

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

Resolution No. 227 (cov)

Introduced by:

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Relative to recognizing and extending a warm *Dångkolo Na Si Yu'os Ma'ase* and *Maramang Salamat Po* to Dr. Vivian Loyola Dames on her retirement after thirty-three (33) years from the University of Guam and for the outstanding contributions she has made to the people of Guam as an educator and advocate for social policy on Guam.

- 1 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COMMITTEE ON RULES OF I
- 2 MINA'TRENTAI UNU NA LIHESLATURAN GUAHAN:
- 3 WHEREAS, Vivian Loyola Dames was born to Angeles Acero Dames and
- 4 Bernice Shirley Dames in the province of Bicol of the Philippines; and
- 5 WHEREAS, in 1951, Vivian's parents moved to Guam from the Philippines
- 6 with her and two older brothers seeking a better life for their family; and
- 7 WHEREAS, Vivian exhibited leadership qualities early in life when she was at
- 8 John F. Kennedy High and volunteered for many school activities and where she
- 9 graduated in 1966; and
- 10 WHEREAS, Vivian was the first in her family to leave Guam for school to
- 11 attend the University of Washington in Seattle, Washington and graduated in May,
- 12 1972 with a Psychology major; and
- 13 WHEREAS, Vivian was the first in her family to receive a masters degree at
- 14 Wayne State University in Detroit Michigan with a Masters in Social Work degree; in
- 15 May of 1974; and

1 WHEREAS, Vivian is the first in her family to become Dr. Dames by achieving
2 a Ph.D from the University of Michigan, Ann Arbor, Michigan in August of 2000; and

3 WHEREAS, Dr. Dames began working at the University of Guam in August,
4 1978 as an Instructor to Associate Professor in Social Work and became the
5 foundress of the Bachelor of Social Work Program (1980), a founding member of the
6 Master of Social Work Program (2007) and the Women and Gender Studies Program
7 (ongoing since 1998) at the University of Guam; and

8 WHEREAS, besides being a full time Associate Professor, Dr. Dames also held
9 the position of Acting Administrative Chair for the School of Nursing, Social Work &
10 Health Sciences for one (1) year (Aug 2004 to Aug 2005); Acting Dean, College of
11 Professional Studies for one (1) month (June 2006 to July 2006) and Interim Dean,
12 College of Professional Studies for one (1) year (Aug 2006 to Aug 2007); and

13 WHEREAS, service of Dr. Dames to the University of Guam includes
14 leadership and membership in numerous committees such; such as search committees
15 to fill faculty and administrator positions (from 1978 to 2011), academic affairs
16 committees, Faculty Senate and Faculty Union committees; and

17 WHEREAS, Dr. Dames was active and greatly contributed to the establishment
18 of the current University of Guam Faculty Senate and the Board of Regents
19 Nominating Council; and

20 WHEREAS, Dr. Dames was President of the University of Guam Faculty
21 Senate from 2003-2004; and

22 WHEREAS, Dr. Dames was nominated for multiple University of Guam
23 Faculty Excellence awards and received the Faculty Excellence in Teaching Award in
24 2001; and

1 WHEREAS, Dr. Dames successfully lead the Bachelor of Social Work program
2 towards full accreditation by the Council on Social Work Education in 2003 and
3 reaffirmation of accreditation in 2007; and

4 WHEREAS, the current professional, academic and scientific memberships of
5 Dr. Dames include: Asian and Pacific Islander Social work Educators Association;
6 Association of Baccalaureate Program Directors; Association of Community
7 Organization and Social Administration; Council on Social Work Education; National
8 Association of Social Workers Guam Chapter, Feminist Majority Foundation; Higher
9 Education Resources (HERS); Influencing State Policy Program; Network: A
10 National Catholic Social Justice Lobby; and Women’s Ordination Conference; and

11 WHEREAS, to address the complex issues related to poverty and welfare, Dr.
12 Dames assisted in the formation of STAND! Guam’s first welfare advocacy
13 organization and

14 WHEREAS, Dr. Dames is a leader in her profession and was selected by the
15 National Association of Social Workers-Guam Chapter to represent the island at the
16 NASW Delegate Assembly in Washington DC where she participated in the drafting
17 and lobbying for the adoption of a national policy statement on “Sovereignty and
18 Indigenous Peoples Health”; and

19 WHEREAS, Dr. Dames is one of the founding members of “Fuetsan
20 Famalao’an”, a women’s organization to raise awareness of the cultural/social impacts
21 with the planned military influx of military personnel on Guam and continues to be
22 active in the planning of numerous forums and meetings and further in 2007 presented
23 testimony on behalf of the organization at the hearings before the Subcommittee on
24 Insular Affairs, Committee on Natural Resources, Chaired by the Honorable Donna
25 M. Christensen; and

1 WHEREAS, examples of Dr. Dames’ community service include: membership
2 and CCD teacher in the San Miguel Parish and Catholic Campus Ministry; Work
3 Group-Government of Guam Social Work job series specification,; Coalition 21
4 (advocacy organization to raise the legal drinking age from 18-21); summary given of
5 Congressman Robert A. Underwood’s 2nd lecture Thinking Out Loud Project, “No
6 Representation without Taxation: Loyalty, Taxes and Citizenship in Washington DC”,
7 sponsored by the Guam Humanities Council; Outside Evaluator for Congressman
8 Robert Underwood’s 3rd lecture Thinking Out Loud Project, “Composing a New
9 Tune: Singing in Harmony”, sponsored by the Guam Humanities Council; Invited
10 facilitator for two seminars on Humanities Perspective on Civil Leadership for the
11 Guam Humanities Council Board of Directors; Co-organizer, Peace Vigil to educate
12 the community about Catholic Teachings on Just War Theory to promote critical
13 thinking about the US threat of war against Iraq and a trained facilitator for the “8000,
14 How will it change our lives: Community Conversations on the US Military Buildup
15 on Guam”, sponsored by the Guam Humanities Council; and

16 WHEREAS, Dr. Dames has received the special award from the Carnegie
17 Foundation for the Advancement of Teaching, U.S. Professor of the Year (Guam),
18 2006 for her extraordinary dedication to undergraduate teaching; and

19 WHEREAS, Dr. Dames has also received the special award from the Higher
20 Education Resources (HERS), Bryn Mawr Summer Institute, nominated by the UOG
21 Senior Vice President of Academic & Student Affairs, and the first participant from
22 UOG for a four week training for women in higher education administration (2007);
23 and

24 WHEREAS, examples of Dr. Dames’ professional presentations include Social
25 Work Education Administration at the University of Guam (1978-2008): An
26 Ecological Analysis of Successful Organizational Change at the College of Liberal

1 Arts and Social Sciences Annual Research Conference, University of Guam (2008);
2 Suicide Prevention in Micronesia: A Review of the Academic Literature at the 5th
3 International Conference on Social Work in Health and Mental Health in Hong Kong
4 (2006); Women and the Catholic Church, panel presentation at the University of
5 Guam (2006); Mental Health Care and Social Justice, presented at the training
6 conference “Promoting Mental Health and Social Well-Being”, Tumon Guam (2006);
7 Dialogues about the “The Vagina Monologues, panel presentation the University of
8 Guam (2004); Graduate Social Work Education in Guam: Its Need and Promise for
9 Guam’s Socio-Economic Development at 2nd NAWS Regional Conference in Guam
10 (2004); Welfare in Guam: Myths and Realities, presented at the First Annual NASW
11 Regional Training Conference, Guam (2003); What Makes a Social Worker a Social
12 Worker, presented at the First Annual NASW Regional Training Conference, Guam
13 (2003); and

14 WHEREAS, Dr. Dames’ professional publications include US Military and
15 U.S. Welfare: Partners in (De)Colonizing Micronesian Islands in Katherine van
16 Wormer, Social Welfare and Social Work: The U.S. in Global Perspective, Thomson
17 Publishing, Belmont, CA (2006); Chamorro Women, Self-Determination, and the
18 Politics of Abortion in Guam in Shirley, Hune, and Gail M. Nomura Asian/Pacific
19 Islander American Women: A Historical Anthology, (2003); and

20 WHEREAS, Dr. Dames has started with other faculty and students (2010), and
21 maintained the production of a weekly radio show with Guam’s educational KPRG
22 Public Radio to critically analyze the socio-eco-political complexities associated with
23 Guam’s Military Buildup and to advance community building between military and
24 civilian communities “Beyond the Fence”.

25 RESOLVED; that the Committee on Rules of I Mina’ Trentai Unu Na
26 Liheslaturan Guahan does hereby on behalf of I Liheslaturan Guahan and the people

1 of Guam does hereby recognize, commend and extend a warm *Un Dangkolo 'Na Si*
2 *Yu'os Ma'ase, Maramang Salamat Po* and Thank You to Dr. Vivian Dames on her
3 retirement from the University of Guam after thirty-one (31) years and her invaluable
4 contributions as an educator promoting the field of social work and her limitless effort
5 and advocacy for social policy for Guam; and

6 **RESOLVED**, that the Speaker and the Chairperson of the Committee on Rules
7 certify, and the Legislative Secretary attest to, the adoption hereof and that copies of
8 the same be thereafter transmitted to Dr. Vivian Dames; to Dr. Robert Underwood,
9 President of the University of Guam; and to the Honorable Edward B. Calvo, *I*
10 *Maga'lahen Guahan*.

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12 **DULY AND REGULARLY ADOPTED BY I MINA' TRENTAI UNU NA**
13 **LIHESLATURAN GUAHAN ON THE 15th DAY OF OCTOBER 2011.**

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18 **JUDITH T. WON PAT**
19 **Speaker**

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18 **TINA ROSE MUÑA-BARNES**
19 **Senator and**
20 **Secretary of the Legislature**