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

Resolution No. 55 (COR)

Introduced by:

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Relative to commending and extending a sincere appreciation and *Un Dangkolo Na Si Yu'os Ma'åse'* to Dr. Marjorie G. Driver for her continued support and service to the University of Guam Richard F. Taitano Micronesian Area Research Center.

## BE IT RESOLVED BY I MINA'TRENTA NA LIHESLATURAN GUÅHAN:

WHEREAS, Dr. Majorie G. Driver was born in New York state, reared in Puerto Rico and earned Academic Degrees in Spanish and American Studies in New York and Vermont before moving to Guam in 1953; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Majorie G. Driver taught high school Spanish and History in Guam for thirteen (13) years, was principal at St. John's School prior to becoming a faculty member of the College of Guam in 1967; and

WHEREAS, for forty (40) years, Dr. Majorie G. Driver's professional career was dedicated to scholarly pursuits at the University of Guam's Richard F. Taitano Micronesian Area Research Center (MARC); and

WHEREAS, Dr. Marjorie G. Driver served as Director of Translations, Curator, and Research Specialist at the Spanish Document Collection of MARC from 1979 to December 2007. Dr. Driver specialized in researching and translating Spanish-language documents into English, directly affording

contemporary access to first-hand historical perspectives by students and scholars; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Marjorie G. Driver was directly involved and successfully justified over Six Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$600,000.00) in legislative appropriations for the Richard F. Taitano Micronesian Area Research Center and its Spanish Documents Collection. She was responsible for soliciting over Ninety-Six Thousand Dollars (\$96,000.00) from public and private sources to research and publish various research and translation efforts; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Marjorie G. Driver appeared frequently in public forums and events sharing her expertise and understanding of our Spanishera heritage with academic colleagues, leaders and residents. Dr. Driver gave innumerable guest lectures in our Islands classrooms and throughout the *Mariana Islands*; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Marjorie G. Driver's extensive research and translation documents have been published and presented in person to numerous conferences, seminars and proceedings. She assisted in bringing the work of others to print as a collaborator and editor of several leading scholarly journals; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Marjorie G. Driver contributed to the expansion of the University of Guam's research staff resources, organization and archival capacity as an active member of various staff and faculty committees. Dr.

Driver has been recognized by her University of Guam peers and colleagues, the Guam Preservation Trust and the Guam Humanities Council; and

WHEREAS, an attractive professional role model, Dr. Marjorie G. Driver presented herself by encouraging successive generations of University of Guam and other students to consider fulfilling careers in academic research in the humanities; and

WHEREAS, I Mina'Bente Uno Na Liheslaturan Guåhan, in May 1992, formally recognized the outstanding contributions and accomplishments of Dr. Marjorie G. Driver of significance to the people of Guam, by members of I Mina'Bente Tres Na Liheslaturan Guåhan in 1996, and again in 1997 by I Mina'Bente Kuatro Na Liheslaturan Guåhan; and

WHEREAS, the Honorable Felix P. Camacho, I Maga'lahen Guåhan, commissioned Dr. Marjorie G. Driver to the "Ancient Order of the Chamorri" bestowing special trust in her patriotism and integrity on October 23, 2007; and

WHEREAS, upon the recommendations of University of Guam President Dr. Harold L. Allen and with the approval of the Board of Regents, Dr. Marjorie G. Driver was publicly conferred an Honorary Doctorate in Human Letters recognizing her sustained significant scholastic and community contributions to professional and community organizations aimed at improving the lives of the people of Guam and the Pacific region

during the December 23, 2007 Fall commencement ceremony; and, now therefore, be it

**RESOLVED**, that the members of *I Mina'Trenta Na Liheslaturan Guåhan* commend and extend a sincere appreciation and *Un Dangkolo Na Si Yu'os Ma'åse'* to Dr. Marjorie G. Driver for her continued support and service to the University of Guam Richard F. Taitano Micronesian Area Research Center; and, be it further

**RESOLVED**, that the Speaker certify, and the Secretary of the Legislature attests to, the adoption hereof and that copies of the same be thereafter transmitted to Dr. Marjorie G. Driver, to Dr. Robert H. Underwood, President of the University of Guam, to the Administrator of the Richard F. Taitano Micronesian Area Research Center, to the Chairman of the University of Guam Board of Regents and to the Honorable Felix P. Camacho, *I Maga'lahen Guåhan*.

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