Dr. Hans C. Blaise ha akseptā i pusisiōn gi i Unibersedāt Guñhan gi Kulehon Bisnes yan Atmenestrasiōn Pupbleko, ya ayu na disisiōn ni' chumachalānti na para u ma establesi i sumagān -ña gi iya Guñhan;

WHEREAS, starting humbly through the Kelly Girl agency, Chita accepted every assignment with enthusiasm and excellence, quickly earning a reputation for professionalism, integrity, and dedication, which led to her appointment as Executive Secretary to the Chief of Police;
KUMU, umitde tinituhon-ña gi ahensiān Kelly Girl, ha akseptā si Chita kada hāfa gu'i ma'asikna para u cho'gue kun minagof yan kun chec'cho'ekselente, ya ayu na sumēn chaddek matungo -ña kumu prufisiōnāt, maolek yan mididikasiōn i finaiche'cho'-ña ya ginen este na ma'apunta kumu Sikritāria Eksekutibu para i Ma'gas Pulisihā;

WHEREAS, she later joined the Judiciary of Guam, where she served under the late Presiding Judge Paul Abbate, administering the bar examination and making history as the first Public Information Officer of the Courts, setting a new standard for transparency and communication within the Judiciary;
KUMU, ladespues na sumaonao gi Judiciary of Guam, annai mañetbe gi papa' i Ma'gagas na Hues as Paul Abbate, ha atmenestradora i ehamsinasiōn umabugādū yan ha ganna' gi hestoria kumu guñya i fine'nana na Ufisidāt Emfotmasiōn Pupbleko entre i kotte siha, ni' umestablesi i nuebu mudelu para manna'tungo'yan para mananjotma gi pupbleko put hāfa guaguaha entre i Judiciary;

WHEREAS, following the retirement of Judge Abbate, Chita pursued entrepreneurship, opening a boutique that enjoyed eight successful years of loyal clientele, and later transitioned to Liberty House (now Macy's), where she served as Public Relations Manager and the first Personal Shopper—roles that showcased her business acumen and her natural gift for connecting with people;
KUMU, despues di rumitirāo-ña si Hues Abbate, ha tucha si Chita i che'cho' gumai bisnes, tinituhon annai ha baba i tendan butik, ni' kumalānten mās di ocho āños na minaolek finallofan ni' meggai fumaburesi i bisnes, ya dispues humiyong kumu tendan Liberty House (Macy's pā'go), annai mañetbe kumu Ge'helo' Rilasiōn Pupbleko yan guñya et primet na Fāfahan Petsonāt, che'cho'ni' muna'hulo' i finayi-ña kumu taotao bisnes gu'i'yan i naturāt na talente-ña gi setbisión taotao;

WHEREAS, in 1998, Chita began what would become the most meaningful chapter of her career—her tenure as Executive Director of the American Red Cross Guam Chapter—at a time when the organization faced severe financial distress and the threat of closure;
KUMU, gi mit nuebe sientos mubentai ocho, ha tutuhon si Chita mās seknefikānte na kapitulu gi finaiche'cho'-ña ayu kumu Direktor Eksekutibu gi American Red Cross Guam Chapter- guñhi na tiempo annai siriosu na espāntao siha fumāfana' i organisasiōn put salāppe'ya yinaoyao na gofsiña ha' u mahuuchom;

WHEREAS, through her determination, creativity, and visionary leadership, she revitalized the Chapter, building strong partnerships across the public and private sectors, instituting sustainable fundraising programs, and establishing the now-iconic Red Ball—a signature event on Guam's social and philanthropic calendar;
KUMU, ginen diñetminasiōn, kri'atibu-ña, yan tinadong kinemprende-ña yan aksiōn-ña kumu mōgas, ha petsigi muna'lā'la' kun adilānto i chapter, mientras mangāngahat manmetgot na dinanña'yan inayuda entre manaotao pupbleko yan seksión i petsonāt na bisnes siha, ha establesi prugrāman inayudon rinikohen salāppe', yan ha establesi i magef tungo' na Red Ball- un uniku na aktebedāt entre i kalendāron susiāt yan philanthropic put hāfa guaguaha gi iya Guñhan;

WHEREAS, under her 27 years of leadership, the Guam Chapter became a vital part of the island's humanitarian network, ever-ready to respond to natural disasters, fires, and emergencies, mobilizing volunteers, empowering staff, and inspiring countless individuals to serve their community;
KUMU, entre i bente siete (27) āños na muma'gās-na, i Guam Chapter humiyong sumēn takhelo' i sumaonao-ña entre i mandenanña' organisasiōn siha gi iya Guam put che'cho' inakuden pinadesen taotao siha, todū i tiempo lūsto para inasisten pinadesi ginen siniseden iran Yu'os siha, kimason, pridikamento, gi manminanehan i mambolontātūru siha, manñāna' i pudet yan giniha ni' manmanmananeneha, yan manñāna' i ānimu para bulala na endebedu'at siha para u fanmañetbe gi kumunidāt;

WHEREAS, Chita's leadership during times of crisis, including the response to Typhoon Mawar—which provided over \$13.1 million in aid to nearly 27,700 individuals—epitomized her unwavering commitment to compassion and service;
KUMU, durānten i muma'gas-ña si Chita gi tiempom pridikamente, kontodu i ripresta put Pakyon Mawar- ni' prumbiniyi mās di \$13.1 million (tresse punto unu) miyon salāppe'gi anasiste para kana'ha' 27,700 (bente siete, siete sientos mi) na endebeyu'at- takhelo' ihemplo put pinetsigen didikasiōn-na para kompasión yan setbisio;

WHEREAS, her influence on the Red Ball and the Red Cross as a whole is immeasurable, transforming a modest idea into Guam's most impactful fundraising event, and her farewell reflections expressed deep gratitude for the community, volunteers, board members, and donors who shared in the mission of service;
KUMU, ti tufungon i minetgot inafekto-ña gi Red Ball yan i Red Cross, ni' trumansotma i semplislu na ideha kumu unu gi etmas metgotog na aktebedāt rinikohen salāppe', ya i rinifilehi-ña siha put tādōng na agradesimiento para i kumunidāt, mambolontāru, membron i bord yan todo i mannana'huyong gi dinanña' i misiōn setbisio;

WHEREAS, having spent 44 years on Guam—more years than in her native Manila—Chita Blaise considers Guam her true home, a place she has embraced and served with love, faith, and dedication to its people and their well-being; and
KUMU, mas di 44 (kuñrentai kuñtiro) āños disumagā-ña gi iya Guam—mās anos kinu gi i tano'-ña Manila, ha konsedera si Chita Blaise na Guam i magāhet na sagāña, i lugāt ni' ha embrisa yan ha setbe kon gineñli'e', fiet na hinenge, yan didikasiōn para taotao yan manminaolek-ñiha; yan

WHEREAS, as she prepares to retire on November 30, 2025, Chita looks back with gratitude on a life defined by purpose, perseverance, and service—a journey from Manila to New York to Guam that continues to inspire all who have had the privilege to know and work with her.
KUMU, mientras ha pripararayi para rumitirao-ña gi diha 30 (trenta) gi Nubembre, 2025 (dos mit bente singko), Si Chita Blaise ha a'atan tātde kon agradesimiento i linalā'-ña ni dinifina put apropositu, pinetsigi yan setbisio- i hinanao desdeki iya Manila asta New York asta māgi iya Guam ni' ha kontenuñha yan mannana' i abiba para todū ni' manggai pribilehu na matungo'yan macho'cho'kun guñya.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, on behalf of the Island of Guam, Chita A. Blaise is hereby honored with the distinction of the Ancient Order of the Chamorri, and we extend our enduring gratitude and respect.
PUES PUT TĀNTO, U MARISUTTA, ginen i Islan Guñhan, ma onra si Chita A. Blaise ni' destingto na i Ansiānu Na Inetden I Chamori yan i ekstende i taiminaktos na gineñli'e', agradesimiento yan respeton-mami.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I, LOURDES A. LEON GUERRERO, Governor of Guam, and I, JOSHUA F. TENORIO, Lieutenant Governor of Guam, have set our hands and cause the Great Seal of Guam on this Thirteenth day of November in the year of the Lord, Anno Domini, Two Thousand and Twenty-Five.
GI TINESTIGU NI' ESTE, GUĀHU, SI LOURDES A. LEON GUERRERO, Maga'hāga Guñhan, yan **GUĀHU, SI JOSHUA F. TENORIO,** Maga'lāhi Guñhan, in pe'lo i kannai-māmi yan in estāmpa i Takhelo'Na Sehyon Guñhan guñni gi diha Tresse gi Nubembre gi sakkan i Saina-ta, guñni na āñu, Dos Mit Bente Singko.

Louder A. Leon Guerrero

LOURDES A. LEON GUERRERO
Maga'hāgan Guñhan
Governor of Guam

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