

I MINA'TRENTA NA LIHESLATURAN GUAHAN
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Relative to recognizing and commending Dr. Richard W. Fee for his dedicated service to students, families, and prospective teachers in Special Education in the island of Guam.

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

2 **GUÅHAN:**

3 **WHEREAS,** Dr. Richard W. Fee was born in Philadelphia,
4 Pennsylvania, and lived there until the age of six (6), when he moved to
5 Runameade, New Jersey; and

6 **WHEREAS,** as an adolescent, Dr. Fee was a less than exemplary
7 student, getting by with mere Bs and Cs, but decidedly made the
8 conscientious decision as a senior in high school to buckle down and
9 become an A student, resulting in his graduation from Triton High School;
10 and

11 **WHEREAS,** these concerted efforts to do well in school paid off, as
12 Dr. Fee was accepted into, attended, and graduated from the University of
13 Oklahoma where he obtained his Bachelor of Arts in History in 1968; and

14 **WHEREAS,** following graduation from college, Dr. Fee initially
15 began his career as a history teacher, when he accidentally stumbled into
16 the Sunshine Cottage School for the Deaf in San Antonio, Texas, a private
17 school for the Deaf, where he discovered his calling to return to school and
18 receive his certification to be a teacher for the Deaf; and

19 **WHEREAS,** upon getting his certification, Dr. Fee taught at the same
20 school that had inspired him, the Sunshine Cottage School for the Deaf;
21 and

1 **WHEREAS**, his passion led him to travel to Hong Kong where he
2 privately tutored a deaf student for a period of two (2) years; traveled to
3 Montana State School to teach the Deaf and Blind; traveled to the beautiful
4 island of Guam to teach the Deaf, at what is now known as, Jose Rios
5 Middle School; and

6 **WHEREAS**, his passion for teaching further led Dr. Fee to Canberra,
7 Australia, to work for the Ministry of Education as the Chief Researcher
8 for Special Education, while simultaneously working on his Masters of
9 Education; and

10 **WHEREAS**, Dr. Fee endeavored to advance his education by
11 attending the California State University in Northridge, California, where
12 he was conferred a Master of Arts degree in Educational Administration in
13 1980; and

14 **WHEREAS**, Dr. Fee officially earned the title of Education Specialist
15 (Ed.S.) from the University of Idaho in 1998, and subsequently earned his
16 Ph.D. in Philosophy (Education) shortly thereafter in 1999 from the same
17 school, thereby becoming a double doctorate; and

18 **WHEREAS**, since that time, Dr. Fee has devoted his life to teaching
19 and training education professionals in the field of Special Education, with
20 a special interest in serving the deaf community, and has served in many
21 capacities, including as a Principal, a Chief Executive Officer, a Director, a

1 Superintendent, an Adjunct Professor, an Educational Consultant, and
2 now an Associate Professor; and

3 **WHEREAS**, Dr. Fee has worked as an Associate Professor at the
4 University of Guam since 2006, and as of Fall Semester 2010, Dr. Fee
5 hooded his 90th graduate student; and

6 **WHEREAS**, Dr. Richard Fee is a highly sought-after speaker on
7 Special Education, Deaf Education, and Cochlear Implants, and has done
8 extensive traveling throughout the United States, Australia, South Africa,
9 and to the Philippines, where he is applying for the Fulbright Scholarship
10 to fund the very worthy project of providing training workshops to
11 teachers for the Deaf and audiologists; now be it

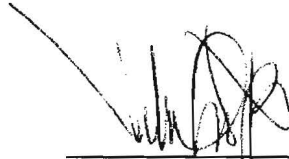
12 **RESOLVED**, that the *I Mina'Trenta Na Liheslaturan Guåhan* does
13 hereby, on behalf of the people of Guam, highly commend Dr. Richard W.
14 Fee for his dedicated service in the area of Special Education in Guam; and
15 be it further

16 **RESOLVED**, that the Speaker certify, and the Legislative Secretary
17 attest to, the adoption hereof, and that copies of the same be thereafter
18 transmitted to Dr. Richard W. Fee; the President of the University of Guam;
19 and to the Honorable Felix P. Camacho, *I Maga'lahren Guåhan*.

DULY AND REGULARLY ADOPTED BY *I MINA'TRENTA NA LIHESLATURAN GUÅHAN* ON THE 22ND DAY OF DECEMBER 2010.



JUDITH T. WON PAT, Ed.D.
Speaker



TINA ROSE MUÑA BARNES
Legislative Secretary