

I MINA' TRENTA NA LIHESLATURAN GUÅHAN
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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.

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COMMITTEE ON RULES OF I MINA' TRENTA NA LIHESLATURAN GUÅHAN:

1 **WHEREAS**, Dr. Richard W. Fee was born in Philadelphia,
2 Pennsylvania and lived there until the age of six years old and moved to
3 Runameade, New Jersey thereafter; and

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

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

13 **WHEREAS**, upon graduation, Dr. Fee initially began his career
14 as a history teacher when he accidentally stumbled into the Sunshine
15 Cottage School for the Deaf in San Antonio, Texas, a private school for
16 the Deaf, where it was there that he found his calling for life; and

17 **WHEREAS**, upon his epiphany, Dr. Fee returned to school and
18 received his certification to be a teacher for the Deaf; and

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

22 **WHEREAS**, his passion led him to travel to Hong Kong where
23 he privately tutored a deaf student for a period of two years, to travel to
24 Montana State School to teach the Deaf and Blind, to travel to the

25 beautiful island of Guam to teach the Deaf at what is now known as
26 Jose Rios Middle School; and

27 **WHEREAS**, his passion for teaching further led Dr. Fee to
28 Canberra Australia to work for the Ministry of Education as the Chief
29 Researcher for Special Education while simultaneously working on his
30 Masters of Education; and

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

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

40 **WHEREAS**, since that time, Dr. Fee has devoted his life to
41 teaching and training education professionals in the field of Special

42 Education, with special interest in serving the Deaf community, and has
43 served in many capacities, to include working as a Principal, a Chief
44 Executive Officer, a Director, a Superintendent, an Adjunct Professor,
45 an Educational Consultant, and now an Associate Professor;

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

49 **WHEREAS**, Dr. Richard Fee is a highly sought-after speaker on
50 Special Education, Deaf Education, and Cochlear Implants, and has
51 done extensive traveling throughout the United States, Australia, South
52 Africa, and to the Philippines, where he is applying for the Fulbright
53 Scholarship to fund the very worthy project of providing training
54 workshops to teachers for the Deaf and audiologists; now, therefore, be
55 it

56 **RESOLVED**, that the Committee on Rules of *I Mina'Trenta Na*
57 *Liheslaturan Guåhan* does hereby, on behalf of the people of Guam,

58 highly commend Dr. Richard W. Fee for his dedicated service in the area
59 of Special Education in Guam; and be it further

60 **RESOLVED**, that the Speaker and the Chairperson of the
61 Committee of Rules certify, and the Legislative Secretary attest to, the
62 adoption hereof, and that copies of the same be thereafter transmitted to
63 Dr. Richard W. Fee and to the Office of the President of the University
64 of Guam; and to the Honorable Felix P. Camacho, *I Maga'lahaen Guåhan*.

**DULY AND REGULARLY ADOPTED BY I MINA'TRENTA NA
LIHESLATURAN GUÅHAN ON THIS 28TH DAY OF DECEMBER
2010.**

JUDITH T. WON PAT, Ed.D.
Speaker

TINA ROSE MUNA BARNES
Legislative Secretary