

HONORING FRANK M. MANANGAN

HON. JAMES C. MOYLAN

OF GUAM

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, June 8, 2026

Mr. MOYLAN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize a remarkable member of our Guam community, Mr. Frank M. Manangan, who recently celebrated an extraordinary milestone—his 100th birthday.

A century of life is a rare and remarkable achievement. It is a testament not only to longevity, but to a life filled with purpose, perseverance, and dedication to others. Today, we honor Mr. Manangan not simply because he has reached the age of one hundred, but because of the legacy he has built throughout those one hundred years.

Mr. Manangan was born on April 2, 1925, in San Antonio, Zambales, Philippines. Raised in humble surroundings, he learned early in life the values of hard work, discipline, and service. After graduating from high school, he joined the local police force, proudly serving his country and community with honor. Even as a young man, he demonstrated a commitment to helping others and fulfilling responsibilities larger than himself.

Like many who came before him, Mr. Manangan eventually sought new opportunities and a brighter future. He made the journey to Guam carrying with him determination, resilience, and a strong work ethic that would define the rest of his life. He arrived ready to work, ready to provide, and ready to build a future for his family.

Over the years, he contributed to Guam in many ways. He worked as a carpenter, applying his skill and craftsmanship to help build and maintain the community around him. He worked in warehouse operations and later transitioned into data entry. No matter the position, he approached every job with diligence, humility, and pride. His willingness to work hard and adapt throughout different stages of life speaks to the character that has earned him the respect of so many.

But perhaps Mr. Manangan's greatest contribution was the family he helped build.

Together with his beloved wife, he raised ten children. As the sole provider for his family, he worked tirelessly—often holding two jobs at the same time—to ensure that his children had the necessities of life and the opportunity to pursue their own dreams. The sacrifices he made were countless. Like so many parents, he placed the needs of his family above his own, day after day and year after year. Through his example, he taught his children the values of perseverance, responsibility, and unconditional love.

Those who know Mr. Manangan know that his legacy extends far beyond his work ethic. They know him as a man who brought people together.

One of his greatest passions was cooking. With ten children to feed, he learned how to create delicious meals while making the most of every dollar. His home was often filled with the aromas of traditional Filipino dishes, and over time his pancit became a favorite among family members and friends alike. It became a staple at gatherings and celebrations, where loved ones would eagerly look forward to enjoying one of his signature dishes. Through food, he expressed care, generosity, and a deep love for those around him.

It is often said that a person's true wealth is measured not by what they possess, but by the lives they touch. By that measure, Mr. Manangan's life has been extraordinarily rich. His children, grandchildren, great-grandchildren, relatives, friends, and neighbors have all benefited from the example he has set and the values he has passed down through generations.

Today, as a centenarian, Mr. Manangan stands as a living reminder of the power of hard work, sacrifice, faith, and family. His story reflects the experiences of so many who came to Guam seeking opportunity and who, through determination and perseverance, helped strengthen our island community. Yet his story is uniquely his own—a story marked by service, devotion, and an enduring commitment to those he loved most.

On behalf of the people of Guam and the United States House of Representatives, I extend my deepest congratulations to Mr. Frank M. Manangan on reaching this extraordinary milestone. We thank him for a lifetime of contributions, for the family he has raised, and for the example he continues to provide for future generations.

Happy 100th Birthday to Mr. Frank M. Manangan. May he continue to be blessed with good health, happiness, and the love of family and friends.

NEEDHAM SPECIAL TOWN
MEETING RESOLUTION**HON. JAKE AUCHINCLOSS**

OF MASSACHUSETTS

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Mr. AUCHINCLOSS. Mr. Speaker, on behalf of my constituent, Gerry Rovner, I include in the RECORD the following resolution, which was passed during the 2026 Needham Special Town Meeting by voice vote:

Whereas, the Constitution of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, written by John Adams, helped shape the United States Constitution and enshrines core principles of American governance, including separation of powers, checks and balances, the rule of law, and the protection of individual rights and civil liberties; and

Whereas, James Madison warned in *Federalist No. 47* that “the accumulation of all powers, legislative, executive, and judiciary, in the same hands... may justly be pronounced the very definition of tyranny,” affirming separation of powers as a fundamental safeguard of democracy; and

Whereas, the Town of Needham governs according to democratic principles grounded in the United States Constitution, the Massachusetts Constitution, and applicable federal and state law; and

Whereas, in the first year of his second term, President Trump has repeatedly undermined these constitutional principles by defying court orders, dismantling congressionally created agencies, withholding appropriated funds, imposing tariffs without congressional approval, and authorizing military actions abroad without congressional authorization; and

Whereas, the administration has also used intimidation tactics, including deploying troops on U.S. soil, threatening federal prosecution of perceived political enemies, and withholding federal funding for education and research, including from Massachusetts institutions, that refuse to comply with unlawful executive directives; and

Whereas, the administration has dismantled or weakened federal programs that support vulnerable populations, including programs affecting Medicaid, Medicare, SNAP, prescription drug affordability, and protections under the Affordable Care Act; and

Whereas, immigration enforcement practices pursued by the administration and the Department of Homeland Security raise serious constitutional concerns, including detentions that undermine protections against unreasonable search and seizure, due process, and habeas corpus, and policies allowing agents to obscure their identities and detain individuals without judicial warrants; and

Whereas, recent Supreme Court decisions, including *Trump v. United States* (2024), have expanded presidential immunity for certain official actions, raising concerns about accountability and the balance of powers, while Congress has failed to exercise its constitutional responsibilities over war powers, appropriations, and oversight; and

Whereas, actions that undermine constitutional governance, civil liberties, and the rule of law at the federal level have direct consequences for the Town of Needham and its residents, as well as residents throughout Massachusetts, its municipalities, educational and research institutions, and vulnerable populations who rely on federal programs; and

Whereas, residents of Needham have consistently demonstrated through peaceful protest and civic engagement their expectation that democratic institutions be protected and constitutional norms upheld; and

Now therefore, be it resolved, that this Town Meeting affirms that no person, including the President of the United States, is above the law and that all public officials are bound by their oath to uphold and faithfully execute the Constitution of the United States; and

Be it further resolved, that this Town Meeting urges the President of the United States to faithfully execute the duties of the office in accordance with the Constitution and federal law, and calls upon the United States Congress to exercise its constitutional authority to conduct robust oversight of the executive branch and investigate any violations of the Constitution or abuses of executive power; and

Be it further resolved, that the Town Clerk transmit copies of this Resolution to the Massachusetts Congressional delegation and to the leadership of both Houses of Congress. The collective voice of the Town of Needham may be entered into the public record.

HONORING MAYOR NONITO “NITO”
CASTRO BLAS**HON. JAMES C. MOYLAN**

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Mr. MOYLAN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the life and legacy of a devoted public servant, proud veteran, and beloved son of Guam, former Mangilao Mayor Nonito “Nito” Castro Blas, who passed away on May 6, 2026, at the age of 89.

For nearly three decades, Mayor Nito Blas dedicated his life to serving the people of Mangilao and our island community. To many, he was not simply a mayor. He was a trusted leader, a familiar face, and someone who genuinely cared about the people he served.

Born on June 25, 1936, Nito Blas belonged to a generation shaped by sacrifice, resilience, and service. He witnessed Guam's growth and

transformation across decades and remained deeply committed to preserving the spirit of community that defines our island.

Before entering public office, Mayor Blas proudly served our Nation in the United States Navy. Like so many sons and daughters of Guam, he answered the call to serve far from home, carrying with him the values of duty, humility, and patriotism that would guide him throughout his life. Those same values became the foundation of his public service.

As Mayor of Mangilao for seven terms spanning nearly 28 years, Nito Blas earned the trust and respect of generations of families in his village. And anyone who knew him understood why.

Mayor Blas led with humility and authenticity. He was approachable, kind, and deeply connected to the people around him. He understood that leadership was not about status or recognition, but about showing up for your community day after day. Whether it was attending village events, supporting local families, helping residents through difficult times, or simply taking the time to speak with people personally, Mayor Blas made others feel heard and valued. He represented a generation of leaders who believed public service was rooted in responsibility and compassion.

For the people of Mangilao, Mayor Blas was part of the heartbeat of the village itself. He took pride in bringing people together and strengthening the close-knit community spirit that makes Guam's villages so special.

His impact extended far beyond government offices or official titles. It could be seen in the relationships he built, the trust he earned, and the respect he carried throughout the island community. And while his years in office were significant, what many people will remember most is the kind of man he was. He carried himself with warmth and sincerity. He treated people with dignity and respect. And he served not for personal gain, but because he truly loved his community and wanted to make a difference in the lives of others.

Leaders like Nito Blas leave behind more than accomplishments. They leave behind an example. An example of steady leadership, humility, and most importantly, service before self. At a time when communities everywhere are searching for leadership rooted in compassion and integrity, the life of Mayor Blas reminds us what true public service looks like.

Today, we mourn his passing, but we also celebrate a life that was well lived and deeply meaningful to so many people across Guam. I extend my deepest condolences to the Blas family, his loved ones, former colleagues, and the people of Mangilao during this difficult time. May we continue to honor his legacy by serving our communities with the same humility, dedication, and heart that defined his life.

May Nonito "Nito" Castro Blas rest in eternal peace, and may his memory continue to inspire future generations of leaders in Guam.

HONORING ELAINE CRUZ JONES

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Mr. MOYLAN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the life and mourn the passing of a truly remarkable woman from Guam, Mrs. Elaine

Cruz Jones, who passed away on May 6, 2026, at the age of 87.

For generations of Guam families, Elaine Jones was more than a respected businesswoman or community leader. She was "Auntie Laine." A steady presence. A woman of grace, faith, generosity, and quiet strength whose life reflected the resilience and spirit of our island people.

Elaine was born into Cruz family as one of eleven children of Augusto Pangelinan and Dolores Sablan Cruz. She grew up during one of the darkest chapters in Guam's history and survived the Japanese Occupation of Guam during World War II.

That experience shaped her generation in profound ways. The people who endured occupation, hardship, fear, and uncertainty carried with them a deep understanding of sacrifice, perseverance, and gratitude. They became the builders of modern Guam. And Elaine Jones was part of that extraordinary generation.

Following the war, Guam entered a period of rebuilding and transformation. Alongside her beloved husband, Kenneth T. Jones, Jr., Elaine helped support what would become one of Guam's most important and influential local businesses, J & G Enterprises.

Together with Ken and his business partner, Segundo Leon Guerrero, they helped lay foundations for economic opportunity and local entrepreneurship at a time when Guam was still finding its footing after the devastation of war. But while many people may recognize the Jones family name because of business success, those who truly knew Auntie Laine understood that her legacy extended far beyond business.

She was, first and foremost, devoted to her family. She was a loving wife to Ken and a proud mother to her five daughters—Donna, Ramona, Veronica, Linda, and Vivian—all of whom carry forward the values she instilled: faith, humility, compassion, and service to others.

Anyone who spent time around Auntie Laine knew how deeply she loved her family and how proud she was of them. She led not through loud words, but through example. Through kindness. Through consistency. Through faith. And even after the passing of her husband, she continued to lead with dignity and strength, stepping forward as President of J & G Enterprises and continuing the family's commitment to giving back to Guam.

Her life was deeply rooted in service to the community. Whether through philanthropy, civic involvement, support for local causes, or simply helping those in need quietly and without recognition, Auntie Laine represented a generation that believed success meant lifting others up along the way.

She also remained unwavering in her devotion to her Catholic faith. Faith was not simply something she practiced on Sundays. It guided how she treated people, how she carried herself, and how she lived her life every single day. And that is perhaps what so many people will remember most about her—her warmth. Her humility. Her generosity. Her ability to make others feel welcomed and valued.

On an island like Guam, where family and community are deeply connected, people like Elaine Jones leave an imprint that reaches far beyond their own relatives. They become woven into the story of the island itself. Her passing is not only a loss for her family, but for our entire community.

Today, I extend my deepest condolences to her daughters, grandchildren, loved ones, and all who had the privilege of knowing her. As we reflect on her life, may we also reflect on the example she leaves behind: a life grounded in faith, resilience, service, and love for others.

May Auntie Laine's memory continue to inspire future generations of Guam families to lead with compassion, generosity, and strength. And may we all take comfort in knowing that her legacy will endure through the countless lives she touched throughout her 87 years.

RECOGNIZING GERRY PEREZ

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Mr. MOYLAN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize an extraordinary son of Guam whose decades of leadership, service, and vision have left a lasting mark on our island community—Dr. Gerry Perez—as he retires following more than sixty years of public and private service to Guam, our island reflects with deep gratitude on a career defined by leadership, dedication, and an unwavering love for the people of Guam.

For generations, Dr. Gerry Perez has been a respected leader in tourism, economic development, public service, and regional advocacy throughout the Pacific.

Many across Guam know him as a driving force behind the growth and advancement of our visitor industry. Through his work with the Guam Visitors Bureau and decades of leadership in tourism development, he helped position Guam as a premier destination in the Asia-Pacific region while proudly showcasing the culture, hospitality, and identity of the CHamoru people.

But his impact reaches far beyond tourism alone. Dr. Perez's career reflects a lifetime devoted to building Guam's future across many sectors of island life. Over the years, he served in numerous leadership positions throughout government, business, education, and civic organizations including as Director of Land Management, Administrator of the Guam Economic Development Authority, Director of the Bureau of Budget and Management Research, Chairman of the Guam Chamber of Commerce, Vice Chairman of the University of Guam Board of Regents, and Chairman of the Government of Guam Retirement Fund Board of Trustees. His leadership helped shape policies and initiatives that continue to impact Guam today.

What stands out most about Dr. Gerry Perez is not simply the number of titles he has held, but the respect he has earned throughout our community over the course of a lifetime dedicated to service. He became known as someone who could bring people together, build partnerships, and advocate for Guam with professionalism and credibility both locally and internationally. In many ways, he served as one of Guam's strongest ambassadors to the world.

His work helped strengthen Guam's relationships throughout the Pacific and Asia while creating opportunities for economic growth, cultural exchange, and regional cooperation.