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NMI Democrats Extol the Value of Service and Leadership

At the 2025 General Membership Meeting of the Democratic Party of the Northern Mariana Islands, elected officials had an opportunity to address party members directly, asserting in different ways that service should always go hand in hand with leadership. In a previous press release, the party shared some of the remarks of former U.S. Delegate Kili Sablan and Senator Celina Roberto Babauta. Today, the party shares highlights from the messages delivered by Senator Manny Gregory T. Castro, Representative Diego Vincent F. Camacho, and Representative Denita K. Yangetmai.

Senator Castro began his remarks by remembering his grandmother Rosa Mundo Castro also known as "Nan Chai" who was a die-hard Democrat. Her influence on him and his life was one of the reasons he decided to join the Democratic Party. "I am grateful for the integrity of the party, for candidates and elected officials who are defined by true public service, who are true public servants." Reflecting on the party's future and politics in general, Senator Castro said, "We need fewer politicians and more public servants." Senator Castro believes in a responsive government that is equitable and efficient, that responds to the needs of all the people, from business owners and entrepreneurs to the average middle-class family to our low-income population struggling to make ends meet.

Representative Diego Vincent F. Camacho, for his part, expressed his gratitude to the members of the Central Executive Committee and, in addition, recognized the invaluable contributions of the volunteers who keep the party running. "Without those volunteers," he said, "we would not be where we are today." He has learned many lessons in his time as Vice Speaker, among them the value of collaborating with your colleagues on solutions for the people.

Representative Denita K. Yangetmai communicated her excitement at continuing to work with her democratic colleagues to ensure that our government works for all our people, especially those who are struggling the most in our community. "We have tough decisions to make," she asserted, "but working together, we can find creative solutions to our most pressing challenges. That is why the people elected us, and that is our mandate."

Former Precinct 5 Representative, candidate for lieutenant governor, and current Secretary of Labor Leila Fleming Staffler announced her candidacy for the Senate, and Chamorro Studies high school teacher Peter Muña announced that he will run for the House of Representatives in Precinct 5. More details regarding their candidacies and campaigns will be released in the coming weeks.

As always, NMI Democrats remain committed to holding our leaders accountable and agitating for the kinds of changes we need at the local and federal levels so that all the people of the CNMI can prosper. Working together, we can create a safe, healthy, beautiful, sustainable, and truly inclusive Northern Marianas.

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