## I Mina' Trentai Dos Na Liheslaturan Guåhan

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492-32 (COR)	B.J. F. Cruz	Relative to recognizing and extending a warm	10/27/14	10/29/14			10/29/14
		Dångkolo Na Si Yu'os Ma'ase to Mrs. Rosalinda	4:20 p.m.	8:00 a.m.			
		Miranda Burkhart on her retirement after thirty-three					
		(33) years of serving the island and for the					
		outstanding contributions she has made as a					
		computer science educator; and to further extend our					
		best wishes for her in future endeavors, on behalf of					
		the people of Guam.					

## I MINA'TRENTAI DOS NA LIHESLATURAN GUÅHAN 2014 (SECOND) Regular Session

Resolution No. 492-32 (COR)

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Relative to recognizing and extending a warm *Un Dångkolo Na Si Yu'os Ma'åse'* to Mrs. Rosalinda Miranda Burkhart on her retirement after thirty-three (33) years of serving the island, and for the outstanding contributions she has made as a Computer Science Educator; and to further extending our best wishes to her in her future endeavors, on behalf of the people of Guam.

## BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COMMITTEE ON RULES OF I MINA'TRENTAL DOS NA LIHESLATURAN GUÅHAN:

WHEREAS, it is the practice of the Guam Legislature to take note of and

publicly acknowledge individuals of remarkable integrity and character whose

5 endeavors have enhanced the quality of education on our great island of Guam; and

WHEREAS, the excellence and the success of countless students of Agueda 1 2 I. Johnston Middle School (AIJMS, Agueda Middle) of the Guam Department of 3 Education are due in part to the efforts of Mrs. Rosalinda Miranda Burkhart; and 4 WHEREAS, the Guam Legislature is justly proud to honor Mrs. Burkhart 5 on the occasion of her retirement after thirty-three (33) years of distinguished 6 service as an educator of the island, effective October 14, 2014; and 7 WHEREAS, Mrs. Burkhart was born and raised on Guam; and is the daughter of Ramon Calar Miranda of the Philippines, and Jesusa Ignacio O'Connor 8 9 of Los Angeles, California. In 1980, she graduated magna cum laude from the 10 University of Guam (UOG), where she earned a Bachelor of Arts degree in Elementary Education; and received a Master's degree in Secondary Education in 11 1994; and 12 13 WHEREAS, Mrs. Burkhart began her extensive teaching career in 1980, working as a First (1st) Grade Teacher at Piti Elementary School, and she taught 14 the fifth (5th) grade students later that year. In 1981, she was appointed to teach the 15 fourth (4th) grade students of J.Q. San Miguel Elementary School in Toto; and 16 17 WHEREAS, in 1986, Mrs. Burkhart began twenty-eight (28) years of teaching Computer Science to the eighth (8<sup>th</sup>) grade students of Agueda Johnston 18 Middle School; and she had also taught Computer Science to students in the sixth 19 (6<sup>th</sup>) through eighth (8<sup>th</sup>) grades at Jose Rios Middle School (JRMS) when double 20 sessions were in place at the AIJMS campus in 1998; and 21 22 WHEREAS, in addition to teaching Computer Science, Mrs. Burkhart has 23 also served the Agueda Middle School students through her work in various other capacities, such as: an Assistant Coach of the Boys Volleyball Team, who were the 24 Island-Wide Champions in 1993, and the Island-Wide Co-Champions in 1994; an 25 26 Assistant Coach for Track and Field, from 1995 to 1997; the Head Coaching

Advisor for the Cheerleading team, from 1997 to 1998; a Remedial Math Teacher,

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1 from 2000 to 2001; a Summer School Math Teacher for a number of years, and a

2 Summer School Counselor, in 2011; and a Coach of the Academic Challenge

3 Bowl, from 2008 to 2012; and

4 WHEREAS, Mrs. Burkhart has also lent her leadership and guidance in 5 many school-related endeavors over the years, including, her role in purchasing a classroom set of computer equipment using federal funds, and the drafting of a 6 7 Thirty Thousand Dollars (\$30,000) grant for additional computer equipment in 8 1988; chairing the school's first technology fair in 1997; serving as an Acting 9 Administrator for a school trip to Seoul, Korea; co-advising the Micronesian Student Association (which she helped charter in 1994), from 1992 to 1999; 10 establishing the Trongkon Geftao (the Giving Tree) program in 1999, which is a 11 Christmas program to help needy students by providing uniforms and donated 12 gifts; chairing the eighth (8<sup>th</sup>) grade promotional ceremony, from 1992 to 2001; 13 serving as the Chief Advisor for the Student Body Association, from 1995 to 1999; 14 15 leading the Electives Department, from 1995 to 1998; serving as a Team Leader for Career Academies, from 1998 to 2001; serving as the Regional Invitational 16 17 Director for the National Junior Forensic League in 2001, and as the Local Director for the Elementary and Middle School Division of the National Junior 18 19 Forensic Invitational Competition later that year; providing mentoring for new 20 teachers, from 2000 to 2001; serving as a Co-Advisor of the Filipino Students 21 Association in 2006; and advising the Pompom Flag Girls. Besides her contributions at Agueda Middle School, she also co-chaired the eighth (8<sup>th</sup>) grade 22 Career Day at JRMS in 1998; she worked as an Accreditation Team member for 23 24 Washington High School (GWHS) in 1999; she led Parent/Teacher/Students/Alumni Association for GWHS, from 1999 to 2000; and 25 she organized a Christmas drive for the children of the survivors of Supertyphoon 26 27 Yolanda (Haiyan) in the Philippines in 2013; and

1 WHEREAS, aside from her service at the Guam Department of Education (GDOE), Mrs. Burkhart also served as a Master Teacher for Computer Science at 2 the University of Guam, from 2000 to 2001; and as a Math Instructor for the 3 4 University's Upward Bound Program in 1990; and 5 WHEREAS, Mrs. Burkhart has received several accolades for her excellence in teaching, to include, being listed in the "Who's Who Among 6 American Teachers in the U.S." in 1999 and 2007; being recognized as the "Top 7 8 7" Teacher during the "Week of the Classroom Teacher" in 1998, and the "Top 5" 9 Teacher in 1999, 2000, and 2001; and in 1998, she received a Legislative Resolution from the 21st Guam Legislature for successful teaching; and 10 11 WHEREAS, Mrs. Burkhart is active in the community, and she has been an 12 exemplary model of civic stewardship to her students with her involvement in several organizations, including: the American Red Cross, Special Olympics, the 13 14 Alee Shelter, Sanctuary, Inc., and Search and Rescue Dogs Guam; and 15 WHEREAS, Mrs. Burkhart has continually demonstrated an impressive 16 dedication, an incomparable devotion and an unremitting enthusiasm for providing 17 her students with the skills necessary to meet the demands of new technologies in 18 this information age; and 19 WHEREAS, in completing her service as an educator, Mrs. Burkhart leaves 20 behind more than computer terminals and lines of code; she leaves a legacy to the 21 residents of our island community and to future generations of its students; and on behalf of the island, the Guam Legislature joins her family in celebrating Mrs. 22 23 Burkhart's dedication to public service, to include: her husband of forty-one (41) 24 years, Mr. Richard E. Burkhart, a retired GDOE teacher and now a Department of 25 Defense educator at Commander William McCool Elementary School; and her

three (3) children, daughter Dr. Gina Maria B. Quintanilla (and husband Cristobal

Quintanilla) of Denver, Colorado; son Richard Jason Burkhart (and wife Vanessa

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- 1 L. Burkhart) of Tamuning, Guam; and daughter Madison Lynn Burkhart of
- 2 Sinajaña, Guam; now therefore, be it
- 3 **RESOLVED,** that the Committee on Rules of *I Mina'Trentai Dos Na*
- 4 Liheslaturan Guåhan does hereby, on behalf of I Liheslaturan Guåhan and the
- 5 people of Guam, recognize and congratulate Mrs. Rosalinda Miranda Burkhart on
- 6 her retirement after thirty-three (33) years of service to the government of Guam;
- 7 and does further express heartfelt appreciation and Un Dångkolo Na Si Yu'os
- 8 Ma'åse' to Mrs. Rosalinda Miranda Burkhart for her exemplary service, and wish
- 9 her well in her future endeavors; and be it further
- 10 **RESOLVED**, that the Speaker and the Chairperson of the Committee on
- Rules certify, and the Legislative Secretary attest to, the adoption hereof, and that
- 12 copies of the same be thereafter transmitted to Mrs. Rosalinda Miranda Burkhart;
- and to the Honorable Edward J.B. Calvo, I Maga'lahen Guåhan.

DULY AND REGULARLY ADOPTED BY THE COMMITTEE ON RULES OF BY *I MINA'TRENTAI DOS NA LIHESLATURAN GUÅHAN* ON THE 29<sup>TH</sup> DAY OF OCTOBER 2014.

JUDITH T. WON PAT, Ed.D. Speaker RORÝ J. RESPICIO Chairperson, Committee on Rules

TINA ROSE MUÑA BARNES
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