

I MINA' TRENTA NA LIHESLATURAN GUÅHAN
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Resolution No. 70 (LS)
Introduced by:

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AMI:


Relative to acknowledging Dr. Ronald L. McNinch, Jr., as a Distinguished Professor of Guam, whose dedication to teaching research and public service has resulted in eight UOG students being awarded the prestigious Truman Scholarship and the University of Guam consequently being named as a Truman Honor Institution.

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

WHEREAS, Dr. Ronald L. McNinch, Jr. has served as a professor at the University of Guam for the last twelve years and shows an exemplary commitment to teaching, research, and service to the community; and;

WHEREAS, on a national level, the Council for the Advancement and Support of Education, (CASE), and the Carnegie Foundation recognized Dr. McNinch as Guam's first Professor of the Year in 1998; and

WHEREAS, the Honorable Felix P. Camacho, *I Maga'lahaen Guåhan*, named Dr. McNinch to serve on the COMRIGHT-21 Commission and the Government Reorganization Commission, where he used his talents and educational background on behalf of the people of Guam; and

WHEREAS, the Honorable Carl T.C. Gutierrez, *I Maga'lahaen Guåhan*, named Dr. McNinch to serve on the Guam Political Status Commission, the Guam Election Commission, and the Guam Organic Act Commemoration Commission, where he

performed critical and historically important public service on behalf of the people of Guam; and

WHEREAS, the Honorable Judge John S. Unpingco, District Court of Guam, appointed Dr. McNinch to serve on the U.S. Magistrate Selection Committee, where he served a United States District Court; and

WHEREAS, Dr. McNinch has served in many other community organizations where he held leadership roles: he was Chair of Guam's Citizen Corps, President of the Guam Unit of the American Cancer Society, Guam's Legislative Ambassador for the American Cancer Society, and the President of the Rotary Club of Tumon Bay; and

WHEREAS, Dr. McNinch was appointed by Governor Felix P. Camacho to was appointed to serve as the Executive Director of the Reverend, Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Human and Civil Rights Commission; and

WHEREAS, under the advisement and support of Dr. McNinch, Guam has had seven students in the last nine years nationally recognized as Truman Scholars, resulting in the University of Guam being named as a Truman Honor Institution by the Harry S. Truman Foundation; and

WHEREAS, students from the University of Guam have been placed in excellent graduate programs, doctoral programs, law schools, and local and federal employment and obtained Rotary International Scholarships under the guidance, encouragement and mentorship of Dr. McNinch; and

WHEREAS, students at the University of Guam have received excellent teaching, skill development, and instruction due to the support of Dr. McNinch; and

WHEREAS, students at the University of Guam have received strong drug awareness and resistance instruction and personal opportunity development instruction by Dr. McNinch as a regular and routine block of instruction in every class section; and

WHEREAS, Dr. McNinch has encouraged students to be connected to our community through service learning and community service; and

WHEREAS, Dr. McNinch has advised government of Guam employees participating in the Doc Sanchez Scholarship Program, and he has never taken additional compensation for this effort, preferring that the funds be used for these government employee students; and

WHEREAS, with the highest standards of academic freedom, students at the University of Guam have conducted over 100 Guam-specific research projects, major papers, community events and forums, and public opinion polls under the tutelage of Dr. McNinch; and

WHEREAS, included in these projects are nine major exit polls conducted on election days and over thirty election-related public opinion polls conducted under the direction of Dr. McNinch; and

WHEREAS, the results of these activities and research efforts were freely shared with the community of Guam, public leaders and the media; and

WHEREAS, many of these research projects have assisted in the formation of public policies for the government of Guam, and the public has received the benefit of objective and accurate information on public affairs; and

WHEREAS, many of these information services and projects involved sensitive topics that were presented with accuracy under high conditions of public scrutiny and attention; and

WHEREAS, Dr. McNinch's commitment to and his fulfillment of the ideas and ideals of engaged professorship, innovative and cutting edge academic research, active public service and community-based leadership has elevated the role of the public intellectual in Guam's political and social discourse in a way that few University of Guam professors have achieved; now therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that the Committee on Rules of *I Mina'Trenta na Liheslaturan Guåhan* does hereby, on behalf of *I Liheslaturan Guåhan* and the people of Guam, offer its strong endorsement for the example of high standards set by Dr. McNinch in his community efforts; and be it further

RESOLVED, that the Committee on Rules of *I Mina'Trenta na Liheslaturan Guåhan* does hereby, on behalf of *I Liheslaturan Guåhan* and the people of Guam, recognize and acknowledge Dr. Ronald L. McNinch, Jr., as a distinguished professor in Guam; and be it further

RESOLVED, that the Speaker and the Chairperson of the Committee on Rules of *I Mina' Trenta na Liheslaturan Guåhan* certify and the Legislative Secretary attest the adoption hereof, and that copies of the same be thereafter transmitted to Dr. Ronald L. McNinch, Jr., and family, to the American Society for Public Administration, to the Guam Society for Human Resources Management, to the Rotary Club of Guam, to Mr. Paul Suba, Chief of Police, Guam Police Department; to the Resident Agent-in-Charge, Federal Bureau of Investigation Guam Office; to the Honorable Madeleine Albright, President of the Harry S. Truman Scholarship Foundation; To Mr. Mike Naholowaa, Chairman, School of Business and Public Administration Advisory Council, University of Guam; to Dr. Anita Borja Enriquez, Dean and the Faculty of the School of Business and Public Administration, University of Guam; to Dr. Robert A. Underwood, President, University of Guam; to Mr. Sonny Ada, Chairman, Board of Regents of the University of Guam; the Honorable Robert Torres, Chief Justice of the Guam Supreme Court; to the Honorable Madeleine Z. Bordallo, Guam Delegate to the U.S. Congress; and to the Honorable Felix P. Camacho, *I Maga'lahaen Guåhan*.

DULY AND REGULARLY ADOPTED BY I MINA' TRENTA NA LIHESLATURAN GUÅHAN ON THE _____ DAY OF _____ 2009.