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Relative to recognizing, honoring, and commending Mr. John Armstrong on the occasion of his retirement from the Guam Community College; and to further expressing a sincere Un Dângkolo Na Si Yu’os Ma’åse’ to him for dedicating twenty-five (25) years of his life to building futures for the people of Guam.

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

WHEREAS, Mr. John Armstrong was born on March 29, 1952; and his proud parents are Mr. and Mrs. John and Dorothy Armstrong. John married the love of his life, Janet McCoshen, on January 31, 1976. They have been married for thirty-eight (38) years, and together were blessed with a beautiful daughter, Summer Galarpe.
John and Janet Armstrong are also the proud grandparents of two (2) grandchildren, Brendon and Kailee; and

WHEREAS, on January 3, 1981, John graduated from the University of Arkansas with a Bachelor of Arts Degree in Spanish/Latin American Studies; and he received his Teaching Certification on May 6, 1986. He further pursued and earned his Master’s Degree in Education from the University of Portland on May 1, 1991; and

WHEREAS, John and Janet Armstrong moved to Guam on August 1, 1989, and John first taught Spanish and Social Studies at George Washington High School in Mangilao, from August 1989 to May 1992; and it was after his first year of teaching on Guam that John and his wife decided to make Guam their home; and

WHEREAS, John then started teaching at the Guam Community College (GCC) in August of 1992; and after twenty-five (25) years of government of Guam service as an educator, most recently as an Associate Professor for GCC’s Criminal Justice and Social Sciences Department, John will be retired on August 1, 2014; and

WHEREAS, John Armstrong was a great asset to the development and institutional success of the Guam Community College. He was responsible for the creation of the college governance model, where he served as President of the Faculty Senate and chaired various committees. John’s outstanding work as an educator was appropriately recognized when he was presented with the Guam Community College’s “Outstanding Faculty Award” in 2006; and

WHEREAS, John successfully authored the course guidelines that established the Liberal Arts Program, which is currently the most popular degree program of choice for students enrolled at the Guam Community College. GCC’s Liberal Arts Program is fully articulated through an agreement with the University of Guam; and
WHEREAS, John aided with the organization and writing of the Guam Community College's Pandemic Response Plan in the early phases of the H1N5 (avian influenza) scare in May 2009; and

WHEREAS, in the Spring of 2009, John assigned his students with the task of registering eligible residents to vote in Guam’s elections. This project was a component of their learning experience; and through his guidance, they learned that exercising the right to vote in free and fair elections affects their lives and the future of their community. Maria Pangelinan, Executive Director of the Guam Election Commission, noticed John’s efforts in helping to increase voter registration on the island, and she suggested that other teachers develop similar learning activities which promote community and civic engagement; and

WHEREAS, John has demonstrated his love for the people of Guam, and the deep appreciation he has for the island he and his family have called home for the last twenty-five (25) years. John’s belief that education should be a transformative experience by creating a commitment to learning beyond the classroom has been exemplified by the many non-profit organizations and community outreach programs that John has committed himself to over his many years on Guam, which include: the American Red Cross of Guam; the Salvation Army Guam Community; the Western Pacific Regional Management Council; and the Guam Homeless Coalition; and

WHEREAS, as a member of the Guam Homeless Coalition, John recognized the value of exposing his students to learning opportunities that build upon the values of respect, compassion, and service to others. In 2012, John received the “Humanitarian of the Year” Award for organizing the collection and distribution of food, toiletries, and other essentials for Guam’s homeless community during the Thanksgiving season. The Award further recognized the contributions he and his students have made through their involvement in other projects of the Guam Homeless
Coalition, including the *Passport to Services* event, and the *Point-In-Time Homeless Count*; now therefore, be it

**RESOLVED,** that the Committee on Rules of *I Mina‘Trentai Dos Na Liheslaturan Guåhan* does hereby, on behalf of *I Liheslaturan Guåhan* and the people of Guam, recognize, honor, and commend Mr. John Armstrong on the occasion of his retirement from the Guam Community College; and does further express a sincere *Un Dångkolo Na Si Yu’os Ma’âse’* to him for dedicating twenty-five (25) years of his life to building futures for the people of Guam; and be it further

**RESOLVED,** that the Speaker and the Chairperson of the Committee on Rules certify, and the Legislative Secretary attest to, the adoption hereof, and that copies of the same be thereafter transmitted to Mr. John Armstrong; and to the Honorable Edward J.B. Calvo, *I Magałahen Guåhan.*

**DULY AND REGULARLY ADOPTED BY THE COMMITTEE ON RULES OF I MINA’TRENTAI DOS NA LIHESLATURAN GUÅHAN ON THE 8TH DAY OF SEPTEMBER 2014.**

[Signatures]

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

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

**TINA ROSE MUÑA BARNES**
Legislative Secretary
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