

I MINA'TRENTAI UNU NA LIHESLATURAN GUÅHAN
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Relative to recognizing, commending and extending *Un Dângkolo Na Si Yu'os Ma'åse'* to Ms. Rufina Fejeran Mendiola for her dedication to the education of our children and families for more than (3) decades.

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

WHEREAS, Rufina Fejeran Mendiola was born on February 11, 1955; and in 1979, she began her career as a teacher, and dedicated her professional life to building the future of thousands of growing students; and

WHEREAS, Rufina was married to her late husband, †Joseph Santos Mendiola, for thirty-eight (38) years, and together they were blessed with four (4) children: Joey, Antoinette, Geralyn and Audrea; and seven (7) grandchildren: Joseph

1 Christopher Mendiola, Roberto Guzman, Joey John Mendiola, Nicholas Mendiola,
2 Alana Mendiola, Gabrielle Mendiola and Preston San Nicolas; and

3 **WHEREAS**, Rufina had obtained her education on Guam, where she attended
4 the H.S. Truman Elementary School, *Agat* Junior High School, and George
5 Washington High School, and she then earned a Business Minor at the Guam
6 Community College in 1988. Rufina continued to further her education, and in 1995,
7 she earned a Bachelor of Arts Degree in Education, specializing in Elementary
8 Education, and she was additionally recognized as the First *Chamorro* Language
9 graduate from the University of Guam College of Education *Chamorro* Teaching
10 Degree Institute; and

11 **WHEREAS**, Rufina began her teaching career in 1979 as a teacher at Andersen
12 Elementary School (now Upi Elementary School), and she then moved to B.P.
13 Carbullido Elementary School, where she taught from 1983 to the present; and from
14 2003 to the present, she has been an Adjunct Professor at the Guam Community
15 College; in 2007, she taught at the University of Guam, where her latest contribution
16 was as an Instructor for the Dual Certification in English as a Second Language.
17 Rufina has also served as a Master Teacher for University of Guam Student Teachers;
18 and has served as a DEED Teacher and a Summer School Teacher since 1997; and

19 **WHEREAS**, Rufina was selected as a 2007 Pacific Teacher of the Year; a 2002
20 PIBBA Teacher of the Year; and in 2002, she was also awarded as the Top Chamorro
21 Teacher; and

22 **WHEREAS**, Rufina has facilitated countless training workshops and
23 conferences for teachers, to include Direct Instruction and Chamorro Curriculum
24 Writing; and she has developed a *Chamorro* Module for Agueda I. Johnson Middle
25 School, and a *Chamorro* Reading Series, as well as developing four (4) documentaries
26 for an ANA Grant; and


1 **WHEREAS**, Rufina's civic commitment is further exemplified by her service
2 to her church, the San Roke San Vicente Catholic Church; and her service as a Board
3 Member of the *Haya* Foundation and the Department of *Chamorro* Affairs, and as the
4 Summer Fest Facilitator for the Guam Visitors Bureau; and

5 **WHEREAS**, at every position and through every endeavor, Rufina displays
6 genuine pride of and belief in our children, our language and our culture; now
7 therefore, be it

8 **RESOLVED**, that the Committee on Rules of *I Mina'Trentai Unu Na*
9 *Liheslaturan Guåhan* does hereby, on behalf of *I Liheslaturan Guåhan* and the people
10 of Guam, recognize, commend and extend *Un Dangkolo Na Si Yu'os Ma'åse'* to Ms.
11 Rufina Fejeran Mendiola for her dedication to the education of our children and
12 families for more than three (3) decades; and be it further

13 **RESOLVED**, that the Speaker and the Chairperson of the Committee on Rules
14 certify, and the Legislative Secretary attest to, the adoption hereof and that copies of
15 the same be thereafter transmitted to Ms. Rufina Fejeran Mendiola; and to the
16 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 26TH DAY
OF MAY 2011.**



JUDITH T. WON PAT, Ed.D.
Speaker



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Chairperson, Committee on Rules



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Legislative Secretary