

**I MINA'TRENTAI SINGKO NA LIHESLATURAN GUÁHAN  
RESOLUTIONS**

Resolution No.	Sponsor	Title	Date Intro	Date of Presentation	Date Adopted	Date Referred	Referred to	PUBLIC HEARING DATE	DATE COMMITTEE REPORT FILED	NOTES
385-35 (LS)	Joe S. San Agustin	Relative to congratulating Mrs. Maria A. Gutierrez on receiving the National Association of State Boards of Education 2020 Distinguished Service Award; and to further extending an <i>Un Dángkolo Na Si Yú'os Ma'áse</i> for her exemplary dedication and contributions to the Guam Department of Education and the people of Guam.	10/12/20 2:40 p.m.	10/22/20 12:00 p.m.						

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**2020 (SECOND) Regular Session**

**Resolution No. 385-35 (LS)**

Introduced by:

Joe S. San Agustin 

**Relative to recognizing and congratulating Mrs. Maria Gutierrez on receiving the National Association of State Boards of Education 2020 Distinguished Service Award; and to further extending an *Un Dangkolo Na Si Yu'os Ma'áse* for her contributions to the Guam Department of Education and the people of Guam.**

1 **BE IT RESOLVED BY *I MINA'TRENTAI SINGKO NA LIHESLATURAN***  
2 ***GUÁHAN*:**

3 **WHEREAS**, Maria Gutierrez is a native woman on Guam known for her years  
4 of unwavering commitment as a community leader. She has recently received the  
5 National Association of State Boards of Education (NASBE) 2020 Distinguished  
6 Service Award. This national award is the highest award from the NASBE which  
7 recognizes state leaders who have made exceptional contributions to education; and

8 **WHEREAS**, Mrs. Gutierrez's involvement with the Guam Education Board  
9 began in 1991 to 1997 as a parent representing the public school parent leadership  
10 organization. She has been an active elected member of the board since 2004 and has  
11 been successful at retaining her seat as a member to this very day. For decades, she has  
12 championed efforts that continues to benefit the children of Guam;

13 **WHEREAS**, this award further highlights her successful undertaking as chair  
14 and vice chair of the Guam Education Board. Under her leadership, the board

1 developed several policies to prevent student and educator harassment, intimidation,  
2 bullying, and cyberbullying to uphold student safety and data privacy on the internet.  
3 She is a strong voice in our community as she testifies regularly on the Department of  
4 Education's annual fiscal budgets and needs. She was instrumental in leading a  
5 taskforce for the approval of Guam's school reopening plans this summer. As a state  
6 leader she has been actively involved in NASBE study groups and is a member of the  
7 Public Education Positions Committee; and

8         **WHEREAS**, Mrs. Gutierrez's dedication to the betterment of public school  
9 education in Guam can further be highlighted in her involvement as a Guam Education  
10 Board Assembly Voting Delegate from 2014 to 2020, Western Region Nominations  
11 and Awards Committees 2016 to 2018, Career Readiness Study Group in 2015, and a  
12 Public Education Position in 2018 to 2020; and

13         **WHEREAS**, as the longest serving member of the Guam Education Board, she  
14 has been instrumental in advocating and securing improvements to the quality of  
15 education in Guam. To further enumerate she has been successful in securing NASBE's  
16 stipend grants for the Guam Department of Education which include: Common Core  
17 Standards Website \$3,500; Next Generation Science Standards \$4,000; State College  
18 and Career Readiness \$4,000; School Leadership (\$6,500); and Deeper Learning \$9,000  
19 ;and

20         **WHEREAS**, Mrs. Gutierrez is a true leader in our community. She currently  
21 serves as the advisor for the student board members on the Guam Education Board and  
22 for over six years she has been a strong advocate for student participation. In recent  
23 years, two of Guam student board members had the opportunity to attend NASBE 60th  
24 Annual Conference 2018, in Denver Colorado and in 2019 in Nebraska; and

25         **WHEREAS**, her ability to value and serve our community is admirable and her  
26 recent National Association of State Boards of Education 2020 Distinguished Service

1 Award is a testament to her dedication to building future leaders of Guam, now,  
2 therefore be it

3 **RESOLVED**, that *I Mina'trentai Singko Na Liheslaturan Guåhan* does hereby,  
4 on behalf of the people of Guam, recognize and congratulate Mrs. Maria Gutierrez on  
5 receiving the National Association of State Boards of Education 2020 Distinguished  
6 Service Award; and to further extending an *Un Dångkolo Na Si Yu'os Ma'åse* for her  
7 contributions to the Guam Department of Education and the people of Guam; and be it  
8 further;

9 **RESOLVED**, that the Speaker certify, and the Legislative Secretary attest to, the  
10 adoption hereof, and that copies of the same be thereafter transmitted to Mrs. Maria  
11 Gutierrez, Superintendent of the Guam Department of Education Mr. Jon Fernandez;  
12 and to the Honorable Lourdes A. Leon Guerrero, *I Maga'hågan Guåhan*.

**DULY AND REGULARLY ADOPTED BY I MINA'TRENTAI SINGKO NA LIHESLATURAN GUÅHAN ON THE DAY OF October XX 2020.**

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**TINA ROSE MUÑA BARNES**  
Speaker

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**AMANDA L. SHELTON**  
Legislative Secretary