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**I MINA'TRENTA NA LIHESLATURAN GUÅHAN
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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 and board member of the Pacific Regional Education Laboratory and Regent of Northern Marianas College, and to extend humble and sincere condolences to the family of Dr. Inos and the citizens of Rota and the CNMI on behalf of *I Liheslaturan Guåhan* 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 oldest of seven children; and

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

1 **WHEREAS**, in the same year that she graduated from high school,
2 Dr. Inos taught second grade classes in Rota, pioneering vernacular
3 instruction in Chamorro both there and in Saipan; and

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

9 **WHEREAS**, Dr. Inos received a bachelor's degree in Liberal Arts
10 from the University of Hawaii-Manoa, performed masters' course work in
11 educational anthropology at California State University, and received her
12 master's in school administration and supervision from San Jose State
13 University, and later received her doctorate from the University of Southern
14 California; and

15 **WHEREAS**, Dr. Inos was elected as Rota's delegate to the Second
16 Constitutional Convention in 1985 and chaired the Committee on Finance
17 and other matters; and

18 **WHEREAS**, Dr. Inos received recognition in 1989-1990 in "Who's
19 Who in American Education," and in "Glimpse into Pacific Lives — Some
20 Outstanding Women," in 1987; and

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

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

26 **RESOLVED**, that *I Liheslaturan Guåhan*, on behalf of the people of
27 Guam, does hereby recognize and memorialize the legacy of the late

1 Honorable Dr. Rita Hocog Inos of the Commonwealth of the Northern
2 Mariana Islands; and be it further

3 **RESOLVED**, that *I Liheslaturan Guåhan* on behalf of the people of
4 Guam, does hereby extend its humble and sincere condolences to the
5 family of the late Honorable Dr. Rita Hocog Inos, to the people of Rota and
6 to the entire Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands on the sad
7 occasion of her passing; and be it further

8 **RESOLVED**, that the Speaker and the Chairperson of the Committee
9 on Rules certify, and the Legislative Secretary attest to, the adoption
10 hereof, and that copies of the same be thereafter transmitted to the Inos
11 family – [Needs update] Inos is survived by husband Cristobal Songao
12 Inos, children Denise Lorraine and Ana Blossom, and two siblings who are
13 based in Hawaii.