

*I MINA'TRENTAI UNU NA LIHESLATURAN GUÅHAN*  
**2012(SECOND) Regular Session**

**Resolution No.** 390-31(LS)

Introduced by:

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OR

**RELATIVE TO RECOGNIZING MS. OLIVIA  
LEON GUERRERO UNTALAN ARROYO ON  
HER ONE HUNDRETH (100<sup>TH</sup>) BIRTHDAY.**

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

1       **WHEREAS**, Ms. Oliva Leon Guerrero Untalan Arroyo was born in  
2       Agana on October 27, 1911; and

3       **WHEREAS**, her parents were Pedro Cruz Untalan (familian  
4       Casimiro) and Rita Garrido Leon Guerrero (familian Sombrero); and

5       **WHEREAS**, her husband is Brigido Aquino Arroyo (1900-2000), a  
6       U.S. Navy and Civil Service retiree. Mr. and Mrs. Arroyo have seven  
7       children: Ronald Untalan Arroyo, Msgr. Brigido Untalan Arroyo, Alfred  
8       Untalan, Joseph Untalan Arroyo, Jesus John Untalan Arroyo (dec.),  
9       Raymond Untalan Arroyo, and Sister Marian Therese Arroyo; and

10       **WHEREAS**, although traditionally young girls were expected to drop  
11       out of school at the age of 12, the young Oliva refused to give up. She  
12       attended the Guam Intermediate School and graduated in 1927 and then

13 went on to the Guam Evening High School. Between 1935 and the outbreak  
14 of the war in 1941, she took correspondence courses from the University of  
15 Hawaii and the University of California. These courses were offered in  
16 Guam during the summer for teachers pursuing an elementary teaching  
17 certificate; and

18       **WHEREAS**, after World War II, between 1951 and 1956, Oliva took  
19 courses offered by the Guam Department of Education for certificate of  
20 administrators. These training sessions included extension courses from the  
21 Universities of Ohio and California and were offered throughout the school  
22 year, either during the day or in the evening. She had always believed that  
23 professionals should continuously upgrade themselves in their areas of  
24 specialization; and

25       **WHEREAS**, Oliva taught in the pre-war schools in Agana from 1927  
26 to 1941. These schools included the Roy C. Smith School in Anigua,  
27 Althouse School (Bilibie, near the Paseo de Susanna), the Leary School  
28 (near the Plaza de España), the Post Office School, and the Dorn Hall School  
29 (also near the Plaza de España). She taught primary grades (pre-primers).  
30 Immediately after the recapture of Guam by the Americans, Oliva began  
31 teaching at the “compound area” (a concentration camp or shelter for the  
32 villagers awaiting clearance to return safely to their homes), an area in

33 Anigua near Pigo Cemetery. She was “Teacher Trainer” for the Pacific  
34 Islands Teacher Training School (PITTS) in the late 1940s; and

35       **WHEREAS**, after the war, Oliva taught upper elementary grades at  
36 Agana Elementary School, then followed by Piti Elementary (now Jose L.  
37 G. Rios) and Barrigada Elementary School. She was the first administrator  
38 of the new Carbullido Elementary School in the aftermath of Typhoon  
39 Karen’s destruction of Barrigada Elementary School prior to her retirement  
40 in 1972; and

41       **WHEREAS**, Oliva accomplished much in her active years of  
42 dedicated service. She provided counseling and tutoring services to many  
43 students, many of whom became outstanding leaders in the community.  
44 When Oliva was a “teacher trainer” at the Pacific Islands Training School,  
45 she taught and trained students who were selected from around the Pacific.  
46 Among her many outstanding students were David Ramarui, who later  
47 became Director of Education in Palau; Amata Kabua, the President of the  
48 Republic of the Marshall Islands; and Senator Joe T. San Agustin; and

49       **WHEREAS**, while principal at Carbullido school, Oliva introduced  
50 the Chamorro bilingual program into the curriculum. Carbullido’s new  
51 school building also was under construction under her tenure. Oliva  
52 inaugurated special education classes for slow learners at Barrigada

53 Elementary School and a remedial reading program at Carbullido  
54 Elementary School; and

55       **WHEREAS**, Oliva received numerous awards during her public  
56 service in the field of education. In 1970, she received a Gold Medal Award  
57 for her public service from Governor Carlos Camacho and Lt. Gov. Kurt  
58 Moylan. When she retired in 1972, Gov. Camacho, Lt. Gov. Moylan and  
59 Senator Joe San Agustin awarded her with a certificate of appreciation. The  
60 Guam Legislature also passed a resolution congratulating and commending  
61 her for her work. The Territorial Board of Education also awarded her in  
62 appreciation for her many years of dedicated service to the children and  
63 people of Guam. Oliva was named to the Guam Educators' Hall of Fame  
64 International sponsored by Phi Delta Kappa Guam Chapter 1302 in 1996.  
65 She was also named to the *I Manfayi – Who's Who in Chamorro History*,  
66 Vol II in 1997. At its Spring Commencement in June 2008, the University of  
67 Guam awarded Oliva an honorary degree for "Distinguished Community  
68 Service"; and

69       **WHEREAS**, Oliva was also very active in the church community as a  
70 member of the Dulce Nombre de Maria Cathedral-Basilica and later of St.  
71 Anthony - St. Victor parishes. She participated in numerous social and  
72 church functions and served on numerous boards as president or some  
73 leadership capacity of the Island-Wide Christian Mothers, the Third Order of

74 St. Francis, Parent Teacher Association of the Academy of Our Lady of  
75 Guam. She was recently named an honorary Associate of the Sisters of  
76 Mercy; and

77 **WHEREAS**, Oliva's dedication to her family is evident, as she is blessed  
78 with 22 grandchildren, 47 great-grand children and 2 great-great  
79 grandchildren; and now therefore, be it

80 **RESOLVED**, *I Mina'Trentai Unu Na Liheslaturan Guåhan*, does  
81 hereby, on behalf of the People of Guam, honor and recognize Ms. Olivia  
82 Untalan Leon Guerrero Arroyo on her one hundredth (100<sup>th</sup>) birthday and  
83 years of dedication and service to the people of Guam ; and be it further

84 **RESOLVED**, that the Speaker of *I Liheslaturan Guåhan* and the  
85 Chairman of the Committee on Rules certify, and the Secretary of the  
86 Legislature attest to, the adoption hereof, and that copies of the same be  
87 thereafter transmitted to Ms. Olivia Untalan Leon Guerrero Arroyo; and to  
88 the Honorable Edward J. B. Calvo, *I Maga'lahaen Guåhan*.

**DULY AND REGULARLY ADOPTED BY THE COMMITTEE ON  
RULES OF *I MINA'TRENTAI UNU NA LIHESLATURAN GUÅHAN*  
ON THE \_\_\_\_\_ DAY OF APRIL, 2011**

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

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**RORY RESPICIO**  
Chairman, Committee on Rules

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**TINA ROSE MUÑA BARNES**  
**Legislative Secretary**