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

Resolution No. 197-31 (Cor)

Introduced by:

D.G. Rodriguez, Jr.

Relative to recognizing and commending Mrs. Lourdes Andres Duguies on her retirement from the Department of Public Health and Social Services; and to expressing *Un Dangkulo Na Si Yu'os Ma'ase* to her for her thirty-six (36) years of service and dedication to the people of Guam.

- 1 BE IT RESOLVED BY I MINA'TRENTAI UNU NA LIHESLATURAN
- 2 GUÅHAN:
- 3 **WHEREAS**, Lourdes Andres Duguies, known to her family, friends and
- 4 co-workers as "Lou", was born on February 11, 1954 in Ilocos Norte,
- 5 Philippines to Gregorio and Carmen Andres; and
- 6 WHEREAS, Lou attended Buttong Elementary School and Ilocos Norte
- 7 Science High School in the Philippines; and attended the University of the
- 8 Philippines School of Veterinary Medicine on a full scholarship where she met
- 9 her future husband, Manuel Duguies from Baguio City; and
- 10 WHEREAS, Lou and Manny Duguies eventually made Guam their
- 11 home, raising three children, Genevieve, Mabel, and Gregory James; and

- 1 WHEREAS, Lou started her Government of Guam service with the
- 2 Department of Agriculture in 1978 working in the Office of the Territorial
- 3 Veterinarian Animal Health Unit until 1981; and
- 4 WHEREAS, Lou worked as an Adjunct Instructor at the University of
- 5 Guam in 1980; and
- 6 WHEREAS, Lou obtained her Master's Degree in Public Health at the
- 7 University of Hawaii at Manoa in 1982 while her husband Manny remained
- 8 on Guam working as an Assistant Professor at the University of Guam; and
- 9 WHEREAS, Lou started her career at the Department of Public Health
- 10 and Social Services on November 17, 1986 as a Communicable Disease
- 11 Investigator at the Bureau of Communicable Disease and Control (BCDC);
- 12 and
- 13 WHEREAS, Lou was promoted to Communicable Disease Coordinator
- 14 II on January 22, 1989 with BCDC's Enteric Unit; and
- 15 **WHEREAS**, Lou was promoted to her final position as Communicable
- 16 Disease Coordinator III on May 6, 1996 where she remained until her
- 17 retirement on August 26, 2011. She directed, supervised and conducted
- 18 epidemiologic investigations and surveillances of quarantined diseases and
- 19 communicable diseases of public health significance; and
- 20 WHEREAS, Lou implemented operational, technical, administrative,
- 21 inspectional and supervisory management of the Foreign Quarantine Program
- 22 and Enteric Disease Control Program in accordance with local and federal

- 1 laws and regulations and the World Health Organization International
- 2 Regulations which involved the prevention, transmission and spread of
- 3 quarantinable and nonquarantinable diseases, as well as enteric, at the port of
- 4 entry; and
- 5 **WHEREAS**, Lou was a member of the Pandemic Planning Task Force
- 6 for the Territory of Guam; and was involved with coordinating the local
- 7 public heath response to H1N1 (Swine Flu) and Severe Acute Respiratory
- 8 Syndrome (SARS) pandemics. Her extensive knowledge in epidemiology and
- 9 disease investigations provided DPHSS a framework in coordinating and
- 10 implementing a timely effective public health response in controlling H1N1
- and SARS from reaching epidemic levels in the island, eventually preventing
- 12 further morbidities and mortalities; and
- 13 WHEREAS, Lou was a member of several social and civic organizations
- 14 including the University of the Philippines Alumni Guam Association (Board
- 15 Member and Assistant Treasurer), the Ilocos Norte Family Association (Board
- 16 Member and Assistant Treasurer) and the Benguet/Ifugao/
- 17 Bontoc/Apayao/Kalinga (BIBAK) Guam Association; and
- 18 WHEREAS, Lou was a supporter of McCool Village, Gnawed Kalong, a
- 19 housing project for the underprivileged in the Philippines; and now, therefore
- 20 be it
- 21 **RESOLVED**, that I Mina' Trentai Unu na Liheslaturan Guåhan, does
- 22 hereby, on behalf of the People of Guam, recognize and congratulate Mrs.

1 Lourdes Andres Duguies on her retirement from the Department of Public

2 Health and Social Services and commend her for her significant

3 accomplishments and invaluable contributions, and does further extend *Un*

4 Dangkulo Na Si Yu'os Ma'ase to her for her thirty-six (36) years of service and

5 dedication to the People of Guam; and be it further

6 **RESOLVED**, that the Speaker certify, and the Legislative Secretary

7 attest to, the adoption hereof, and that copies of the same be thereafter

8 transmitted to Mrs. Lourdes Andre Duguies, to Mr. James W. Gillan, Director

9 of the Department of Public Health and Social Services and to the Honorable

10 Edward J.B. Calvo, I Maga'lahen Guåhan.

DULY AND REGULARLY ADOPTED BY THE COMMITTEE ON RULES

OF I MINA'TRENTAI UNU A NA LIHESLATURAN GUÅHAN ON THE ___

DAY OF SEPTEMBER 2011.

JUDITH T. WONPAT, Ed.D Speaker RORY J. RESPICIO
Chairman, Committee on Rules

TINA ROSE MUÑA-BARNES Legislative Secretary