

I MINA'TRENTAI UNU NA LIHESLATURAN GUÅHAN
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Relative to recognizing and honoring long-time Guam Educator Maureen Murphy for her dedication, her accomplishments, and her lifelong efforts to improve the lives of Guam's children through her passion for teaching and her love of reading; to congratulating her on the occasion of her retirement; and to further extending a sincere *Un Dângkolo Na Si Yu'os Ma'åse'* to her for her invaluable service to Guam and its people.

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

3 **WHEREAS, in 1965, at the age of fourteen (14) years, Maureen Murphy**
4 **moved to Guam with her parents, Joseph and Marion Murphy, along with her siblings,**

1 Colleen, Shannon, †Kerry, Timothy, Erin, Megan and Joey, taking up residence in the
2 beautiful village of *Agat*; and

3 **WHEREAS**, Maureen attended Mount Carmel Catholic School, George
4 Washington High School, and graduated in 1977 from the University of Guam; and

5 **WHEREAS**, as the daughter of Guam's most well-known and respected
6 journalist, the late Pacific Daily News Editor Joe Murphy, it's not surprising that
7 Maureen developed a passion for reading and teaching, placing her on the path to a
8 career in education; and

9 **WHEREAS**, true to her passion for reading and her love of books, Maureen
10 started her teaching career at the beginning levels, as her first teaching position was
11 teaching kindergartners at M.U. Lujan Elementary School; and

12 **WHEREAS**, after two (2) years at M.U. Lujan, Maureen moved on to teach the
13 second (2nd) graders, the fourth (4th) graders, and the GATE students of P.C. Lujan
14 Elementary School, where she spent six (6) years; and

15 **WHEREAS**, Maureen then worked with fourth (4th) graders for two (2) years at
16 B.P. Carbullido Elementary School; and spent two (2) years at the University of Guam
17 Child Development Center; and

18 **WHEREAS**, in her next-to-last, and her longest assignment, Maureen taught
19 middle schoolers at Agueda Johnston Middle School, a position she held for sixteen
20 (16) years; and

21 **WHEREAS**, for the past eight (8) years, Maureen has been teaching English
22 courses at *Liheng Famaguon* at the Department of Youth Affairs (DYA); and

23 **WHEREAS**, in each of her teaching positions, Maureen has made it her goal to
24 instill a love of reading within her many students, helping them learn that books are an

1 important means to open their young minds to the myriad of possibilities that exist in
2 our incredible world; and

3 **WHEREAS**, one of Maureen's well-known teaching techniques is to have her
4 students keep a journal regarding what they were reading, as well as chronicling the
5 events transpiring in the lives of the characters; and

6 **WHEREAS**, this teaching method sometimes helps her students in recognizing
7 a part of themselves or their friends within the fictional characters, and also to learn
8 how they could become better people; and

9 **WHEREAS**, as busy as her career had been, Maureen had found the time to
10 have three (3) children, Melissa Finney Bettis, Kristan Finney and Dominic Finney,
11 and is married to Ernest Matson, Ph.D., a professor at the University of Guam; and

12 **WHEREAS**, although DYA may be the final stop in her career with the
13 Government of Guam, Maureen is not the kind of person who is ready to jump into a
14 life of retirement, and we all look forward to her next projects; now therefore, be it

15 **RESOLVED**, that the Committee on Rules of *I Mina'Trentai Unu Na*
16 *Liheslaturan Guåhan* does hereby, on behalf of *I Liheslaturan Guåhan* and the people
17 of Guam, recognize and honor Maureen Murphy for the invaluable contributions that
18 she has made in the education of our children during her thirty-six (36) years as a
19 public school teacher, and does congratulate her on the occasion of her retirement; and
20 does further extend a most sincere *Un Dangkolo Na Si Yu'os Ma'åse'* to Maureen
21 Murphy for her service to our island and its people; and be it further

22 **RESOLVED**, that the Speaker and the Chairperson of the Committee on Rules
23 certify, and the Legislative Secretary attest to the adoption hereof, and that copies of
24 the same be thereafter transmitted to Ms Maureen Murphy; to the Guam Department
25 of Education; to the Guam Department of Youth Affairs; and to the Honorable
26 Edward J.B. Calvo, *I Maga'lahaen Guåhan*.

**DULY AND REGULARLY ADOPTED BY THE COMMITTEE ON RULES OF
I MINA'TRENTAI UNU NA LIHESLATURAN GUÁHAN ON THE 27TH DAY
OF MAY 2011.**



JUDITH T. WON PAT, Ed.D.
Speaker



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Chairperson, Committee on Rules



TINA ROSE MUÑA BARNES
Legislative Secretary