

**I MINA'TRENTA NA LIHESLATURAN GUÅHAN  
2010 (SECOND) Regular Session**

**Resolution No. 298-30 (COR)**

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**Relative to posthumously commending the late Lourdes Torres Leon Guerrero for her lifetime commitment to the public education of the people of Guam, and to extending condolences to her family on her passing.**

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

3           **WHEREAS**, a proper education is paramount to the future prosperity of  
4 any place; and

5           **WHEREAS**, on a small island like Guam, it is even more important to  
6 have people committed to teaching and educating our people; and

7           **WHEREAS**, the late Lourdes Torres Leon Guerrero dedicated her life to  
8 the public schools of Guam; and

9           **WHEREAS**, her civil service began in 1941, when she was just in the tenth  
10 (10<sup>th</sup>) grade, and where despite her age she was hired as a permanent substitute  
11 teacher at Maxwell School in the village of *Sumay*; and

12           **WHEREAS**, during the Japanese occupation of Guam in World War II,  
13 she was chosen to learn the Japanese language in order to teach other  
14 *Chamorros*; and

15           **WHEREAS**, she continued to teach in *Merizo* during the occupation  
16 until May 1944; and

17           **WHEREAS**, after the liberation of Guam, she resumed her teaching  
18 career in *Merizo* at the request of Mr. Simon Sanchez, who was then the  
19 Superintendent of Schools; and

20           **WHEREAS**, she continued to teach until 1949, when she married her  
21 husband, Vicente Garrido Leon Guerrero, a United States Naval sailor; they,

1 along with their three (3) children, were stationed in Virginia, California, and  
2 Hawaii; and

3         **WHEREAS**, she returned to Guam in 1959, and immediately jumped  
4 back into her career, taking a teaching position at *Talofof* Elementary School;  
5 and

6         **WHEREAS**, ten (10) years later, she was promoted to Assistant Principal  
7 of *Agana Heights* Elementary School; and

8         **WHEREAS**, amidst her personal and professional responsibilities, Mrs.  
9 Leon Guerrero made time to obtain her Bachelor of Arts degree in Education  
10 in 1969; and

11         **WHEREAS**, the crowning glory of her professional career came in 1974,  
12 when she was chosen to be the first Principal of what was then F.B. Leon  
13 Guerrero Elementary School, which at the time was the second largest school  
14 on Guam; and

15         **WHEREAS**, the very next year, she finished the next phase in her own  
16 education, earning her Masters of Education degree; and

17         **WHEREAS**, even though she retired in 1976, she came back to the  
18 Department of Education, holding administrative positions and teaching until  
19 she finally retired in 1997; and

20         **WHEREAS**, during her fifty-seven (57) years of distinguished service in  
21 public education, Mrs. Leon Guerrero taught at the following schools:  
22 Maxwell School in *Sumay*; *Merizo*, *Sinajana*, *Talofof*, and *Santa Rita* Elementary

1 Schools; and John F. Kennedy, George Washington, Oceanview, and Simon  
2 Sanchez High Schools; she also served as a member of the Guam Community  
3 College Board of Trustees, as Administrator and Consultant of the Guam  
4 Teacher Corps In Service Training Program, and as an instructor for the  
5 Department of Labor *Manamko' Manhoben* Program; and

6         **WHEREAS**, her dedication did not go unnoticed, as she was named a  
7 “Pioneer of Education on Guam” by the University of Guam; she was  
8 depicted in the UOG’s Micronesian Area Research Center Book, “*I Manfayi*”  
9 Series; and she was inducted into the local chapter of the *Phi Delta Kappa’s*  
10 “Guam Educator’s Hall of Fame,” an honor bestowed only to the island’s  
11 premier educators; and

12         **WHEREAS**, her dedication to education was imprinted on three (3) of  
13 her children, Esther, Vincent and Darlene, who all became educators  
14 themselves; and

15         **WHEREAS**, her most recent endeavor in advancing the education of our  
16 island people was as the Assistant Editor of the Official *Chamorro-English*  
17 Dictionary or “*Ufisiât Na Diksionârion Chamorro-Engles*” – the most complete  
18 and comprehensive *Chamorro* dictionary to date; and

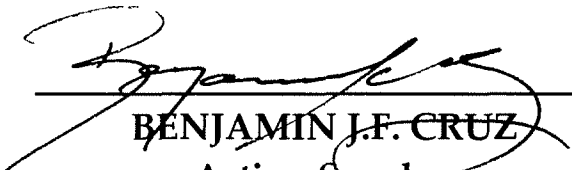
19         **WHEREAS**, Mrs. Leon Guerrero passed away at the age of eighty-six  
20 (86) years on February 25, 2010; and

1           **WHEREAS**, her passing leaves a void that will be felt for many years to  
2 come, in both the family she loved and the island she served so selflessly;  
3 now, therefore, be it

4           **RESOLVED**, that the Committee on Rules of *I Mina'Trenta Na*  
5 *Liheslaturan Guåhan* does hereby, on behalf of *I Liheslaturan Guåhan* and the  
6 people of Guam, posthumously commend the late Lourdes Torres Leon  
7 Guerrero for her lifetime commitment to the public education of the people of  
8 Guam; and does extend sincere condolences to her family on her passing; and  
9 be it further

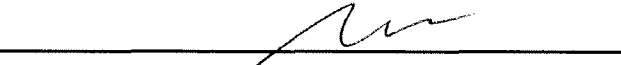
10           **RESOLVED**, that the Speaker and the Chairperson of the Committee on  
11 Rules certify, and the Legislative Secretary attest to, the adoption hereof, and  
12 that copies of the same be transmitted to her four (4) children: Esther L.G.  
13 Keone, Vincent Leon Guerrero, Darlene L.G. Perez, and Joseph Leon  
14 Guerrero; and to the Honorable Felix P. Camacho, *I Maga'lahren Guåhan*.

DULY AND REGULARLY ADOPTED BY THE COMMITTEE ON RULES  
OF *I MINA'TRENTA NA LIHESLATURAN GUÅHAN* ON THE 5<sup>TH</sup> DAY OF  
MARCH, 2010.



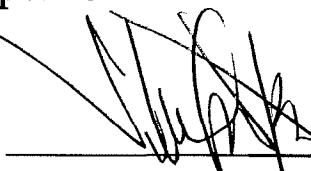
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Acting Speaker



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



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**TINA ROSE MUÑA BARNES**  
Legislative Secretary