

I MINA'TRENTAI KUÂTTRO NA LIHESLATURAN GUÅHAN
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
468-34 (COR)	B. J.F. Cruz	Relative to recognizing and commending Dr. Susan P. Mercado for her thirty (30) years of service in the fields of medicine and public health, her outstanding contributions as a public health expert in community mobilization and health systems reform in the Republic of the Philippines, and her critical assistance in lowering the rate of noncommunicable diseases on Guam and throughout the Pacific region; and to further expressing a sincere and heartfelt appreciation, <i>Un Dangkoto Na Si Yu'os Ma'ase'</i> , and <i>Maraming Salamat Po</i> to Dr. Mercado for her exemplary service and contributions to the island of Guam and its people.	7/6/18 4:48 p.m.	7/13/18 1:00 p.m.	7/10/18 1:47 p.m.					

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

WHEREAS, it is the sense of I Liheslaturan Guahan (the Guam Legislature) to recognize and honor those distinguished individuals who have devoted themselves to faithfully serving the best interests of our community and the needs of its residents; and

WHEREAS, attendant to such concern, and in full accord with its long-standing traditions, I Liheslaturan Guahan is justly proud to honor Dr. Susan P. Mercado for her services to our island and her dedication to the people of Guam; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Mercado graduated *magna cum laude* from the University of the Philippines, where she earned an AB in Philosophy; and from where she later obtained a Master's in Public Health and a Doctor of Medicine; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Mercado is a medical doctor with thirty (30) years of experience and dedication to public health services. She has been an international civil servant with the World Health Organization (WHO); she served as a National Health Systems Manager with the Department of Health in the Republic of the Philippines; and she is a recognized leader for transformative public health throughout Guam and the Pacific region; and

WHEREAS, before joining WHO, Dr. Mercado was an Undersecretary and Chief of Staff at the Department of Health in the Republic of the Philippines; and WHEREAS, Dr. Mercado went on to serve within WHO as a Regional Adviser for Health Promotion in WHO's Western Pacific Region (WPRO); she was a Team Leader for Urban Health Equity of the WHO Kobe Centre in Japan; she was the Regional Coordinator for the Tobacco Free Initiative, WPRO; and she served as a Regional Office Director of the Division of Noncommunicable Diseases and Health through the Life-Course (DNH), WPRO; and

WHEREAS, during her term as the WHO DNH Director, Dr. Mercado ensured the provision of resources and technical assistance to Guam and other U.S. Affiliated Pacific Islands (USAPI) in areas such as tobacco and alcohol control, salt reduction, obesity prevention, noncommunicable disease (NCD) and cancer prevention and control, mental health, and health promotion leadership development. These issues mirrored the priorities identified by U.S. national health authorities; and

WHEREAS, prior to Dr. Mercado's term, Guam and other USAPIs had received little attention or support from WHO; and, Dr. Mercado personally conducted capacity building and technical assistance workshops on Guam to strengthen both Guam and the neighboring islands' local capacity for effective health responses to the NCD epidemic. Her support was instrumental in providing resources for the creation of Guam's first island-wide strategic plan for NCD prevention and control, for various salt-reduction and diabetes prevention programs, and for the establishment of the NCD consortium; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Mercado has also continuously and proactively promoted Guam and other USAPI's successes in public health as "good practice" examples throughout Asia-Pacific, gaining respect and recognition for our local efforts to strategically address our health challenges. Through her sponsorship, efforts in raising tobacco taxes, increasing the legal age of tobacco and alcohol consumption, and empowering youth as policy advocates for NCD prevention and control have been showcased to the rest of the Asia-Pacific region through publications, online materials, and meeting presentations; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Mercado was further instrumental in ensuring strong partnerships and collaboration with the USAPI's other partners, specifically with the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA), the Pacific Island Health Officer's Association (PIHOA), and the Secretariat of the Pacific Community (SPC). This conscious effort to align WHO's work in Guam with other international partners has facilitated the work of our local health programs and ensured greater efficiency in program planning and service delivery to our island community; and

WHEREAS, as a testament to her international work in public health, Dr. Mercado was designated to serve as a Special Envoy of the President for Global Health Initiatives by President Rodrigo Duterte of the Republic of the Philippines in April 2018. She currently works with the Department of Foreign Affairs and the Department of Health on a range of global public health concerns, and leads the Philippine National Red Cross Institute for Public Health Emergencies; and

WHEREAS, it is the sense of I Liheslaturan Guahan that when individuals of such noble aims and accomplishments are brought to its attention, they should be celebrated and recognized throughout the island; now therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that the Committee on Rules of I Mina'Trentai Kuáttro Na Liheslaturan Guahan does hereby, on behalf of I Liheslaturan Guahan and the people of Guam, recognize and commend Dr. Susan P. Mercado for her thirty (30) years of service in the fields of medicine and public health, her outstanding contributions as a public health expert in community mobilization and health systems reform in the Republic of the Philippines, and her critical assistance in lowering the rate of noncommunicable disease on Guam and throughout the Pacific region; and does further express a sincere and heartfelt appreciation, *Un Dangkoló Na Si Yu'os Ma'áse'*, and *Maraming Salamat Po* to Dr. Mercado for her exemplary service and contributions to the island of Guam and its people; 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 Dr. Susan P. Mercado; and to the Honorable Edward B. Calvo, I Mago'na'na Guahan.

DULY AND REGULARLY ADOPTED BY THE COMMITTEE ON RULES OF I MINA'TRENTAI KUÁTTRO NA LIHESLATURAN GUAHAN ON THE 10TH DAY OF JULY 2018.

BENJAMIN J.E. CRUZ
Speaker

RÉGINE-BISCOE LEE
Chairperson, Committee on Rules

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Legislative Secretary



7/11/18



Office of the Speaker
BENJAMIN J.F. CRUZ
I Mina'trentai Kuåtiro na Liheslaturan Guåhan
Committee on Appropriations and Adjudication

July 10, 2018

MEMORANDUM

To: All Honorable Senators
34th Guam Legislature

From: Speaker Benjamin J.F. Cruz

Re: Presentation of Resolution No. 468-34 (COR)

Håfa Adai! Please join me in presenting the following:

Resolution No. 468-34 (COR) - Benjamin J.F. Cruz - Relative to recognizing and commending Dr. Susan P. Mercado for thirty (30) years of service in the fields of medicine and public health; her outstanding contributions as a public health expert in community mobilization and healthy systems reform in the Republic of the Philippines; and her critical assistance in lowering the rate noncommunicable diseases on Guam and throughout the Pacific region; and to further expressing a sincere *Un Dångkolo Na Si Yu'os Ma'ase* and Maraming Salamat Po to her for her exemplary service and contributions to our island and its people.

The presentation is scheduled for **Friday, July 13, 2018** at **1:00 PM** in the Public Hearing Room of the Guam Congress Building in Hagatna.

I look forward to your attendance and participation should your schedule permit.

Si Yu'os Ma'ase,


Benjamin J.F. Cruz

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DAY OF JULY 2018.**



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COMMITTEE VOTING SHEET

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	SIGNATURE	DATE	TO ADOPT	TO NOT ADOPT	TO ABSTAIN
Legislative Secretary Régine Biscoe Lee Chairperson	Email	07/11/18	✓		
Senator Thomas C. Ada Vice Chairperson	Email	07/11/18	✓		
Speaker Benjamin J. F. Cruz Member					
Vice-Speaker Therese M. Terlaje Member	Email	07/11/18	✓		
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Name: <u>Joaquin P. Taitague</u>					
Date: <u>7/10/18</u>					
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