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Relative to recognizing and commending the late Jane Hainline Hammons Underwood for her contributions and dedication to the Richard Flores Taitano Micronesia Area Research Center (MARC); and to further extending a sincere *Un Dangkolo Na Si Yu'os Ma'åse'* to her for her service to the people of Guam.

1 **BE IT RESOLVED BY *I MINA'TRENTAI UNU NA LIHESLATURAN***
2 ***GUÅHAN*:**

1 **WHEREAS**, the late Jane Hainline Hammons Underwood, Professor *Emerita*
2 of Anthropology at the University of Arizona, is survived by her two (2) children,
3 Anne and Michelle, and a grandson, Sean; and was pre-deceased by her daughter,
4 Susan; and

5 **WHEREAS**, the late Jane Underwood, who was born in Fort Bliss, Texas, to a
6 Quaker Army family, married at fifteen (15), and balanced the rigors of an
7 undergraduate education with raising children in order to graduate from the University
8 of California Riverside with a degree in anthropology and biology in 1960; and

9 **WHEREAS**, the late Jane Underwood chose a career in anthropology as a
10 reaction to her post-war experiences in Germany, and her struggle to understand
11 people's capacity for inhumanity; and

12 **WHEREAS**, the late Jane Underwood completed a PhD at the University of
13 California Los Angeles (UCLA) in 1964, graduating as one of the few women
14 biological anthropologists at the time; and

15 **WHEREAS**, Jane's interest in demographic change began her longstanding
16 relationship with Micronesia. Her dissertation explored the relationship between
17 ecology and demography in Micronesia, and she conducted fieldwork in Yap while
18 she worked as an assistant professor at UC Riverside. Her focus on questions related
19 to island demography established her as an authority on the population history of the
20 Pacific, and one of the earliest proponents of biocultural anthropology; and

21 **WHEREAS**, the late Jane's commitment to Pacific anthropology, to biological
22 anthropology, and to teaching were evident in the publication of two (2) textbooks
23 (Biocultural Interactions and Human Variation, 1975; and Human Microevolution and
24 Human Variation, 1978); and

25 **WHEREAS**, after returning from Yap, she joined the anthropology faculty at
26 the University of Arizona. While there, she was the consummate researcher and

1 professor, and she served as an associate dean and assistant provost in the graduate
2 college, and as an assistant vice president for research. The late Jane Underwood also
3 was Vice President of the American Association of Physical Anthropologists from
4 1980 to 1982. During her thirty-one (31) years at the University of Arizona, the late
5 Dr. Jane Underwood favored the excitement she found in the classroom, and in her
6 research about the Pacific region; and

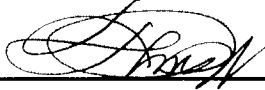
7 **WHEREAS**, the late Jane's retirement project began as a compilation of
8 demographic data of *Chamorros* listed on the 1897 census of Guam. Over the years it
9 evolved into a truly massive historical reconstruction of over forty thousand (40,000)
10 linked people, which she updated daily as she followed their births and deaths; and

11 **WHEREAS**, her greatest desire in life was to make a difference. Having found
12 a love and respect for the islands and its people, she conducted research into the
13 changes that occurred within Micronesian populations. Today, her research about
14 Guam and Yap serves as a testimony to her making a difference in our world. Jane
15 was a true friend of Micronesia and she will be greatly missed; now therefore, be it

16 **RESOLVED**, that *I Mina'Trentai Unu Na Liheslaturan Guåhan* does hereby,
17 on behalf of the people of Guam, recognize and commend the late Jane Hainline
18 Hammons Underwood for her service and dedication to the people of Guam and
19 Micronesia; and does further extend a sincere *Un Dangkolo Na Si Yu'os Ma'åse* to her
20 for her important undertakings, and for her outstanding commitment; and be it further

21 **RESOLVED**, that the Speaker certify, and the Legislative Secretary attest to,
22 the adoption hereof, and that copies of the same be thereafter transmitted to the family
23 of the late Jane Hainline Hammons Underwood; and to the Honorable Edward J.B.
24 Calvo, *I Maga'lahaen Guåhan*.

DULY AND REGULARLY ADOPTED BY *I MINA'TRENTAI UNU NA LIHESLATURAN GUÅHAN* ON THE 12TH DAY OF MARCH 2012.



JUDITH T. WON PAT, Ed.D.
Speaker



TINA ROSE MUÑA BARNES
Legislative Secretary