

I MINA'TRENTAI UNU NA LIHESLATURAN GUÁHAN
2011 (FIRST) REGULAR SESSION

Resolution No. 156-31 (Law)

Introduced by:

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**RELATIVE TO RECOGNIZING, COMMENDING AND
THANKING EDUCATOR ARLENE REYES UNPINGCO FOR
HER DEDICATION TO THE EDUCATION OF OUR CHILDREN
AND OUR FAMILIES; TO CONGRATULATING HER ON THE
OCCASION OF HER RETIREMENT.**

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

WHEREAS, Arlene Reyes Unpingco was born September 15, 1956 to Jesusa Aguon Reyes and Jose Blas Reyes; and,

WHEREAS, Arlene, resided in the village of Tamuning, graduating from John F. Kennedy High School in 1974 before attending the University of Guam, earning a bachelor's degree in elementary education and special education in May 1986, and, a master's degree in administration and supervision in December 2000; and,

WHEREAS, throughout her career Arlene has been tireless and inspirational, as a special education teacher from August 1986-August 1989; as a general education teacher from August 1989 through June 1991; as a middle school teacher from August 2001 to June 2003 at Harry S.. Truman, Maria Ulloa Elementary, and V.S.A Benavente Middle School, as well as a career education instructor with the Guam Agency for Human Resource and Development Bret Summer Program in June 1996; as a consulting resource teacher within the DOE Division of Special Education, August 1991 to June 1996; as a Summer School Site Coordinator in June 1998; as a presenter during the Learning Styles Workshop, DOE Division of Special Education, September 1998; and a presenter during the School Leadership and Administration, University of Guam, October 2010: and,

WHEREAS, Arlene served as a Secondary School Assistant Principal from October 2004 to January 2005 at C.L. Taitano, Elementary School Principal from January 2005 through December 2008 C.L.Taitano Elementary, before moving to the position of

DOE Deputy Superintendent of Educational Support and Community Learning from December 2008 through July 2011; and

WHEREAS, Arlene received commendation for providing a Quality Mainstream Educational Experience, Division of Special Education, June 1989, Service Award, DOE/AHRD BRET Summer Program, 1990, International Summer Olympics Games, Minneapolis/Saint Paul, Minnesota, 1991, Building School Teams Strategies for Effective Collaboration, June 1993, Home-School Connection Award, February 1994, Teaching the Tough to Teach Award, September 1998, Second Step Youth Violence prevention Program Award, April 2002; and

WHEREAS, Arlene's professional and civic work included Administration of Norm Reference Tests, SAT8 and GOALS, Administration of BEST Test, Administration of the National Assessment of Educational Progress, Member, Child Study Team, Member, Grievance Committee, Member, Retention Committee, Member, School Level Improvement Plan, Teacher Mentor, Site Coordinator, Guam Special Olympics, Learning Styles Trainer, Cooperative Learning Trainer, Integrated Curriculum Trainer, and Catechist, San Juan Bautista; and

WHEREAS, Arlene facilitated the “Education for All” (Full Inclusion) at P.C. Lujan Elementary School, implemented weekly Bulletins for School Administrators and Division Heads, implemented district monthly professional development sessions with School Administrators, conducted home visits to invite parents to school, developed a leadership team, maintained high standards and accountability for School Administrators; and

WHEREAS, Arlene is married to Steven Sablan Unpingco, and she is the proud mother and mother-in-law of Jan Bermudes and Marcus Upshaw; Jason and Joreese Benavente Bermudes; Jossalyn Bermudes; Steven Unpingco Jr.; and, Michael Unpingco,

WHEREAS, Arlene is the proud grandmother of Brandon Bermudes, Jaylene Bermudes, Jenna Bermudes, and Kailani Upshaw; now, therefore be it

RESOLVED, that the Committee on Rules, on behalf of *I Mina'trentai Unu Na Liheslaturan Guåhan* and the people of Guam does hereby, recognize, commend and thank Mrs. Arlene Reyes Unpingco for her dedication to the education of our children

and our families for the past 25 years; and be it further

RESOLVED, that the Speaker and the Chairperson of the Committee on Rules certify, and the Secretary of the Legislature attests to, the adoption hereof and that copies of the same be thereafter transmitted to Mrs. Arlene Reyes Unpingco; and to the Honorable Edward Baza Calvo, *I Maga'lahañ Guåhan*.