



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

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**Resolution No.** 489-30 (FOR)

**Introduced by:**

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**Relative to commending and congratulating Mrs. Josephine Ann Mendiola for her induction into the Guam Educators' Hall of Fame, Phi Delta Kappa, Guam Chapter, 1302; and to recognize her contributions and life long dedication towards the education of the island's youth.**

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

3 **WHEREAS,** Mrs. Josephine Ann Mendiola was born on August 6, 1946  
4 in Jackson, Michigan to Clayton Cecil Fillhart from Bluffton, Ohio and Lyndall  
5 Barbara Seafler Fillhart of Dunbar, West Virginia; and,

6 **WHEREAS,** Mrs. Mendiola graduated from Northwest High School, Jackson,  
7 Michigan, in June 1964 ; and,

1           **WHEREAS**, Mrs. Mendiola graduated from Jackson Community College,  
2 in Jackson, Michigan where she received her Associates of Arts degree in  
3 December 1975; and

4           **WHEREAS**, in December 1977, Mrs. Mendiola graduated from Western  
5 Michigan University in Kalamazoo, Michigan where she received her  
6 Bachelor's of Science degree in Biology and Chemistry; and

7           **WHEREAS**, she attended the University of Guam and earned forty-three  
8 (43) credit hours of graduate work while taking courses in Education; and

9           **WHEREAS**, Mrs. Mendiola took courses in computer and electronics at  
10 the Guam Community College and also took courses in Biblical Studies at the  
11 Pacific Island Bible College; and

12           **WHEREAS**, currently, she is taking a course in Reformed Theological  
13 Seminary as she works towards a Master of Arts degree in Religion; and

14           **WHEREAS**, throughout her educational career, she taught Science and  
15 Math to students at L.P. Untalan Middle School from August 1980 to August  
16 1985; she also served as the Chairperson for the Science department and  
17 coached the Academic Challenge Bowl Team; and

1           **WHEREAS**, after teaching at the middle school level, she went on to  
2 teach Science at George Washington High School from August 1985 to October  
3 2007 where she served as Chairperson for the Science department for many  
4 years; under her leadership, facilities for teaching science were improved, she  
5 acquisitioned equipment and supplies for the department, and she worked  
6 diligently to improve the science curriculum by providing framework for each  
7 subject area and she served on numerous school committees; and

8           **WHEREAS**, Mrs. Mendiola currently home-schools her grandchildren  
9 and as a part of her community service she has taught Sunday School and  
10 worked on Vocation Bible School for many years; she has also provided a home  
11 to many foster children, and for many years has been teaching the Science class  
12 at Pacific Islands Bible College, now currently known as Pacific Islands  
13 University; and

14           **WHEREAS**, she is also a member of a number of professional  
15 organizations and is actively involved in the National Science Teacher's  
16 Association and the Phi Delta Kappa Guam Chapter, 1302; and

1           **WHEREAS**, during her first years of teaching, she became involved in all  
2 aspects of education and served on various school committees who met before,  
3 after school, and during lunch time; and

4           **WHEREAS**, in keeping close ties with her children and numerous other  
5 children in her care, she did not become an advisor for any of the various  
6 school clubs and organizations because it was important to her to spend her  
7 spare time with them; and

8           **WHEREAS**, during Mrs. Mendiola’s last seven years of teaching, she felt  
9 that her time could better be spent with her students and as a result gave up the  
10 Department Chair position and no longer served on school committees; and

11           **WHEREAS**, Mrs. Mendiola devoted herself to her students by helping  
12 them during break time; her classroom was always filled with students. For the  
13 last three years, she gave up her prep period and taught the Advanced  
14 Placement (AP) Physics class to those students who were interested; and

15           **WHEREAS**, she has been bestowed with the honors of being one of  
16 Guam’s premiere educators, by the Guam Chapter of the Phi Delta Kappa and  
17 has been inducted in the “Guam Educator’s Hall of Fame”; and

1           **WHEREAS**, of all the accolades that could be bestowed upon a teacher,  
2 the one that was most meaningful to Mrs. Mendiola was being selected as one  
3 of the ‘most inspirational teachers’ by National Honor Society (NHS) students  
4 for five (5) consecutive years; now, therefore, be it

5           **RESOLVED**, that *I Mina'trenta Na Liheslaturan Guåhan* does hereby, on  
6 behalf of the people of Guam commend and congratulate Mrs. Josephine Ann  
7 Mendiola on the occasion of her induction into the Guam Educator’s Hall of  
8 Fame, Phi Delta Kappa, Guam Chapter, 1032; and lifelong dedication towards  
9 the education of the islands’ youth; be it further

10          **RESOLVED**, that the Speaker and the Legislative Secretary attest to, the  
11 adoption hereof and that copies of the same be thereafter transmitted to  
12 Josephine Ann Mendiola; to Phi Delta Kappa, Guam Chapter, 1302, and to the  
13 Honorable Felix P. Camacho, *I Maga'låhen Guåhan*.

**DULY AND REGULARLY ADOPTED BY I MINA'TRENTA NA LIHESLATURAN GUÅHAN ON THE \_\_\_\_ DAY OF \_\_\_\_\_ 2010.**

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**JUDITH T. WON PAT, Ed.D**  
Speaker

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**RORY J. RESPICIO**  
Chairperson, Committee on Rules

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