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Relative to recognizing and honoring the life and accomplishments of the late Dr. Dirk Anthony Ballendorf, a long-time educator, researcher and Fulbright scholar; to commending him for his invaluable contributions to the knowledge and history of the Guam and Micronesia region; and to further extending I Liheslatura’s condolences to his family, friends and acquaintances on his untimely passing.

BE IT RESOLVED BY I MINA’TRENTAI DOS NA LIHESLURAN GUÅHAN:

WHEREAS, the late Dr. Dirk Anthony Ballendorf, a long time educator, researcher and notable scholar of Micronesia, was born in 1939, in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania. He received his education in public schools, and graduated in 1961 from the Pennsylvania State College at West Chester; and
WHEREAS, at the age of 22, Dr. Ballendorf joined the Peace Corps and spent two years serving as a volunteer in the Philippines, where he studied history at the Ateneo de Manila University; and he went on to attain a Master’s Degree in History from Howard University in Washington D.C. (1965), and a Doctor’s Degree in Planning and Administration from Harvard University (1973); and

WHEREAS, for eight years, from 1975 to 1983, Dr. Ballendorf served as an Adjunct Professor at the University of Southern California (USC) in Los Angeles; and concurrently, in 1977, he was appointed to serve as President of the College of Micronesia at Pohnpei, in the Eastern Caroline Islands; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Ballendorf entered the Fulbright Program, which is sponsored by the U.S. government and is designed to “increase mutual understanding between the people of the United States and the people of other countries.” The Fulbright Program provides its participants, who are chosen for their academic merit and leadership potential, with opportunities to study, teach, conduct research, exchange ideas, and contribute to finding solutions for shared international concerns in more than 150 countries around the world; and

WHEREAS, in 1979, Dr. Ballendorf joined the faculty of the Micronesian Area Research Center (MARC) at the University of Guam (UOG), where he served as Director from 1979 to 1984. He continued his service at UOG, writing 10 books and more than 200 journal articles; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Ballendorf was a Fulbright Senior Fellow at Macquarie University in Australia in 1985; and he was a Visiting Professor at several universities, including Hanover University in Germany in 1989, Australia’s Wollongong University in 1991, and in 1999, the Macmillan Brown Centre for Pacific Studies, University of Canterbury in New Zealand; and
WHEREAS, Dr. Ballendorf served as a faculty member at the American Military University (AMU) in Manassas Park, Virginia, and lectured at universities in France, Russia, Japan, and the Academica Sinica in Taiwan; and he is the recipient of The Colonel Robert D. Heinl, Jr. Memorial Award in Marine Corps History, and the Distinguished Service Award presented by the Pacific Society of Japan; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Ballendorf held the Directorship of MARC for two separate terms - in 1979, and again in 2004; and as a notable scholar of Micronesia, he had taught courses in Guam and Micronesia history for many years, while simultaneously taping his regular radio show, “Micronesian Minute” on Talk Radio 57; and he also served as President of the Navy League in Guam; and

WHEREAS, in 2008, following almost thirty years of service to UOG, Dr. Ballendorf retired as Professor of History with the Micronesian Studies Program; and

WHEREAS, in 2009, MARC honored Dr. Ballendorf at its first Gala for his contributions to Guam and Micronesia history, and his authorship of numerous books, articles, and journals, including The Guam Secret Study, co-authored with CNMI attorney Howard Willens, which became a bestseller among MARC publications; and

WHEREAS, predeceased by his son, Anton K. Ballendorf, in his passing Dr. Ballendorf leaves behind his loving wife, Francesca Kedlaol Remengasau of Palau, and their four children; as well as his daughter, Heidi M. Ballendorf; his son, Hans G. Ballendorf; his stepson, Tiger Gillham; and two step-grandchildren; now therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that I Mina'Trentai Dos Na Liheslaturan Guåhan does hereby, on behalf of the people of Guam, recognize and honor the life and memory
of the late Dr. Dirk Anthony Ballendorf; does commend him for his many accomplishments, his invaluable contributions and his lifetime of service to Guam and Micronesia; and does further extend sincere condolences to his family, friends, and acquaintances on his untimely passing; and be it further

RESOLVED, that the Speaker certify, and the Legislative Secretary attest to, the adoption hereof, and that copies of the same be thereafter transmitted to the family of the late Dr. Dirk Anthony Ballendorf – his wife, Francesca Kedlaol Remengasau of Palau; his daughter, Heidi M. Ballendorf of Guam; his son, Hans G. Ballendorf of Hawaii; and his stepson, Tiger Gillham of Guam; and to the Honorable Edward J.B. Calvo, I Maga’lahaen Guåhan.

DULY AND REGULARLY ADOPTED BY I MINA’TRENTAI DOS NA LIHESLATURAN GUÅHAN ON THE 19th DAY OF FEBRUARY 2013.

JUDITH T. WON PAT, Ed.D. Speaker

TINA ROSE MUÑA BARNES Legislative Secretary