

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

Resolution No.	Sponsor	Title	Date Intro	Date of Presentation	Date Adopted	Date Referred	Referred to	PUBLIC HEARING DATE	DATE COMMITTEE REPORT FILED	NOTES
396-35 (LS)	Therese M. Terlaje	Relative to recognizing and congratulating Annie Flores Borja Unpingco on her retirement as a Psychiatric Social Services Administrator of the Guam Behavioral Health and Wellness Center (GBHWC); and commending her for more than thirty-three (33) years of Government of Guam service.	12/15/20 3:43 p.m.	12/23/20 10:00 a.m.						

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2020 (SECOND) Regular Session

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Introduced by:

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Relative to recognizing and congratulating Annie Flores Borja Unpingco on her retirement as a Psychiatric Social Services Administrator of the Guam Behavioral Health and Wellness Center (GBHWC); and commending her for more than thirty-three (33) years of Government of Guam service.

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

3 **WHEREAS**, Annie Flores Borja Unpingco was born on April 17, 1947 to Maria
4 and Francisco Flores Borja. Annie and her husband, John Unpingco, have three (3)
5 children: John Christopher, Mark Andrew, Meg-anne Cecilia, and six (6) grandchildren:
6 Angelica Maria, Andrew Christopher, Meagan Evelyn, Zion Albert, Oliva and Johnny;
7 and

8 **WHEREAS**, in 1970, Annie graduated from the University of Guam with a
9 Bachelor's Degree in Elementary Education. Three years later, she graduated from the
10 School of Social Services, Catholic University of America, Washington D.C., with a
11 Master's Degree in Clinical Social Work; and

12 **WHEREAS**, from 1966 to 1976, Annie worked at the Department of Public
13 Health and Social Services (DPHSS), serving in multiple capacities including working
14 as a Youth Worker, a Community Service Worker, a Social Group Leader and a Social
15 Service Worker II; and

1 **WHEREAS**, in 1976, Annie left Guam. She continued her social work career,
2 gaining experience through working with organizations such as the Angel Guardian
3 Home in New York City, serving children and families in foster care and adoption; the
4 Yokota Japan U.S. Air Force Family Support Center as a mental health counselor for
5 dependents of military members; and the Desert Counseling Clinic, Community Mental
6 Health Center in Ridgecrest, California as a Clinical Supervisor. Annie has also served
7 as a teacher for various institutions such as the Northern Michigan University where
8 she taught social work courses in Human Behavior and the Social Environment and
9 Public Welfare and Policy; the U.S. Air Force Child Development Center at Royal Air
10 Force Mildenhall, England, where she taught pre-school; and the University of
11 Maryland, European Division, where she taught Social Welfare Policy; and

12 **WHEREAS**, in 1996, Annie returned to Guam and continued her service. She
13 gained employment in 1997 as a Technical Assistant under the Guam Department of
14 Education as the Pediatric Evaluation and Development Services Administrator at the
15 University of Guam; and

16 **WHEREAS**, on November 25, 1997, Annie began her service as a Psychiatric
17 Social Worker Supervisor at the Department of Mental Health and Substance Abuse,
18 now known as Guam Behavioral Health and Wellness Center (GBHWC), providing
19 counseling for Adult Counseling Services and supervision for the Intake Unit. On
20 August 27, 2000, Annie was promoted to a Psychiatric Social Services Administrator
21 for the Child/Adolescent Services Division and the *I Famagu'on-ta* System of Care
22 Program at GBHWC; and

23 **WHEREAS**, Annie obtained her license to practice clinical social work in the
24 State of California and is also a licensed professional counselor in Guam. She is a
25 recipient of several distinguished awards and certificates to include the Governor's
26 Employee Recognition Program MagPRO Awards Nominee in 2013; the National

1 Association of Social Workers, Guam Chapter, March 2010 Lifetime Achievement
2 Award; the Government of Guam Outstanding Employee Performance Bonus Award
3 2008-2011; the Governor’s MagHope Award of Excellence Supervisor of the Year
4 2005 Award; 1991 the Marj Boehme California Child Abuse Prevention
5 Council Outstanding Professional Award ; and the 1987 U.S. Air Force Family Support
6 Center, Japan, Sustained Superior Performance Award; and

7 **WHEREAS**, for more than twenty (20) years, Annie has been a trailblazer and a
8 pioneer of mental health services for children and adolescents inclusive of the Guam
9 Systems of Care and other programs. She has paved the way for advocacy and hope,
10 leaving an indelible mark on everyone she has worked with. She possesses a broad
11 vision toward service improvement with high standards for service delivery and has
12 promoted opportunities for professional development and growth, acting as a role model
13 for exceptional leadership. Through her life’s work, Annie has proven to be a strong
14 advocate for the inclusion of services to our youth and families; and on December 24,
15 2020, Annie retired from the GBHWC after serving more than thirty-three (33) years;
16 now, therefore be it

17 **RESOLVED**, that the Committee on Rules of *I Mina'trentai Singko Na*
18 *LiheSlaturan Guåhan* does hereby, on behalf of *I LiheSlaturan Guåhan* and the people
19 of Guam, recognize and congratulate Annie Flores Borja Unpingco on her retirement
20 as a Psychiatric Social Services Administrator of the Guam Behavioral Health and
21 Wellness Center (GBHWC); and commend her for more than thirty-three (33) years of
22 Government of Guam service; and be it further

23 **RESOLVED**, that the Speaker and the Chair of the Committee on Rules certify,
24 and the Legislative Secretary attest to, the adoption hereof, and that copies of the same
25 be thereafter transmitted to Annie Flores Borja Unpingco; and to the Honorable Lourdes
26 A. Leon Guerrero, *I Maga'hågan Guåhan*.

**DULY AND REGULARLY ADOPTED BY THE COMMITTEE ON RULES OF
I MINA'TRENTAI SINGKO NA LIHESLATURAN GUÁHAN ON THE DAY
OF MONTH 2020.**

TINA ROSE MUÑA BARNES
Speaker

RÉGINE BISCOE LEE
Chair, Committee on Rules

AMANDA L. SHELTON
Legislative Secretary