

**I MINA'TRENTAI UNU NA LIHESLATURAN GUÅHAN
2011 (FIRST) REGULAR SESSION**

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Resolution No. 119-21(COR)

Introduced by:

A.A. Yamashita, PhD *ay*

Relative to commending and recognizing Ms. Rufina Fejeran Mendiola for her dedication to the education of our children and our families for more than (3) decades.

1 **BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COMMITTEE ON RULES OF I**
2 ***MINA'TRENTAI UNU NA LIHESLATURAN GUÅHAN;***

3 **WHEREAS, Rufina Fejeran Mendiola, born on February 11, 1955, and**
4 **after beginning her career as a teacher in 1979 dedicated her professional**
5 **life to building the future of thousands of growing students;**

6 **WHEREAS, Rufina together with her husband Joseph Santos**
7 **Mendiola (†) for 38 years were blessed with four children: Joey, Antoinette,**
8 **Geralyn, and Audrea; and, (seven) 7 grandchildren, Joseph Christopher**
9 **Mendiola, Roberto Guzman, Joey John Mendiola, Nicholas Mendiola,**
10 **Alana Mendiola, Gabrielle Mendiola, and Preston San Nicolas;**

11 **WHEREAS, Rufina obtained her education on Guam starting at H.S.**
12 **Truman Elementary School, Agat Jr. High, and George Washington High**
13 **School and then, earning a Business Minor at the Guam Community**
14 **College in 1988. Rufina furthered her education by earning a Bachelor of**
15 **Arts in Education, specializing in Elementary Education in 1995 and was**

1 additionally recognized as the First Chamorro Language graduate from the
2 University of Guam College of Education Chamorro Teaching Degree
3 Institute;

4 **WHEREAS,** Rufina began her teaching career in 1979 at Andersen
5 Elementary School (currently Upi Elementary School); before moving to
6 B.P. Carbullido Elementary School in 1983 to present; where from 2003 –
7 present she is an Adjunct Professor at the Guam Community College; in
8 2007 at the University of Guam where her latest contribution was as an
9 instructor for the Dual Certification in English as a second language.

10 Rufina served as a Master Teacher for University of Guam student
11 teachers. Rufina served as a DEED teacher and a summer school teacher
12 since 1997; and

13 **WHEREAS,** Rufina was selected as a 2007 Pacific Teacher of the
14 Year, 2002 PIBBA Teacher of the Year, and in 2002 was awarded as the Top
15 Chamorru Teacher; and

16 **WHEREAS,** Rufina has facilitated countless training workshops and
17 conferences for teachers to include Direct Instruction, Chamorro
18 curriculum writing, and has developed a Chamorro Module for Agueda I.
19 Johnson Middle School and a Chamorro Reading Series, as well as
20 developed 4 documentaries for a ANA Grant; and

21 **WHEREAS,** Rufina's commitment is further exemplified by her
22 service to her church, San Roke San Vicente, and her service as a board

1 member of the Haya Foundation and Department of Chamorro Affairs and
2 Summer Fest Facilitator for Guam Visitor's Bureau; and

3 **WHEREAS**, at every position and through every endeavor, Rufina
4 displays genuine pride of and belief in our children, our language, our
5 culture; now therefore, be it

6 **RESOLVED**, that the Committee on Rules, on behalf of *I Mina'trentai*
7 *Unu Na Liheslaturan Guåhan* and the people of Guam does hereby,
8 recognize, commend and thank Ms. Rufina Fejeran Mendiola and her
9 family for her dedication to the education of our children and our families
10 for nearly four (4) decades; and be it further

11 **RESOLVED**, that the Speaker and the Chairperson of the Committee
12 on Rules certify, and the Secretary of the Legislature attests to, the adoption
13 hereof and that copies of the same be thereafter transmitted to Ms. Rufina
14 Fejeran Mendiola; and to the Honorable Edward Baza Calvo, *I Maga'lahen*
15 *Guåhan*.

**DULY AND REGULARLY ADOPTED BY THE COMMITTEE ON
RULES OF I MINA'TRENTAI UNU NA LIHESLATURAN GUÅHAN ON
THE ___ DAY OF _____ 2011.**

JUDITH T. WON PAT, ED.D.
Speaker

RORY J. RESPICIO
Chairperson, Committee on Rules

TINA ROSE MUÑA BARNES

Secretary of the Legislature