

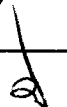


I MINA'BENTE NUEBI NA LIHESLATURAN GUÅHAN
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Resolution No. 143 (EC)

Introduced by:

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Relative to recognizing the numerous outstanding accomplishments and celebrating the life of the late Hermina Duenas Dierking former Senator of *I Liheslaturan Guåhan* and extending its most sincere condolences to her husband John and their children on behalf of the people of Guam.

- 1 **BE IT RESOLVED BY I MINA'BENTE NUEBI NA LIHESLATURAN**
- 2 **GUÅHAN:**

1 **WHEREAS**, our island has suffered the loss of one of its most
2 prominent daughters and Island citizen with the passing of Hermina Duenas
3 Dierking, affectionately known as "Mina," to family and friends; and

4 **WHEREAS**, Senator Herminia Duenas Dierking, a pioneer for women of
5 Guam, an educator, and a dedicated public servant to her island and people,
6 was born on August 17, 1939 in *Hagatña* to the former Maria Pangelinan
7 Guzman and Jose Cruz Duenas, and

8 **WHEREAS**, Senator Herminia Duenas Dierking, was married to
9 Attorney John Clifton Dierking, II in 1964 and were blessed with five (5)
10 children, John Clifton III, Kurt, Steven, Ana Maria, and John Paul and nine (9)
11 grandchildren, Vittoria, Gianna, Kurt II, Christopher, Brittany, Lucas,
12 Mikaylee Mina, Nathan, and Morgan ; and

13 **WHEREAS**, Senator Dierking attended the Academy of Our Lady of
14 Guam, Class of 1958, the University of Missouri at Kansas City, the University
15 of Guam, and Emporia State University in Kansas and holds a Bachelor of
16 Arts Degree and a Master of Science Degree in Business Administration; and

17 **WHEREAS**, Senator Dierking, prior to entering public service, was an
18 educator, teaching at the John F. Kennedy High School in Tamuning and an
19 Associate Professor and Chairperson of the Accounting Department at the
20 University of Guam. In 1983, she assumed the position of Director for the
21 Bureau of Budget and Management Research and was chairperson of the
22 Fiscal Policy Committee of the Government of Guam under Governor

1 Bordallo's Administration. In 1994 she was named the Director of the Guam
2 Housing and Urban Renewal Authority. She was the Regional Vice President
3 and National Officer of the Association of Government Accountants which
4 she was a member for thirty-two (32) years, and she has been a Certified
5 Government Financial Officer since 1995; and

6 **WHEREAS**, Senator Dierking served in a number of capacities in the
7 following organizations: President, *Manukai* Swim Club, Far East Swim
8 League, Beauty World Guam, Association of Government Accountants, and
9 Tamuning Elementary PTA; Vice President of the Father Duenas Memorial
10 High School Parent's Guide; Secretary/Treasurer of the American Heart
11 Association; member of the Guam Memorial Hospital Board of Trustees;
12 Executive Officer, Guam Beauty Association; and member of the Soroptomist
13 International, Lytico and Bodig Association, and GMH Volunteers
14 Association; and

15 **WHEREAS**, Senator Dierking, who was first elected to the 18th Guam
16 Legislature and eventually was re-elected for four (4) more terms, served as
17 Chairperson of the Committee on Rules (20th to the 22nd Guam Legislature);
18 Ways and Means (19th Guam Legislature); and the Committee on Health,
19 Ecology, and Welfare (18th Guam Legislature). She served as a member of
20 numerous Legislative Committees including the Committee on Economic-
21 Agricultural Development and Insurance; the Committee on Tourism and
22 Transportation, the Committee on Electrical Power and Consumer Protection;

1 the Committee on Senior Citizens and Cultural Affairs; the Committee on
2 Federal, Foreign, and Legal Affairs; the Committee on General Governmental
3 Operations and Micronesian Affairs; the Committee on Education; and the
4 Committee on Judiciary and Criminal Justice; and

5 **WHEREAS**, additionally, Senator Dierking served as a member of the
6 Guam War Reparations Commission and as Secretary, Vice President, and
7 President of the Association of Pacific Island Legislatures, an important
8 organization made up of legislative representatives of Pacific Island peoples
9 joined together in an association structured with sufficient capability and
10 permanence to address, in depth, the substantive regional and international
11 issues facing the emerging Pacific governments; and

12 **WHEREAS**, By setting a standard of selfless devotion to serving the
13 people of Guam, the late Senator Hermina Duenas Dierking has earned the
14 respect and admiration of all who know her, not just on her island of Guam,
15 but throughout the Pacific; and

16 **WHEREAS**, it is altogether proper and fitting that *I Liheslaturan Guåhan*
17 recognize and honor the late Senator Hermina Duenas Dierking and her
18 valuable service as a citizen and public servant of Guam, and to recognize her
19 as an individual of remarkable character and exceptional leadership; now,
20 therefore, be it

21 **RESOLVED**, that *I Mina'Bente Nuebi Na Liheslaturan Guåhan* does
22 hereby, on behalf of the people of Guam, recognizes and commends the late

1 Senator Hermina Duenas Dierking on her numerous outstanding
2 accomplishments and contributions to the island and people of Guam and
3 celebrate her life as one of our most distinguished daughters and prominent
4 island citizen, and further extends its most sincere condolences to her
5 husband Attorney John Clifton II and their children; and be it further

6 **RESOLVED**, that the Speaker certify, and the Secretary of the
7 Legislature attest to, the adoption hereof, and that copies of the same be
8 thereafter transmitted to her husband, Attorney John C. Dierking, II; their
9 children, John Clifton Dierking III; Kurt Dierking; Steven Dierking; Anna
10 Maria Leon Guerrero and John Paul Dierking; to the Honorable Madeline Z.
11 Bordallo, Guam's Delegate to the United States Congress; and to the
12 Honorable Felix P. Camacho, *I Maga'lahaen Guåhan*.

DULY AND REGULARLY ADOPTED BY I MINA'BENTE NUEBI NA LIHESLATURAN GUÅHAN ON THE 3RD DAY OF APRIL 2008.

JUDITH T. WON PAT, Ed.D.
Speaker

TINA ROSE MUÑA BARNES
Senator and
Secretary of the Legislature