

**I MINA'TRENTA NA LIHESLATURAN GUÅHAN**  
**2009 (FIRST) Regular Session**

**Resolution No. 175-30 (LS)**

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**Relative to congratulating and commending Teri Taton Knapp on her retirement from the Department of Education, and to expressing our sincere *Si Yu'os Ma'ase* to her for her thirty (30) years of public service and dedication to the people of Guam.**

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

3        **WHEREAS, Ms. Teri Knapp is the daughter of Howard and Ollie Mae**  
4 **Taton, a former Guam teacher. Together with her loving and very supportive**

1 husband of thirty-six (36) years, Lee Knapp, they raised their three (3) wonderful  
2 sons, Brandon, Andre and Chad; and

3 **WHEREAS**, Teri Taton Knapp retired on August 21, 2009, after working  
4 for over thirty (30) years at the Department of Education; and

5 **WHEREAS**, on August 10, 1979, Ms. Teri Knapp arrived on Guam soon  
6 after graduating from the University of Northern Colorado at Greeley. Teri taught  
7 second (2<sup>nd</sup>) grade for one (1) year at Wettengel Elementary School, and then  
8 taught sixth (6<sup>th</sup>) grade for one (1) semester at M. U. Lujan Elementary School; and

9 **WHEREAS**, in the fall of 1981, Ms. Teri Knapp became the GATE  
10 Resource Room teacher for M.U. Lujan Elementary School, Merizo Martyrs  
11 Elementary School, and St. Francis Catholic School; and

12 **WHEREAS**, in September of 1982, Ms. Teri Knapp piloted the new middle  
13 school GATE Program at Agueda Johnston Middle School, where she produced  
14 "Kids Eye on Guam", the first TV show on Guam written by and for students; and

15 **WHEREAS**, in the fall of 1984, Ms. Teri Knapp took over as Program  
16 Coordinator for the GATE Visual Arts Program and under her leadership, initiated  
17 the GATE Performing Arts Program, encompassing both music and theater arts;  
18 and

19 **WHEREAS**, in 1993, Ms. Teri Knapp became the overall coordinator for  
20 GATE, adding the GATE academics program to her responsibilities. As the  
21 GATE Coordinator, she produced Kids on the Block - - a disability awareness  
22 puppetry theater; she acquired the GATE Tiyan Theater in 1995; she created the  
23 GATE High School Performing Arts Program and the GATE Honor Choir; she  
24 expanded the GATE Elementary School Program in every school; and she initiated  
25 the Pickled Papaya, GATE's annual compilation of elementary visual arts student  
26 work and poetry from elementary GATE resource room students; and

1           **WHEREAS**, Ms. Teri Knapp also served our community and brought pride  
2 to our island by creating and coordinating the Childrens’ Productions in 1982; the  
3 much awarded and highly acclaimed SKIP or “Sunshine Kids in Production” in  
4 1984, and, the Summer Summersault Camp for teens for thirteen (13) consecutive  
5 summers; and

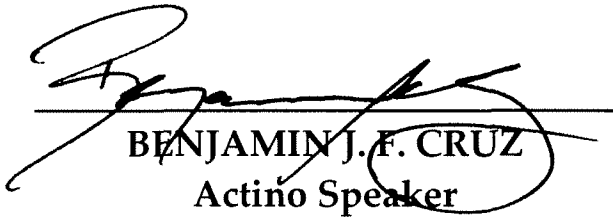
6           **WHEREAS**, Ms. Teri Knapp will be sorely missed and her colleagues and  
7 friends wish her the best as she pursues her latest venture, Source Dance  
8 International, which produces dance events and concerts in Australia, New Zealand,  
9 Spain, and Los Angeles; and

10           **WHEREAS**, through her dedication and commitment, both to her profession  
11 and to public service, Ms. Teri Knapp serves as a wonderful role model for others to  
12 emulate; now, therefore, be it

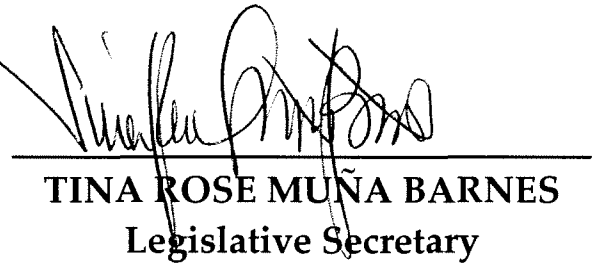
13           **RESOLVED**, that *I Mina’Trenta Na Liheslaturan Guåhan* does hereby,  
14 on behalf of the people of Guam, commend and congratulate Ms. Teri Knapp  
15 for her thirty (30) years of service to the people of Guam, and does express sincere  
16 gratitude to her for her contributions to the Department of Education and to our  
17 island community; and be it further

18           **RESOLVED**, that the Speaker certify, and the Legislative Secretary  
19 attest to, the adoption hereof, and that copies of the same be thereafter  
20 transmitted to Ms. Teri Knapp; and to the Honorable Felix P. Camacho, *I*  
21 *Maga’lahen Guåhan*.

DULY AND REGULARLY ADOPTED BY I MINATRENTA NA  
LIHESLATURAN GUÅHAN ON THIS 20<sup>TH</sup> DAY OF AUGUST 2009.



BENJAMIN J. F. CRUZ  
Actiño Speaker



TINA ROSE MUÑA BARNES  
Legislative Secretary