

I MINA'TRENTAI UNU NA LIHESLATURAN GUÅHAN
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Relative to recognizing and honoring Mrs. Oliva Leon Guerrero Untalan Arroyo as she celebrates the one hundredth (100th) year of her life; to commending her for her many accomplishments and her invaluable contributions to the people of Guam; and to further congratulating her as a “2011 Senior Citizens’ Month Centenarian”.

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

3 **WHEREAS**, Mrs. Oliva Leon Guerrero Untalan Arroyo was born in *Hagatña*
4 on October 27, 1911; and she is the daughter of †Pedro Cruz Untalan (*familian*
5 *Casimiro*) and †Rita Garrido Leon Guerrero (*familian Sombrero*); and

1 **WHEREAS**, Oliva is the beloved wife of †Brigido Aquino Arroyo (1900-
2 2000), who was a U.S. Navy and Civil Service retiree, and they raised seven (7)
3 children: Ronald Untalan Arroyo, Msgr. Brigido Untalan Arroyo, Alfred Untalan
4 Arroyo, Joseph Untalan Arroyo, †Jesus John Untalan Arroyo, Raymond Untalan
5 Arroyo, and Sister Marian Therese Arroyo; and

6 **WHEREAS**, although traditionally young girls growing up on Guam at that
7 time were expected to drop out of school at the age of twelve (12) years old, the young
8 Oliva refused to give up her education, and she attended the Guam Intermediate
9 School and graduated in 1927, and then went on to attend the Guam Evening High
10 School. Between 1935 and the outbreak of World War II in 1941, Oliva took
11 correspondence courses from the University of Hawaii and the University of
12 California. These courses were offered on Guam during the summer for teachers
13 pursuing an Elementary Teaching Certificate; and

14 **WHEREAS**, after the War had ended, and between 1951 and 1956, Oliva took
15 courses that were offered by the Guam Department of Education for the Certificate of
16 Administrators. These training sessions included extension courses from the
17 University of Ohio and the University of California, and were offered throughout the
18 school year, either during the day or in the evenings. Oliva had always believed that
19 professionals should continuously upgrade themselves in their areas of specialization;
20 and

21 **WHEREAS**, from 1927 to 1941, Oliva had taught in the pre-war schools in
22 *Hagatña*. These schools included the Roy C. Smith School in *Anigua*; the Althouse
23 School (*Bilibie*, near the *Paseo de Susanna*); the Leary School (near the *Plaza de*
24 *España*); the Post Office School; and the Dorn Hall School (also near the *Plaza de*
25 *España*), wher she taught in the primary grades (pre-primers). Immediately after the
26 recapture of Guam by the United States, Oliva began teaching at the “compound area”

1 (a concentration camp or shelter for the villagers awaiting clearance to return safely to
2 their homes), in an area in *Anigua* near the *Pigo* Cemetery. She was also a “Teacher
3 Trainer” for the Pacific Islands Teacher Training School (PITTS) in the late 1940s;
4 and

5 **WHEREAS**, after the War, Oliva was a teacher for the upper elementary
6 grades at the *Agana* Elementary School, the *Piti* Elementary School (now Jose L.G.
7 Rios Middle School), and the *Barrigada* Elementary School. She was the first
8 Administrator of the new Carbullido Elementary School in the aftermath of Typhoon
9 Karen’s destruction of the *Barrigada* Elementary School, prior to her retirement in
10 1972; and

11 **WHEREAS**, Oliva accomplished much in her active years of dedicated service.
12 She provided counseling and tutoring services to many students, many of whom
13 became outstanding leaders in the community. When Oliva was a “Teacher Trainer”
14 at the Pacific Islands Training School, she had taught and trained students who were
15 selected from around the Pacific. Among her many outstanding students were David
16 Ramarui, who later became the Director of Education in Palau; Amata Kabua, the
17 President of the Republic of the Marshall Islands; and Senator Joe T. San Agustin; and

18 **WHEREAS**, while serving as the Principal at Carbullido Elementary School,
19 Oliva introduced the *Chamorro* Bilingual Program into the curriculum. Carbullido’s
20 new school building also was under construction under her tenure. Oliva instituted
21 special education classes at *Barrigada* Elementary School, and a remedial reading
22 program at Carbullido Elementary School; and

23 **WHEREAS**, Oliva received numerous awards during her life of public service
24 in the field of education. In 1970, she received a Gold Medal Award for her public
25 service from Governor Carlos Camacho and Lt. Governor Kurt Moylan. When she
26 retired in 1972, Governor Camacho, Lt. Governor. Moylan, and Senator Joe T. San

1 Agustin awarded her with a Certificate of Appreciation, and the Guam Legislature
2 adopted a Resolution congratulating and commending her for her work. The
3 Territorial Board of Education also awarded her in appreciation of her many years of
4 dedicated service to the children and people of Guam. In 1996, Oliva was named to
5 the Guam Educators' Hall of Fame International, sponsored by the *Phi Delta Kappa*
6 Guam Chapter 1302. She was also named to the *I Manfayi* – Who's Who in
7 *Chamorro* History, Volume II, in 1997. At its Spring Commencement in June 2008,
8 the University of Guam awarded Oliva with an Honorary Degree for "Distinguished
9 Community Service"; and

10 **WHEREAS**, Oliva was also very active in the Catholic Church community,
11 serving as a Parish Council member of the *Dulce Nombre de Maria* Cathedral-
12 Basilica, and later of the St. Anthony, St. Victor Parish; and she had participated in
13 numerous social and church functions, and served on numerous boards as President, or
14 in some leadership capacity, of the Island-Wide Christian Mothers; the Third Order of
15 St. Francis; and the Parent Teacher Association of the Academy of Our Lady of
16 Guam. She was recently named an Honorary Associate of the Sisters of Mercy; and

17 **WHEREAS**, Oliva's dedication to her family is evident, as she is blessed with
18 twenty-two (22) grandchildren, forty-seven (47) great-grandchildren, and two (2)
19 great-great grandchildren; now, therefore, be it

20 **RESOLVED**, that the Committee on Rules of *I Mina'Trentai Unu Na*
21 *Liheslaturan Guåhan* does hereby, on behalf of *I Liheslaturan Guåhan* and the people
22 of Guam, honor and recognize Ms. Oliva Untalan Leon Guerrero Arroyo as she
23 celebrates the one hundredth (100th) year of her life; to commending her for her many
24 accomplishments and her invaluable contributions to the people of Guam; and to
25 further congratulating her as a "2011 Senior Citizens' Month Centenarian", and for
26 her dedication and service to the people of Guam; and be it further

1 **RESOLVED**, that the Speaker and the Chairperson of the Committee on Rules
2 certify, and the Legislative Secretary attest to, the adoption hereof, and that copies of
3 the same be thereafter transmitted to Ms. Oliva Untalan Leon Guerrero Arroyo; and to
4 the Honorable Edward J.B. Calvo, *I Maga'lahaen Guåhan*.

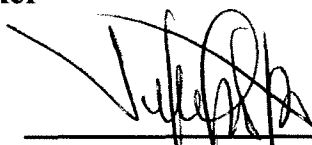
**DULY AND REGULARLY ADOPTED BY THE COMMITTEE ON RULES OF
I MINA'TRENTAI UNU NA LIHESLATURAN GUÅHAN ON THE 3RD DAY OF
MAY 2011.**



JUDITH T. WON PAT, Ed.D.
Speaker



RORY J. RESPICIO
Chairperson, Committee on Rules



TINA ROSE MUÑA BARNES
Legislative Secretary