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I MINA'TRENTA NA LIHESLATURAN GUAHAN
2010 (SECOND) Regular Session

Resolution No. *416-30(corr)*

Introduced by:

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Relative to recognizing and congratulating Dr. Maria Isabel Salomon on her retirement from the School of Nursing and Health Sciences, University of Guam and for dedicating seventeen (17) years of distinguished service to the people of Guam and to extend *Un Dãngkolo na Si Yu'os Ma'ãse* and Best Wishes to her on her future endeavors.

1 **BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COMMITTEE ON RULES OF *I***
2 ***MINA'TRENTA NA LIHESLATURAN GUAHAN:***

3 **WHEREAS,** Maria Isabel Salomon graduated from Indiana University in 1975
4 with a Bachelor of Science in Nursing degree. She went on to complete both her
5 Masters of Science (Community Health Nursing) and Doctor of Nursing Science
6 (Health Policy and Community Health Nursing) degrees from Indiana University; and

7 **WHEREAS,** Dr. Maria Isabel Salomon came to the University of Guam in
8 1993 as a faculty member, and later became the Director of Nursing in 2003. In her
9 role as faculty and director, Dr. Salomon enthusiastically motivates her students and
10 faculty members to participate in community outreach activities, and the Guam
11 Nursing Association programs and events; and

12 **WHEREAS,** Dr. Maria Isabel Salomon actively supports participation in
13 research activities; and

1 **WHEREAS**, recently, Dr. Maria Isabel Salomon completed her second term as
2 President of the Guam Nurse’s Association. As President of the Association, she
3 moved the annual nursing conferences towards a research based focus, and arranged
4 for off-island speakers on Evidence-Based Practice, and Ethics in healthcare.
5 Furthermore, as President she energetically encouraged the senior nursing students
6 and University of Guam faculty to present findings from their research projects to
7 stimulate interest from Guam nurses. As a result, several nurses from various agencies
8 on Guam also contributed research findings at the conference; and

9 **WHEREAS**, Dr. Maria Isabel Salomon actively participated in the American
10 Pacific Nursing Leaders Council, which is an organization comprised of all of the US-
11 Affiliated Pacific Island Countries. As a member Dr. Salomon represented the
12 University of Guam and the Guam Nurses Association at each annual meeting, and
13 provided guidance and support to key personnel in the organization. Furthering her
14 nursing expertise, Dr. Salomon also participated in the Pacific Islands Health Officers
15 Association meetings and present research findings from Guam; and

16 **WHEREAS**, Dr. Salomon was a frequent contributor to the *Ramas Ubas*,
17 newsletter of the Guam Nurses Association. Her inspirational column served to rouse
18 nurses to work toward the improvement of nursing practice on Guam; and

19 **WHEREAS**, as the Director of Nursing and the School of Nursing and Health
20 Sciences, Dr. Salomon has completed an annual report of nursing education on Guam
21 to the Guam Board of Nurse Examiners which detailed the accomplishments of the
22 University of Guam nursing programs; and

23 **WHEREAS**, recognizing the need for new programs and funding sources, Dr.
24 Salomon has authorized and co-authored several grant proposals which have brought
25 in much needed funding in these economically difficult times, including grants
26 through such federal funding agencies such as the Department of Interior, the
27 Department of Education and the Health Resources Services Administration (HRSA).

1 These grant programs provided the resources to ensure that students have the
2 necessary equipment and supplies to adequately prepare for clinical practice and to
3 ensure that faculty members are geared with skills to assist students put together
4 theoretical knowledge with skills practice. The HRSA grant provided additional
5 support for the much needed allied health personnel on Guam and the region; and

6 **WHEREAS**, the most recent accomplishments under the leadership of Dr.
7 Maria Isabel Salomon was to lead the University of Guam Nursing Program through a
8 National League for Nursing Accrediting Commission (NLNAC) site visit. The visit
9 resulted in the Commission recommending and additional eight years for the
10 University of Guam Nursing Program; now, therefore, be it

11 **RESOLVED**, that the Committee on Rules of *I Mina'Trenta Na Liheslaturan*
12 *Guåhan* does hereby, on behalf of the people of Guam, is blessed to have Dr. Maria
13 Isabel Salomon in her leadership role. During her tenure, she has taken on this role
14 and kept the nursing program and the Guam Nurse's Association moving forward in
15 difficult time; and be it further

16 **RESOLVED**, that the Committee on Rules of *I Mina'Trenta Na Liheslaturan*
17 *Guåhan* does hereby, on behalf of the people of Guam, congratulate and honor Dr.
18 Maria Isabel Salomon for her long list of accomplishments and contributions, and for
19 her participation in numerous activities and events to promote and provide optimal
20 health care services to the people of Guam, and does further extend *Un Dångkolo na*
21 *Si Yu'os Ma'åse* and Best Wishes to her on her future endeavors; and be it further

22 **RESOLVED**, that the Speaker and Chairperson of the Committee on Rules
23 certify, and the Legislative Secretary attest to, the adoption hereof, and that copies of
24 the same be thereafter transmitted to Dr. Maria Isabel Salomon; to the School of
25 Nursing and Health Sciences, University of Guam; to Bernadette Santos, President of
26 the Guam Nurse's Association; to Jean Blais, President of the University of Guam
27 Student Nurses Association of Guam; to Dr. Robert A. Underwood, President of the

- 1 University of Guam; to the Honorable Madeleine Z. Bordallo, Member of Congress,
- 2 U.S. House of Representatives; and to the Honorable Felix P. Camacho, *I Maga'lahren*
- 3 *Guåhan*.

**DULY AND REGULARLY ADOPTED BY THE COMMITTEE ON RULES OF
I MINA'TRENTA NA LIHESLATURAN GUAHAN ON THIS ___ DAY OF JULY
2010.**

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Speaker

RORY J. RESPICIO
Chairperson, Committee on Rules

TINA ROSE MUNA BARNES
Legislative Secretary