

***I MINA'TRENTAI KUÁTTRO NA LIHESLATURAN GUÁHAN***  
**RESOLUTION STATUS**

Resolution No.	Sponsor	Title	Date Intro	Date of Presentation	Date Adopted	Date Referred	Referred to	PUBLIC HEARING DATE	DATE COMMITTEE REPORT FILED	NOTES
241-34 (COR)	Joe S. San Agustin	Relative to recognizing, commending, and congratulating Mrs. Roberta M. Abaday on the occasion of her retirement and for devoting thirty (30) years of service to the Guam Department of Education; and to further expressing a warm and sincere Un Dangkolo Na Si Yu'os Ma'áse' to her for her unwavering dedication and commitment to Guam's students, and for her service to the people of Guam.	9/21/17 2:39 P.M.	9/27/17 2:10 p.m.	9/27/2017 9:24 a.m.					

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BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COMMITTEE ON RULES OF I MINA'TRENTAI KUÅTTRO NA LIHESLATURAN GUÅHAN:

WHEREAS, Mrs. Roberta M. Abaday was born in McKeesport, Pennsylvania; and she is the daughter of Albert and Elizabeth Charney (both deceased), and has a sibling, Patricia, who resides in Ohio. She is married to the late Mr. Alvaro Abaday, a renowned educator who served in Palau and Guam. The Abadays met in Palau in 1976, when they were both serving as mission teachers, and they later married in 1977; and

WHEREAS, Mrs. Abaday's educational background is worthy of great praise; and her steadfast commitment to achieving her goals in education can be attested to, as she holds a Bachelor of Arts degree in English, and a Minor in Secondary Education from St. Mary's College in Leavenworth, Kansas, which she earned in 1976. She also earned a Master of Arts in Teaching: Curriculum and Instruction from the University of Saint Mary in Leavenworth, Kansas, which she obtained in July 2005, and graduated *summa cum laude*; and

WHEREAS, Mrs. Abaday's professional development is impressive, as she has received additional education and certifications from various universities such as: the University of Guam; the University of San Diego; CalState Northridge; the University of Northern Arizona; the Guam Community College; Brandman University for Assessment and the Common Core Standards; Buffalo State College in New York; and the Northern Marianas College; and

WHEREAS, Mrs. Abaday has also participated in and successfully completed various educational workshops and conferences throughout the years, which has furthered her ability to adequately educate her students; and the licensures that she has obtained have made her a true professional in the field of Language Arts. Mrs. Abaday has always actively undergone various training to ensure that she stays current in her field of educational practice; and

WHEREAS, throughout the years, Mrs. Abaday has participated in various projects and accomplished vast triumphs that have gained support and recognition from our local community and throughout the Marianas. Her achievements include: 2015-2016, Member of the GDOE District Literacy Plan Committee; 2009-2010 and 2013, Member of the Merit Bonus Committee, selected by the Superintendent to work with the committee to write the guidelines for merit bonuses; 2012-present, Member of the Team for Guam Migrant Study; 2012-2013, Member of the National Governor's Association Teacher Evaluation Committee, where she prepared the revised Teacher Evaluation Program; 2011-2013, Member of the National Governor's Association Teacher Evaluation State Team; 2008-2014, Member of the Guam Commission for Educator Certification; 2007, first teacher on Guam to earn National Board Certification; 2004-2006, selected to be on the Governor's Commission on Teaching Excellence; and 2003-2006, selected to be a member of the Guam Federation of Teachers. Her achievements and involvements have made her a true pioneer in helping to shape Guam's public school system for the betterment of our island's youth; and

WHEREAS, Mrs. Abaday has always been willing to help her colleagues and fellow educators on Guam; and she has held or attended numerous workshops to revitalize methods and strategies in teaching, some of which include: a presentation at the International Reading Association Conference in Reno, Nevada, and the World Congress on Reading in Manila, Philippines (team presentation); the Pacific Education Conference (Guam, Saipan, Palau); the Language Arts Conference; the *Phi Delta Kappa* Conference; the Week of the Classroom Teacher Conference; Simon Sanchez High School; Notre Dame High School; Santa Barbara School; Father Dueñas High School; *Orshot/Chalan Pago* Elementary School; F.B. Leon Guerrero Middle School; Reyes Elementary School in Saipan; Palau High School, Koror, Belau; Catholic Educators Conference, Guam; Agueda Johnston Middle School; Tamuning Elementary School; Untalan Middle School; *Project Halsa* presentations; John F. Kennedy High School Monthly Staff Development Meetings, 2008-present; 2010 *Luchan* District Formative Assessment; Teaching Strategies, Xavier High School, Chuuk - 2012; Unpack Standards, Upi Elementary School - 2012; Teaching Strategies and Unpacking the Standards, Xavier High School; Cultural Lens and its influence on Teaching and Learning - 2015; and the J.Q. San Miguel Literacy Strategies - 2017; and

WHEREAS, Mrs. Abaday's devotion to her professional career and to her students makes her an excellent role model in our community. Her service to the Guam Department of Education will always be considered invaluable, as she has been a voice of positive change for our island's public schools. As an Educator, Mrs. Abaday's students have tremendously benefitted from her guidance because she supersedes her duties in the classroom. Her willingness to help her students thrive by carefully evaluating each student's needs has given our youth a sense of worth and the inspiration needed to succeed; now therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that the Committee on Rules of *I Mina'Trentai Kuåttro Na Liheslaturan Guåhan* does hereby, on behalf of *I Liheslaturan Guåhan* and the people of Guam, recognize, commend, and congratulate Mrs. Roberta M. Abaday on the occasion of her retirement and for devoting thirty (30) years of service to the Guam Department of Education; and does further express a warm and sincere *Un Dangkolo Na Si Yu'os Ma'åse'* to her for her unwavering dedication and commitment to Guam's students, and further service to the people of Guam; and be it further

RESOLVED, that the Speaker and the Chairperson of the Committee on Rules certify, and the Legislative Secretary attest to, the adoption hereof, and that copies of the same be thereafter transmitted to Mrs. Roberta M. Abaday; and to the Honorable Edward J.B. Calvo, *I Maga'låhen Guåhan*.

DULY AND REGULARLY ADOPTED BY THE COMMITTEE ON RULES OF I MINA'TRENTAI KUÅTTRO NA LIHESLATURAN GUÅHAN ON THE 27<sup>TH</sup> DAY OF SEPTEMBER 2017.

  
BENJAMIN J.F. CRUZ  
Speaker

  
RÉGINE BISCOE LEE  
Chairperson, Committee on Rules

  
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