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Relative to recognizing and memorializing the legacy of the late Honorable Dr. Rita Hocog Inos of Rota, Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands, former CNMI Commissioner of Education, Board Member of the Pacific Regional Education Laboratory, and Regent of Northern Marianas College; and to extending humble and sincere condolences to the family of Dr. Inos and the citizens of Rota and the CNMI on behalf of *I Liheslaturan Guáhan* and the people of Guam.

1 **BE IT RESOLVED BY I MINA'TRENTA NA LIHESLATURAN**
2 **GUÅHAN:**

3 **WHEREAS**, the late Honorable Dr. Rita Hocog Inos was born on May
4 12, 1954, in Rota, Marianas Islands, the eldest of seven (7) children; and

5 **WHEREAS**, due to the extremely limited educational infrastructure
6 available at the time in the former United Nations-administered Trust
7 Territory, which is now the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands,
8 Dr. Inos was only able to attend the first nine (9) grades on her home island,
9 traveling to Guam and Texas in order to complete high school in 1972; and

10 **WHEREAS**, in the same year that she graduated from high school, Dr.
11 Inos taught second (2nd) grade classes in Rota, pioneering vernacular
12 instruction in *Chamorro*, both there and in Saipan; and

13 **WHEREAS**, Dr. Inos later graduated from the Bilingual-Bicultural
14 Training Program at the University of Hawaii, and began her association with
15 what is now known as the Pacific Regional Educational Laboratory (PREL)
16 during her undergraduate studies, an association which would continue
17 throughout her career; and

18 **WHEREAS**, Dr. Inos received a Bachelor's degree in Liberal Arts from
19 the University of Hawaii, Manoa; she performed Masters' course work in
20 Educational Anthropology at California State University; she received her
21 Master's in School Administration and Supervision from San Jose State
22 University; and later she received her doctorate from the University of
23 Southern California; and

1 **WHEREAS**, Dr. Inos was elected as Rota’s delegate to the Second
2 Constitutional Convention in 1985 and chaired the Committee on Finance and
3 other matters; and

4 **WHEREAS**, Dr. Inos received recognition in 1989 and 1990 in “Who’s
5 Who in American Education”, and in “Glimpse into Pacific Lives – Some
6 Outstanding Women,” in 1987; and

7 **WHEREAS**, Dr. Inos served with great distinction as the CNMI Public
8 Schools Commissioner from June 1998 to December 2005; and

9 **WHEREAS**, Dr. Inos was appointed to the Northern Marianas College
10 Board of Regents in February 2006 and became its chairperson in June 2006,
11 holding that position until July of 2008; now, therefore, be it

12 **RESOLVED**, that *I Mina’Trenta Na Liheslaturan Guåhan* does hereby, on
13 behalf of the people of Guam, recognize and memorialize the legacy of the late
14 Honorable Dr. Rita Hocog Inos of the Commonwealth of the Northern
15 Mariana Islands; and be it further

16 **RESOLVED**, that *I Mina’Trenta Na Liheslaturan Guåhan* does hereby, on
17 behalf of the people of Guam, extend its humble and sincere condolences to
18 the family of the late Honorable Dr. Rita Hocog Inos, and to the people of Rota
19 and the entire Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands, on the sad
20 occasion of her passing; and be it further

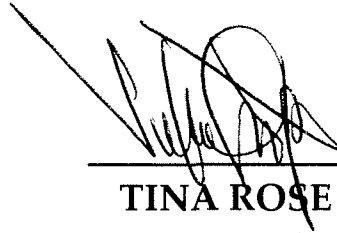
21 **RESOLVED**, that the Speaker certify, and the Legislative Secretary
22 attest to, the adoption hereof, and that copies of the same be thereafter
23 transmitted to her husband, Cristobal Songao Inos; to her two (2) children,

- 1 Denise Lorraine and Ana Blossom; to her granddaughter, Elizabeth Inos
- 2 Gardner; and to the Honorable Felix P. Camacho, *I Maga'lahaen Guåhan*.

DULY AND REGULARLY ADOPTED BY I MINA'TRENTA NA LIHESLATURAN GUÅHAN ON THIS 11TH DAY OF AUGUST 2009.



JUDITH T. WON PAT, Ed. D.
Speaker



TINA ROSE MUÑA BARNES
Legislative Secretary