


I MINA'TRENTAI KUÁTTRO NA LIHESLATURAN GUÁHAN
RESOLUTION STATUS

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252-34 (LS)	B. J.F. Cruz	Relative to recognizing Mr. Marc B. LaPlante for his thirty (30) years of service to the Guam Department of Education; and to expressing Un Dángkolo na Si Yu'os Ma'áse' for his critical contributions to the performing arts of Guam; and to further extend our best wishes to him in future endeavors, on behalf of the people of Guam.	9/28/17 5:31 p.m.	10/08/17 6:00 p.m.						

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2017 (FIRST) Regular Session

Resolution No. 252-74 (LS)

Introduced by:

B. J.F. Cruz 

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2017 SEP 28 PM 5:31 C.S.

1 **BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COMMITTEE ON RULES OF *I MINA'***
2 ***TRENTAI KUÁTTRO NA LIHESLATURAN GUÁHAN:***

3 **WHEREAS**, It is the sense of the Guam Legislature to commend members
4 of the community whose diligent service has considerably contributed to the well-
5 being of the public; and

6 **WHEREAS**, Attendant to such concern, and in full accord with its long-
7 standing traditions, this Legislative Body is justly proud to honor Mr. Marc B.
8 LaPlante upon the occasion of his retirement from the Guam Department of
9 Education (GDOE), to be celebrated on Sunday, October 8, 2017; and

10 **WHEREAS**, Mr. Marc B. LaPlante arrived on Guam in January 1986.
11 Shortly after, he attended the University of Guam—graduating with a Bachelor of
12 Science in Early Childhood Education in 1988.

13 **WHEREAS**, Mr. LaPlante taught first (1st) grade at then Andersen
14 Elementary School—now Upi Elementary School in Yigo, Guam—and thus began
15 his Guam teaching career. For the first twelve (12) years, Mr. LaPlante taught
16 second (2nd) grade, third (3rd) grade, fourth (4th) grade, and fifth (5th) grade. He then
17 became a Language Other Than English (LOTE) teacher for three (3) years before

1 being assigned Upi’s Gifted and Talented Education (G.A.T.E.) instructor in 2003.
2 After serving as Upi’s G.A.T.E. instructor for eleven (11) years, Mr. LaPlante
3 became G.A.T.E.’s Music Specialist in 2014.

4 **WHEREAS**, In 1995, Mr. LaPlante created the Upi Choir, which he
5 conducted for twenty (20) years. Under Mr. LaPlante’s direction, the award-
6 winning choir blessed our island community with hundreds of performances. Mr.
7 LaPlante also wrote and produced three (3) children’s albums: ‘Whale of a Time’
8 in 1994, ‘Read to the Beat’ in 2003, and ‘Celebrate Me & My World’ in 2012.
9 Hundreds of copies of Mr. LaPlante’s discography have been graciously circulated
10 by Mr. LaPlante—helping elementary teachers throughout Guam and elsewhere.

11 **WHEREAS**, After thirty (30) years of faithful service to GDOE, Mr.
12 LaPlante retired in August of 2017. He continues to share and promote music in
13 Guam’s public schools as a contract teacher for the G.A.T.E. Visual and
14 Performing Arts Division.

15 **WHEREAS**, On behalf of the people of this great island, this Body joins
16 Mr. LaPlante’s family in commemorating the many years of service that Mr.
17 LaPlante has graciously bestowed upon the Guam Department of Education, the
18 G.A.T.E. Visual and Performing Arts Division, and the entire island community;
19 now, therefore, be it

20 **RESOLVED**, that *I Mina’ Trentai Kuåtto Na Liheslaturan Guåhan* does
21 hereby recognize and congratulate Mr. Marc B. LaPlante on his retirement after
22 thirty (30) years of service within the Guam Department of Education; and does
23 further express *Un Dångkolo na Si Yu’os Ma’åse’* to him for his critical
24 contributions to the performing arts community of Guam; and be it further

25 **RESOLVED**, that the Speaker and the Chairperson of the Committee on
26 Rules certify, and the Secretary of the Legislature attest to, the adoption hereof and
27 that copies of the same be thereafter transmitted to Mr. Marc B. LaPlante and to
28 the Honorable Edward B. Calvo, *I Maga’låhen Guåhan*.

**DULY AND REGULARLY ADOPTED BY THE COMMITTEE ON RULES
OF *I MINA'TRENTAI KUÁTRO NA LIHESLATURAN GUÁHAN* ON
THE ____ DAY OF _____ 2017.**

BENJAMIN J.F. CRUZ
Speaker

RÉGINE BISCOE LEE
Chairperson, Committee on Rules

RÉGINE BISCOE LEE
Legislative Secretary