

I MINA'TRENTA NA LIHESLATURAN GUÅHAN
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Resolution No. ³⁰⁰⁻³⁰ _____ (COR)

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Relative to memorializing and acknowledging the contributions of Emilie G. Johnston to the Micronesian Area Research Center while serving as its bibliographer, librarian, and curator.

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

WHEREAS, Emilie G. Johnston was born on March 30, 1924 in Mendenhall, Pennsylvania; and

WHEREAS, she studied costume design and clothes construction in Baltimore, Maryland, where she was awarded for the artistry and skill that led her to designing as an entrepreneur dressmaker and later, in a French-Italian couturier shop in New York City; and

WHEREAS, she upheld the sisterhood of the Alpha Rho Tau Sorority and later served as the secretary of the Chi Omicron Gamma; and

WHEREAS, she moved to Guam in 1947 with her husband, Herbert J. Johnston in 1947, and had seven children: Franklin, Rowena, Anita, Elizabeth, Herbert, Jr., Melanie, and Diana; and

WHEREAS, upon her arrival on Guam she embraced the Chamorro culture and studied at the University of Guam, from which she graduated *summa cum laude* in 1972; and

WHEREAS, while pursuing her Bachelor of Arts degree at the University, Mrs. Johnston worked as bibliographer and librarian at the esteemed Micronesian Area Research Center, contributing articles to the *Guam Recorder*, *Micronesica*, *Umatuna si Yuus*, and *The Pacific Sunday News Magazine*; and

WHEREAS, she wrote and privately printed *A Saga of Agueda*, about the life and work of her husband's mother, Agueda Iglesias Johnston, namesake of the Ordot-Chalan Pago school; and

1 **WHEREAS**, she compiled and submitted the *Bibliography of Micronesian Native*
2 *Medicine* to the South Pacific Commission; and

3 **WHEREAS**, she composed such invaluable histories as *Medical Services for the Island of*
4 *Guam Until World War II*, *References to the Latte of the Mariana Islands*, *Chamorro Tools:*
5 *Implements and Utensils*, *Island Personality*, *the Micronesian Nutrition Bibliography*, a book
6 review of *World Catalog of Theses on the Pacific Islands*, and a work of local color, *Chamorros*
7 *Used Rocks, Ingenuity*; and

8 **WHEREAS**, while working as curator at the Micronesian Area Research Center, she
9 wrote, recorded, and supervised the preservation of important historical documents which
10 continue to be researched, referenced and cited to this very day, including *A Bibliography*
11 *Relative to the Development of Water Resources*, *Spanish Dikes: Infield Ecological Survey of the*
12 *Agana-Chaot River Basin*, *Spanish Dikes in the Agana Swamp*, *History of Government House*, *A*
13 *Review of Literature on Native Medicine in Micronesia with Emphasis on Guam and the*
14 *Mariana Islands*, *Father San Vitores: His Life, Times, and Martyrdom*, *A Bibliography for*
15 *Social Baseline Study for the Island of Guam*, *American Era Historic Sites Research*, *A*
16 *Descriptive Guide to Photographs at the Micronesian Area Research Center*, and *A Guide to*
17 *Photographs in the Guam Collections*; and

18 **WHEREAS**, her dedication to Guam's community and also to public service saw her
19 serving as chairperson or member of more than twenty (20) organizations related to historic and
20 cultural preservation, fine arts, education, environmental protection, and women's affairs,
21 including the Guam Parks, Monuments, and Museum Committee, the Committee on Micronesian
22 Culture, the Committee on the Preservation of the NCS Latte Site, the Guam Archaeological
23 Society, the Chamorro Cultural Association, the Guam Environmental Council, the Pacific
24 Studies Association, the National Archives Association, and the National Trust for Historic
25 Preservation; now, therefore, be it

26 **RESOLVED**, *I Mina'Trenta Na Liheslaturan Guåhan* does hereby, on behalf of the
27 people of Guam, recognize and acknowledge the accomplishments and contributions of Emilie
28 G. Johnston to the Micronesian Area Research Center and to the preservation of Chamorro
29 culture and history, and does further extend *un dāngkulu na si Yu'us ma'ase* to Mrs. Johnston for
30 her many years of dedication to the island of Guam; and be it further

1 **RESOLVED**, that the Speaker certify, and the Secretary of the Legislature attest to, the
2 adoption hereof, and that copies of the same be thereafter transmitted to Mrs. Emilie G. Johnston
3 and to the Honorable Felix P. Camacho, *I Maga'lahren Guåhan*.

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

JUDITH T. WON PAT
Speaker

RORY J. RESPICIO
Chairperson, Committee on Rules

TINA ROSE MUÑA BARNES
Secretary of the Legislature