

Resolution No. 75-36 (LS)

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Relative to recognizing the teachers of the Guam Department of Education (GDOE), along with the Guam Charter Schools, Catholic and Private Education, and the Department of Defense Education Activity (DODEA) for their immense work and their positive impact on Guam's students on the observance of "Teacher Appreciation Week" from May 3 through May 7, 2021, with the theme: "This School Year, #ThankATeacher"; and commending them for playing such a pivotal role in their students' lives and their families.

BE IT RESOLVED BY I MINA TRENTAI SAIS NA LIHESLATURAN GUÅHAN:

WHEREAS, since 1984, the National Parent-Teacher Association (PTA) has designated one (1) week in May as a special time to honor teachers and educators who lend their passion and skills to education; and

WHEREAS, "Teacher Appreciation Week" is celebrated from May 3 through May 7, 2021, with the theme, "This School Year, #ThankATeacher"; and WHEREAS, continued improvement and dedication to excellence in education have been the main goal of our local teachers in providing a quality education and helping their students complete their academics - both to their future successes and to the community as a whole; and

WHEREAS, two thousand (2,000) teachers from the Guam Department of Education (GDOE); one hundred forty-four (144) teachers from the Guam Charter Schools; two hundred eighty (280) teachers from the Archdiocese of Agaña Catholic Education schools; forty (40) teachers from Guam High School (DODEA); and eighty-three (83) teachers from McCool Elementary Middle School (DODEA) devote their time to the educational success of their students and the promotion of family engagement in their schools, thereby making a difference on the education, health, and welfare of our island children and youth; and

WHEREAS, teachers have the ability to shape today's youth in the best way to influence positivity and inspire future generations. They also have an impact on their students by encouraging growth in and out of the classroom, allowing young minds to have the power to change lives; and

WHEREAS, teachers can also act as a support system for students and youth, and can be role models offering guidance and being an inspiration to their students to push further and dream bigger. Teachers have the ability to shape opinions and help form ideas about society, life and personal goals, and teachers can also expand students' limits and push their creativity; and

WHEREAS, our local teachers have shown compassion for their students, an understanding of their students' personal lives, and an appreciation for their academic goals and achievements; and education is a fundamental aspect where teachers provide the education that improves students' quality of life, therefore bringing so much to both individuals and society as a whole, as our teachers increase the productivity and creativity of their students; and

WHEREAS, due to the overwhelming consequences of the pandemic, disruptions to education have vacillated between in-person, remote and hybrid models of learning, leaving our teachers concerned in how to do their jobs effectively. With the global pandemic crisis, teachers find themselves balancing their time between teaching and providing feedback to students remotely, adjusting the curriculum, lesson plans, and their time allocation, and also, administrative tasks, all while taking care of their own families; and

WHEREAS, our local and federal teachers make all the difference for the success of students in Guam schools and in their classrooms, embodying the motto - *Every Student Succeeds*; now therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that I Mina Trentai Sais Na Liheslaturan Guåhan does hereby, on behalf of the people of Guam, recognize the teachers of the Guam Department of Education (GDOE), along with the Guam Charter Schools, Catholic and Private Education schools, and the Department of Defense Education Activity (DODEA) for their immense work and their positive impact on Guam's students on the observance of "Teacher Appreciation Week" from May 3 through May 7, 2021, with the theme: "This School Year, #ThankATeacher"; and commend them for playing such a pivotal role in their students' lives and their families; and be it further

RESOLVED, that the Speaker certify, and the Legislative Secretary attest to, the adoption hereof, and that copies of the same be thereafter transmitted to Jon Fernandez, Superintendent of the Guam Department of Education (GDOE); to Mark Mendiola, Chairman of the Guam Education Board (CEB); to Evangeline Cepeda, Chairwoman of the Guam Academy Charter Schools Council; to Mary Mafnas, Dean of Elementary, Guåhan Academy Charter School; to Lynda Hernandez-Avilla, Dean of Secondary, Guåhan Academy Charter School; to Argie Pamplona, Lower Elementary Principal, iLearn Academy Charter School; to Maria Dunn, Upper Elementary Principal, iLearn Academy Charter School; to Tamar Celis, Principal, Career Tech High Academy Charter School; to Sherrene Mantanona, Principal, SIFA Learning Academy Charter School; to Dr. Juan Flores, Superintendent of the Office of Catholic Education - Archdiocese of Agaña; to Jason Sheedy, Principal, Guam High School (DODEA); to Kelly Pulliam, Principal, McCool Elementary Middle School (DODEA); and to the Honorable Lourdes A. Leon Guerrero, I Magsa' hñgan Guåhan.

DULY AND REGULARLY ADOPTED BY I MINA TRENTAI SAIS NA LIHESLATURAN GUÅHAN ON THE 29<sup>TH</sup> DAY OF APRIL 2021.

*Therese M. Terlaje*  
THERESE M. TERLAJE  
Speaker

*Amanda L. Shelton*  
AMANDA L. SHELTON  
Legislative Secretary



5/5/21 1:40pm  
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April 30, 2021

## MEMORANDUM

To: All Honorable Senators, Stakeholders and Media  
From: Senator Telena Cruz Nelson *Telena Cruz Nelson*  
Subject: **Virtual Presentation Notice**

*Buenas yan Håfa Adai!* Please join us for the virtual presentation of the following:

**Resolution No. 73-36 (LS)** “Relative to congratulating Kehani P. Mendiola on her recognition as the 2021 University of Guam’s Nineteenth (19<sup>th</sup>) Truman Scholar and commending her for outstanding contributions and public service as a dedicated member of our island community; and to further expressing to her and all finalists our sincerest *Un Dångkolo Na Si Yu'os Ma'åse.*”

**Resolution No. 75-36 (LS)** “Relative to recognizing and celebrating the observance of “Teacher Appreciation Week,” from May 3 through May 7, 2021 with the theme “This School Year, #ThankATeacher”; and further commending teachers from the Guam Department of Education (GDOE) in conjunction with the Guam Charter Schools, Catholic and Private Education, and the Department of Defense Education Activity (DODEA); and further expressing *Un Dångkolo Na Si Yu'os Ma'åse.*”

**Certificate No. 4-36 (COR)** “2021 Guam Department of Education Teacher of the Year Finalists” and commend you for your dedication and efforts to ensuring that students thrive and succeed in school so that they may be successful as our island’s future leaders and become productive citizens.”

**Resolution No. 74-36 (LS)** “Relative to commending and congratulating Dr. Benjamin “Benjie” Santiago on the occasion of being recognized as the “Guam Department of Education (GDOE) 2021 Teacher of the Year”; and to further expressing a sincere *Un Dångkolo Na Si Yu'os Ma'åse'* to him for his commitment and dedication to enriching the lives of our students and youth.”

The presentation will take place virtually on **Monday, May 3, 2021 at 5:00 p.m.**

The hearing will broadcast on local television, GTA Channel 21, Docomo Channel 117/112.4, and stream online via *I Liheslaturan Guahan's* live feed on YouTube. A recording of the hearing will be available online via Guam Legislature Media on YouTube after the hearing. We look forward to your participation!

*Si Yu'os Ma'åse'*

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**THERESE M. TERLAJE**

**Speaker**



**AMANDA L. SHELTON**

**Legislative Secretary**