

I MINA'BENTE NUEBI LIHESLATURAN GUÅHAN
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Introduced by:

J. V. Espaldon

Relative to congratulating and commending Teri Taton Knapp on her retirement from the Department of Education and to express our sincere *Si Yu'os Ma'ase* for her thirty years of public service and dedication to the people of Guam.

1 **BE IT RESOLVED BY *I MINA'TRENTA I NA LIHESLATURAN***
2 ***GUÅHAN* ON BEHALF OF THE PEOPLE OF GUAM:**

3 **WHEREAS**, Ms. Teri Knapp is the daughter of Howard and Ollie Mae
4 Taton, a former Guam teacher. Together with her loving and very supportive
5 husband of 36 years, Lee Knapp, raised their three wonderful sons, Brandon,
6 Andre and Chad; and

7 **WHEREAS**, Teri Taton Knapp retired on August 21, 2009 after thirty (30)
8 years at the Department of Education; and

9 **WHEREAS**, on August 10, 1979, Ms. Teri Knapp arrived on Guam fresh
10 from the University of Northern Colorado at Greeley. Teri taught second grade for
11 one year at Wettengel Elementary and sixth grade for one semester at M U Lujan
12 Elementary; and

13 **WHEREAS**, in the fall of 1981, Ms. Teri Knapp became the GATE
14 Resource Room teacher for MU Lujan, Merizo Martyrs Elem., and St. Francis
15 Catholic School; and

16 **WHEREAS**, in Sept. of 1982, Ms. Teri Knapp piloted the new middle
17 school GATE program at Aguada Johnston where she produced "Kids Eye on
18 Guam", the first TV show written by and for students; and

1 **WHEREAS**, in the fall of 1984, Ms. Teri Knapp took over as program
2 coordinator for the GATE Visual Arts Program and under her leadership, initiated
3 the GATE Performing Arts program encompassing both music and theater arts;
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5 **WHEREAS**, in 1993, Ms. Teri Knapp became the overall coordinator for
6 GATE, adding the GATE academics program to her responsibilities. As the GATE
7 Coordinator, she produced Kids on the Block - a disability awareness puppetry
8 theater, acquired the GATE Tiyan Theater in 1995, created the GATE High School
9 Performing Arts Program, the GATE Honor Choir, expanded the GATE
10 elementary school program in every school and initiated the Pickled Papaya,
11 GATE's annual compilation of elementary visual arts student work and poetry from
12 elementary GATE resource room students.

13 **WHEREAS**, Ms. Teri Knapp also served our community and brought pride
14 to our island by creating and coordinating the Children's' Productions in 1982, the
15 much awarded and highly acclaimed SKIP or "Sunshine Kids in Production" in
16 1984, and, the Summer Summersault Camp for teens for 13 consecutive summers;
17 and

18 **WHEREAS**, Ms. Teri Knapp will be sorely missed and her colleagues and
19 friends wish her the best as she pursue her latest venture SourceDance International,
20 which produces dance events and concerts in Australia, New Zealand, Spain and Los
21 Angeles; and

22 **WHEREAS**, through her dedication and commitment both to her profession
23 and to public service, Ms. Teri Knapp serves as a wonderful role model for others to
24 emulate; now therefore be it

25 **RESOLVED**, that *I Mina'Trenta Na Liheslaturan Guahan* does hereby, on
26 behalf of the people of Guam commend and congratulate Ms. Teri Knapp for her

1 thirty years of service to the people of Guam and expresses sincere gratitude for
2 her contributions to the Department of Education and our island community; and
3 be it further

4 **RESOLVED**, that the Speaker certify to and the Secretary of the Legislature
5 attest the adoption hereof and that copies of the same be transmitted to *Ms. Teri*
6 *Knapp* and the Honorable Felix P. Camacho, *I Maga'lahen Guåhan*.

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8 **DULY AND REGULARLY ADOPTED BY I MINA' TRENTA NA**
9 **LIHESLATURAN GUÅHAN ON THE ____ DAY OF AUGUST 2009.**

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JUDITH T. WON PAT

Speaker

TINA ROSE MUNA BARNES

Secretary of the Legislature