

MINA BENTE NUEBI NA LIHESLATURAN GUÅHAN
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Executive Committee
Resolution No. 22 (EC)

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Introduced by:

- 2 **R. J. Respicio**
- 3 **T.R. Muña Barnes**
- 1 **J.P. Guthertz**
- 4 **A.B. Palacios**
- 5 **M. Forbes**

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Relative to honoring Speaker Franklin Joseph Arceo Quitugua, Ph.D., for his lifelong dedication and service to his people as an educator, administrator, Senator, Speaker and leader, and acknowledging and commending his many years of service and dedication to the educational development of our island, and his unswerving dedication to serving the community he so dearly loves.

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE OF I MINA'BENTE NUEBI NA LIHESLATURAN GUÅHAN:

WHEREAS, the Honorable Franklin Joseph Arceo Quitugua, Ph.D., has served the people of his island home of Guam in an exemplary manner for nearly half a century as a respected educator, an elected official, a lifelong Democrat and a community leader, providing wise counsel, sage advice, heartfelt assistance, and having a positive affect on the lives of thousands of our people; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Franklin Joseph Arceo Quitugua was born in pre-war Guam on November 6, 1933, the son of Ignacio Perez Quitugua and Rosa Santos Arceo Quitugua, young Franklin experiencing the occupation of Guam by the Japanese as well as the liberation of Guam by American forces, the contrasting experiences influencing his belief in the importance of education in people's lives; and

WHEREAS, He graduated from George Washington High School in 1952 and attended Northern Arizona University, graduating in 1956 with a Bachelor of Science degree in Education, majoring in Business Education with a minor in English; and

WHEREAS, upon his homecoming Dr. Quitugua returned to George Washington, working for the next five years as a secondary school teacher in Business Education and in 1961 he returned to the Northern Arizona University campus where

he received his M.A. in Secondary Education administration in 1962 ; and

WHEREAS, Typhoon Karen destroyed the George Washington campus in 1962, forcing the High School students to attend a double session at the newly constructed Tumon High School, now John F. Kennedy High School, while trained administrator Dr. Quitugua, barely 29 years of age, was given the position of Principal of George Washington Junior High School, now named Agueda Johnston Middle School; and

WHEREAS, After several years as a Principal, Dr. Quitugua was appointed Administrative Assistant to the Director of Education in 1968, later becoming the Deputy Director of Education and then in 1969 was appointed Director of Education by Governor Manuel F.L. Guerrero and retained by Governor Carlos Camacho; and

WHEREAS, during his term as Director he developed leadership training among the staff at the Department of Education's central office and at the schools, and also began the process to significantly develop core curriculum for the school system; and

WHEREAS, from 1972 through 1975 Dr. Quitugua, through in-service education, attended graduate school at the University of Oregon, receiving his Ph.D. in Educational Administration with a minor emphasis in Curriculum and Instruction, Anthropology and Education; and

WHEREAS, upon his return to Guam he resumed service as Director of Education until 1976 when he resigned to run for the position of Senator in the Guam Legislature, achieving success in his first attempt at seeking public office; and

WHEREAS, his election as a freshman Senator in the 14th Guam Legislature was the first of seven consecutive terms that he served as an elected leader, his colleagues selecting Dr. Quitugua to chair the important Committee on Education for three terms and choosing him to be the Speaker of the 19th Guam Legislature; and

WHEREAS, among his many accomplishments as an elected leader, Dr. Quitugua can list: increased funding for educational facilities including the University of Guam; authorizations for new schools and additional classrooms; creation of, and seed money for the new facilities of the Guam Community College; successful lobbying of the U.S. Congress and Executive Branch for increased Impact Aid funding; teaching the Chamorro language in public schools; and enabling the teaching of alternative educational programs in public schools; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Quitugua served his final term in the 20th Guam Legislature, returning to lead the Department of Education from 1991 to 1993, retiring as Director of

Education in 1993 after nearly 40 years of public service to his island and people; and

WHEREAS, even in his retirement Dr. Quitugua continued to serve his people, accepting membership on the University of Guam Board of Regents, actively continuing his contribution to the education of our island's youth; and

WHEREAS, the old saying goes: "Behind every successful man stands a proud woman," and no wife and family could be more proud of Dr. Quitugua than his wife Julia Jane Siguenza Quitugua and their five children: Clare, Franklin Jr., Evangeline, Mark and Jacqueline; now therefore be it

RESOLVED, that the Executive Committee of *I Mina'Bente Nuebi Na Liheslaturan Guåhan* does hereby, on behalf of *I Liheslaturan Guåhan* and the people of Guam extend this honor to Speaker Franklin Joseph Arceo Quitugua, Ph.D., for his lifelong dedication and service to his people as an educator, administrator, Senator, Speaker and leader; and be it further

RESOLVED, that the Executive Committee of *I Mina'Bente Nuebi Na Liheslaturan Guåhan* does hereby acknowledge and commend Speaker Franklin Joseph Arceo Quitugua, Ph.D., for nearly 50 years of dedication to the educational development of our island, and his deep personal involvement and unswerving dedication to serving the community he so dearly loves; and be it further

RESOLVED, that the Speaker and the Chairman of the Executive Committee certify, and the Secretary of the Legislature attest to, the adoption hereof, and that copies of the same be thereafter transmitted to Julia Jane Siguenza Quitugua; to Clare Q. Aglubat; to Franklin J. Quitugua, Jr.; to Evangeline Q. San Nicolas; to Mark A. Quitugua; to Jacqueline Q. Ronan; to Speaker Franklin Joseph Arceo Quitugua, Ph.D., and to the Honorable Felix P. Camacho, *I Maga'lahen Guåhan*.

DULY AND REGULARLY ADOPTED BY THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE OF I MINA'BENTE NUEBI NA LIHESLATURAN GUÅHAN ON THE 24TH DAY OF JANUARY 2007.