

NINTH NORTHERN MARIANAS COMMONWEALTH LEGISLATURE

H. B. NO. 9-421

THIRD SPECIAL SESSION, 1995

AN ACT

To name the House of Representatives Building of the NMI Commonwealth Legislature as "Vice Speaker Jesus P. Mafnas Memorial Building" in honor and memory of the late Vice Speaker Jesus Pangelinan Mafnas and to appropriate five thousand dollars (\$5,000.00) to cover the expense of the dedication; and for other purposes.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE NINTH NORTHERN MARIANAS COMMONWEALTH LEGISLATURE:

Section 1. Findings. The House of Representatives finds that while several former members of the House of Representatives have been called to their eternal rest, the late honorable Vice Speaker Jesus Pangelinan Mafnas, who passed away on May 21, 1995, was the first to die while serving as member of the Northern Mariana Islands Commonwealth Legislature. The late Vice Speaker Jesus Pangelinan Mafnas deserves this recognition and honor.

Section 2. Naming of Building. (a) The House of Representatives Building shall be named "Vice Speaker Jesus P. Mafnas Memorial Building" in honor and memory of its first member to die in office, its Vice Speaker, the late prominent and political leader Honorable Jesus Pangelinan Mafnas; (b) his name shall be permanently and prominently inscribed or mounted on a bronze plaque which shall be prominently and permanently attached to the building.

Section 3. Dedication. The Speaker of the House of Representatives, in consultation with Mrs. Susana T. Mafnas and family members, shall prepare a plan of dedication within reasonable time following the effective date of this Act.

Section 4. Appropriation. The Governor is hereby authorized to reprogram the sum of \$5,000.00 from the public contribution to implement the intent and purposes of this Act.

Section 5. Severability. If any provision of this Act or the application of any such provision to any person or circumstance should be held invalid by a court of competent jurisdiction, the remainder of this Act or the application of its provisions to persons or circumstances other than those to which it is held invalid shall not be affected thereby.

Section 6. Savings Clause. This Act and any repealer contained herein shall not be construed as affecting any existing right acquired under contract or acquired under statutes repealed or under

any rule, regulation or order adopted under the statutes. Repealers contained in this Act shall not affect any proceeding instituted under or pursuant to prior law. The enactment of this Act shall not have the effect of terminating, or in any way modifying, any liability, civil or criminal, which shall already be in existence at the date this Act becomes effective.

Section 7. Effective Date. This Act shall take effect upon its approval by the Governor or upon its becoming law without such approval.

CERTIFIED BY:

/s/ Diego T. Benavente
DIEGO T. BENAVENTE
Speaker
House of Representatives

ATTESTED BY:

/s/ Evelyn C. Fleming
EVELYN C. FLEMING
House Clerk

Approved this 11th day of October, 1995

/s/ Froilan C. Tenorio
FROILAN C. TENORIO
Governor
Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands