

I MINA'TRENTA NA LIHESLATURAN GUÅHAN
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Relative to posthumously commending Lourdes Torres Leon Guerrero for her lifetime commitment to the public education of the people of Guam, and to extending condolences to her family for her passing.

BE IT RESOLVED BY I MINA'TRENTA NA LIHESLATURAN
GUÅHAN:

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

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

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

WHEREAS, her civil service began in 1941, when she was just tenth grade, where despite her age she was hired as a permanent substitute teacher at Maxwell School in the village of Sumay; and

WHEREAS, during the Japanese occupation in World War II, she was chosen to learn the Japanese language in order to teach other Chamorros; and

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

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

WHEREAS, she continued to teach until 1949, when she married her husband Vicente Garrido Leon Guerrero, a United States Naval sailor; they along with their three children, were stationed in Virginia, California, and Hawaii; and

WHEREAS, she returned to Guam in 1959, and immediately jumped back into her career, taking a teaching position in Talafofo Elementary School; and

WHEREAS, ten years later, she was promoted to Assistant Principal of Agana Heights Elementary School; and

WHEREAS, amidst her personal and professional responsibilities, Mrs. Leon Guerrero made time to obtain her Bachelors of Arts in Education degree in 1969; and

WHEREAS, the crowning glory of her professional career came in 1974, when she was chosen to be the first Principal of what was then F.B. Leon

Guerrero Elementary School, which at the time was the second largest school on Guam; and

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

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

WHEREAS, during her 57 years of distinguished service in public education, Mrs. Leon Guerrero taught at the following schools: Maxwell School in Sumay, Merizo, Sinajana, Talafofo, and Santa Rita Elementary Schools, and John F. Kennedy George Washington, Oceanview, and Simon Sanchez High Schools; she also served as a member of the Guam Community College Board of Trustees, as Administrator and Consultant of the Guam Teacher Corps In Service Training Program, and as an instructor for the Department of Labor Manamko' Manhoben Program

WHEREAS, her dedication did not go unnoticed; she was named a "Pioneer of Education on Guam" from the University of Guam, was depicted in UOG's Micronesian Area Research Center Book "I Manfayi" Series and was inducted into the local chapter of the Phi Delta Kappa's "Guam Educator's Hall of Fame," an honor bestowed only to the island's premier educators; and

WHEREAS, her dedication to education was imprinted on her children, and three: Esther, Vincent, and Darlene, became educators themselves; and

WHEREAS, her most recent endeavor for the education of our island was as the Assistant Editor of the Official Chamorro-English Dictionary or

“Ufisiåt Na Diksionårion Chamorro-Engles” - the most complete and comprehensive dictionary to date; and

WHEREAS, Mrs. Leon Guerrero passed away at the age of 86 on February 25, 2010; and

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

RESOLVED, that *I Mina' Trenta Na Liheslaturan Guåhan* does hereby, on behalf of the people of Guam posthumously commend Lourdes Torres Leon Guerrero for her lifetime commitment to the public education of the people of Guam; and be it further

RESOVLED, that *I Liheslatura* extends condolences to her family for her passing; and be it further

RESOLVED, that the Speaker certify and the Secretary of the Legislature attest to the adoption hereof and that copies of the same be transmitted to her four children: Esther L.G. Keone, Vincent Leon Guerrero, Darlene L.G. Perez, and Joseph Leon Guerrero, and to the Honorable Felix P. Camacho, *I Maga'lahen Guahan*.

DULY AND REGULARLY ADOPTED BY I MINA'TRENTA NA LIHESLATURAN GUÅHAN ON THE _____ DAY OF MARCH, 2010.