

THIRTEENTH NORTHERN MARIANAS COMMONWEALTH LEGISLATURE

THIRD REGULAR SESSION, 2003

S. R. NO. 13-39

A SENATE RESOLUTION

Commending and congratulating the Rotary Club of Saipan for its outstanding work and accomplishments over the years and its contributions towards the betterment of the Commonwealth.

1 WHEREAS, Rotary International chartered the Rotary Club of Saipan on
2 February 16th, 1968, with David M. Sablan as its first President, and held its Charter
3 Night at the Royal Taga Hotel on March 22nd, 1968, and;

4 WHEREAS, the Rotary Club of Saipan is a non-profit organization generating a
5 substantial amount of money to fund projects for the betterment of the Commonwealth
6 and in the Micronesian region, and whose membership is comprised of professionals
7 highly regarded in both the private and public sectors and;

8 WHEREAS, the Rotary Club of Saipan supports many humanitarian and
9 community projects throughout the year and holds various fund-raising activities, two of
10 the most popular being the Las Vegas Night and Rotary Goodwill Golf Tournament and;

11 WHEREAS, the Rotary Club of Saipan in 1995 was designated by Rotary
12 International District 2750 to survey the feasibility of extending Rotary to the island of
13 Palau, which Rotary International formally admitted on October 16th, 1995 and;

14 WHEREAS, throughout the years, the Rotary Club of Saipan has endeavored to
15 establish sister club relationships with other Rotary Clubs in the region, with the
16 objective of providing friendship and understanding, encouraging visitations, undertaking
17 joint projects, and exchanging of information and ideas to assist in the clubs activities,
18 two of the sister clubs being the Rotary Club of Wakyama-Naka, Japan, District 2640,
19 established in 1989 under the leadership of Past President Dennis Yoshimoto, and the
20 Rotary Club of Pasay West, Phillipines, District 3810, established in 2002 under the

1 leadership of President Edward Salas and;

2 WHEREAS, the Rotary Club of Saipan in 1996 and 1997, under the leadership of
3 past President David Welch, procured and installed the children’s playground at the
4 American Memorial Park and;

5 WHEREAS, in the Rotary Year 2000, under the leadership of past Presidents
6 Hermie Queja and Alexander Sablan, the Rotary Club of Saipan erected a Peace
7 Memorial at the American Memorial Park, designating Saipan as a Peace Island and;

8 WHEREAS, the Rotary Club of Saipan is part of an international organization
9 contributing to international relief programs for victims of natural catastrophes such as
10 typhoons, earthquakes, volcanic eruptions, or epidemic disease such as polio and;

11 WHEREAS, under the current leadership of President Edward Salas, the Rotary
12 Club of Saipan assisted the islands of Chuuk and Rota in the aftermath of the devastation
13 caused by typhoon Chata’an in Chuuk, and typhoon Pongsona in Rota, collecting over
14 \$15,000 in pledges from the community and donating approximately \$35,000 to procure
15 clothing, food, and medical supplies for the island of Chuuk, and on Rota holding a
16 Christmas party for over 800 children, expending over \$18,000 from its coffer and;

17 WHEREAS, the Rotary Club of Saipan donates \$500 in cash vouchers to
18 residential fire victims to help replace their losses, and annually provides scholarship
19 awards to different schools for various vocations, such as nursing, medicine, auto
20 mechanics, law, teaching, and others and;

21 WHEREAS, the Rotary Club of Saipan in its untiring efforts to generate revenues
22 from its raffles, auctions, fines collected from its members, and other functions in which
23 funds raised are to be used for the benefit and betterment of the local community and the
24 region; now therefore

25 BE IT RESOLVED, by the Senate, Thirteenth Northern Marianas Commonwealth
26 Legislature, that the Senate hereby commends and congratulates the Rotary Club of
27 Saipan for their contributions and outstanding accomplishments through dedication and

