

**I MINA'TRENTAI UNU NA LIHESLATURAN GUÅHAN**  
**2011 (FIRST) Regular Session**

**Resolution No.** 122-31(COR)

**Introduced by:**

**R.J. Respicio**  
  
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RELATIVE TO HONORING THE DEDICATION AND ACCOMPLISHMENTS OF LONG-TIME GUAM EDUCATOR MAUREEN MURPHY FOR HER LIFELONG EFFORTS TO IMPROVE THE LIVES OF MANY OF GUAM'S CHILDREN THROUGH HER PASSION FOR TEACHING AND LOVE OF READING, ON THE OCCASION OF HER RETIREMENT, AND TO EXPRESS A SINCERE *UN DANGKOLO NA SI YU'OS MA'ASE'* FOR HER SERVICE TO OUR ISLAND AND PEOPLE.

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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 14, Maureen Murphy traveled to  
4           Guam with her parents Joseph and Marion Murphy, along with siblings  
5           Colleen, Shannon, Timothy, Erin, Megan, and Joey, taking up residence  
6           in the beautiful village of Agat; and

7           **WHEREAS**, Maureen first attended Mount Carmel School, then  
8           George Washington High School, and is a 1977 graduate of the  
9           University of Guam; and

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

14           **WHEREAS**, true to the her love of books, Maureen started her  
15           career at the beginning, her first position being to teach kindergartners  
16           at M.U. Lujan Elementary School; and

1           **WHEREAS**, after two years at M.U. Lujan, Maureen moved on to  
2 teach 2<sup>nd</sup> graders, 4<sup>th</sup> graders and GATE students at P.C. Lujan  
3 Elementary School, where she spent six years; and

4           **WHEREAS**, Maureen then worked with 4<sup>th</sup> graders for two years  
5 at B.P. Carbullido Elementary; and spent two years at the University of  
6 Guam Child Development Center; and

7           **WHEREAS**, in her next-to-last, and longest assignment, Maureen  
8 taught middle schoolers at Agueda Johnston Middle School, a position  
9 she held for 16 years; and

10           **WHEREAS**, for the past eight years, Maureen has been teaching  
11 English at *Liheng Famaguon* at the Department of Youth Affairs; and

12           **WHEREAS**, in each of her teaching positions, Maureen has made  
13 it her goal to instill a love of reading within her many students, helping  
14 them learn that books are an important means to open their young  
15 minds to the myriad possibilities that exist in our incredible world; and

16           **WHEREAS**, one of Maureen’s well-known teaching techniques is  
17 to have her students keep a journal regarding what they were reading,  
18 as well as chronicling the events transpiring in the lives of the  
19 characters; and

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

23           **WHEREAS**, as busy as her career has been, Maureen has found  
24 the time to have two children, Melissa Finney Bettis and Dominic  
25 Finney, and is married to Ernest Matson, Ph.D., a professor at the  
26 University of Guam; and

27           **WHEREAS**, although DYA may be the final stop in her career  
28 with the Government of Guam, Maureen is not the kind of person who

1 is ready to jump into a life of retirement, and we all look forward to her  
2 next projects; now, therefore, be it

3 **RESOLVED**, that the Committee on Rules of *I Mina'Trentai Unu*  
4 *Na Liheslaturan Guåhan*, on behalf of the people of Guam, does hereby  
5 recognize the contributions to the education of our children that have  
6 been made by Maureen Murphy during her 36 years as a public school  
7 teacher; and be it further

8 **RESOLVED**, that the Committee on Rules of *I Mina'Trentai Unu*  
9 *Na Liheslaturan Guåhan*, on behalf of the people of Guam, does hereby  
10 express a most sincere *Un Dangkolo na Si Yu'os ma'ase'* to Maureen  
11 Murphy for her service to our island and people; and be it further

12 **RESOLVED**, that the Speaker and the Chairperson of the  
13 Committee on Rules certify, and the Legislative Secretary attest to the  
14 adoption hereof, and that copies of the same be thereafter transmitted to  
15 Ms Maureen Murphy; to the Guam Department of Education; to the  
16 Guam Department of Youth Affairs; and to *I Maga'Lahen Guåhan*.

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

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**JUDITH T. WON PAT, Ed.D.**  
Speaker

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**RORY J. RESPICIO**  
Chairperson, Committee on Rules

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**TINA ROSE MUNA BARNES**  
Legislative Secretary