

I MINA'TRENTAI UNU NA LIHESLATURAN GUÅHAN
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Resolution No. *157-3* (COR)

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Relative to recognizing and memorializing the life and contributions of Gloria Camacho Borja Nelson, an educator, volunteer, scholar, advocate for social change and educational reform, educational pioneer; and loving wife, mother, grandmother, mentor and surrogate; and whose work, thoughts, inspiration, and influence has left an indelible mark upon our island community, in the hearts and minds of countless numbers of individuals and families; and whose lifelong commitment to improving life on Guam contributed to the improvement of public policy, strengthening of the social fabric of our community, and having forever positively influenced Guam's history for the better.

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

3 **WHEREAS, *I Liheslaturan Guahan* acknowledges that Gloria Camacho Borja**
4 **Camacho was a pillar in our community whose lifelong commitment to improving life**
5 **on Guam is manifest in the numerous laws, policies, and programs she influenced and**
6 **helped to create; and whose lifelong commitment to improving life on Guam helped**
7 **lay foundational footprints upon the path towards social and educational reform; and**
8 **whose lifelong commitment to improving life on Guam through the uplifting of the**

1 less fortunate and disenfranchised in many ways raised the bar and fostered a greater
2 awareness and need to act through selfless service; and,

3 **WHEREAS**, Gloria Camacho Borja Nelson, lovingly known as “Lola,” was
4 born in Hagatna to Luis Quitugua Borja and Maria Desa Camacho, married to the
5 Honorable Theodore “Ted” S. Nelson, former Vice Speaker of *I Liheslaturan Guahan*
6 with whom she gave birth to and helped raise four children, Gwen, Ted, Glenn, and
7 Rhonda; and,

8 **WHEREAS**, Gloria Camacho Borja Nelson’s belief in the value of a higher
9 education, persistence, and commitment to educational excellence led to her attaining
10 a Master of Science Degree from the University of New Mexico, completing post-
11 graduate studies from the University of California at Los Angeles in Reading and the
12 University of Oregon at Portland in Educational Law and Statistics, after attaining her
13 Bachelor of Science Degree from Ohio State University, Associate of Arts degree
14 from the Territorial College of Guam, and high school diploma from George
15 Washington High School on Guam; and,

16 **WHEREAS**, Gloria Camacho Borja Nelson’s distinguished record of service,
17 professional and educational accomplishments, and volunteerism contributed to her
18 being the recipient of numerous awards and scholarships to include the Ohio State
19 University Scholarship, Territorial College of Guam Scholarship, Educational
20 Honors- Elementary, Secondary and College levels, Guam Women's Club
21 (Outstanding Accomplishments), Resolution for Outstanding Accomplishments by the
22 Territorial Board of Education, Outstanding Performance Recognition as Principal by
23 Adelup Elementary Parent-Teacher Association, Recognition by the Reserve Officers
24 Training Corps for Outstanding Leadership/Support, Recognition for Outstanding
25 Leadership/Support by the Department of Education Maintenance Employees'

1 Association, and the Chief Quipuha Award by the Honorable Ricardo J. Bordallo,
2 (former) Governor of Guam; and,

3 **WHEREAS**, Gloria Camacho Borja Nelson's vast professional experiences
4 include having faithfully and effectively served as a public school teacher, principal,
5 associate superintendent, school program consultant, deputy director and director for
6 the Guam Department of Education, *Escuelan Pa'le* teacher for the MongMong
7 Catholic Church, instructor at the University of Guam, administrator for the Federal
8 Disaster Assistance Administration, and special assistant to *I Maga' Lahren Guahan*;
9 and,

10 **WHEREAS**, Gloria Camacho Borja Nelson's educational and professional
11 achievements identifies her as a pioneer and consummate professional for her work as
12 Educational Centennial Planning Committee, Chairperson, Centennial Task Force
13 Member- Governor, Directed development of Blue Print for Excellence (DOE),
14 Instrumental in establishing first Palau High School, Koror, Officer/Member-
15 Elementary School Principals Association, Assistant to Professor Teaching English as
16 a Second Language (New Mexico), Established first school-wide Synchronized
17 Marching Competition, Implemented "Opportunity Rooms" - middle and high
18 schools, Instrumental in establishing University of Oregon, DOE, and UOG Doctoral
19 Program (Over 30 administrators graduated with doctoral degrees in education),
20 Volunteer at Price Elementary School with Dr. Jose Cruz to develop the first School
21 Improvement Plan- Board Approved, Officer- Secretary- Territorial College of Guam
22 Student Organization, Established Celebration of Scholars, all public schools,
23 Officer/Member- Association of School Administrators (Elementary & Secondary),
24 President, Mongmong Elementary School PTA, Directed first DOE District Office
25 Self-Study, Member, Computer Task Force Committee, Member, Diversified
26 Occupation Program, Member, National Retired Teachers Association (NRTA),

1 Member, Association for Supervision Curriculum & Development (ASCD),
2 Implemented "Homework Hotline" - public schools, Implemented and directed
3 various educational workshops, meetings and seminars for professional and non-
4 professional government employees- teachers, substitute teachers and bus drivers,
5 directed island-wide annual educational festivals- musicals, academics and the arts
6 competition, Initiated the first high school summer graduation program for the public
7 schools, Initiated Head Start Program-public elementary schools; and,

8 **WHEREAS**, Gloria Camacho Borja Nelson's profound knowledge, experience,
9 and expertise in educational policy, social advocacy, and humanitarian aid brought
10 invaluable depth to those positions she held and the local, regional, and national
11 organizations she either served in or founded such as Vice Chairperson/Secretary
12 Consolidated Commission on Utilities (CCU), Chairperson/Member- Elected
13 Territorial Board of Education, Member- National Association of State Boards of
14 Education (NASBE) Accountability Study Group, Chairperson- Joint Boards of
15 Education (P.L. 15-44), Board Member- Guam's first Pacific Region Educational and
16 Learning Program (PREL), Chairperson, Guam Election Commission, Member-
17 American Red Cross Board, Member-Northwest Educational Laboratory Board,
18 President- Interfaith Volunteer Caregivers, Inc. (Local and National), Board Member-
19 Chief State School Officer, Board of Directors/Vice President- Latte of Freedom
20 Foundation, Chairperson- Vocational Rehabilitation Board of Control, Member-
21 Developmental Disabilities Council Founder- Ayuda I Manmalagnu Guahan, Inc., and
22 as Member of the Board of Regents, University of Guam; and,

23 **WHEREAS**, Gloria Camacho Borja Nelson's demonstrated commitment to the
24 People of Guam is abundantly evidenced in the more than 30 years of dedicated
25 service in a variety of positions and organizations such as serving as Board President-
26 Guam Lytico/Bodig Organization, Founder and President- Dinana Para I Direchun

1 Guahan Retirees & Survivors, Inc., Organized Neighborhood Tutorial Program &
2 Activities, Assisted in the upgrade of Los Angeles Medical Referral Office, Candidate
3 for Lt. Governor 1994 (Unsuccessful), Acting President- Guam Association of Retired
4 Persons (GARP), Member- American Association of Retired Persons (National),
5 Instrumental in establishing the Adolescent Residential Treatment Center,
6 Humanitarian Volunteer Shelteree for Young Adults/Elders, President & Advisor-
7 Interfaith Volunteer Caregivers- Youth Division, Chairperson- Fiestan
8 Guam/Liberation Day, Member- Governor's Task Force on CETA Restoration,
9 Instrumental in establishing the Agency of Human Resources Development (AHRD),
10 Administrator- Federal Disaster Assistance Act (FDAA) Guam Office, Advisor-
11 Youth Incorporated Organization, Member- Columbus Newman Hall Choir
12 (Catholic)- Ohio State University, Girls Scouts Master- Mongmong/Toto/Maite,
13 Youth Advisor- Teen Challenge, President- Sodality of Mary, Mongmong, Member-
14 Guam Women's Club, Member- Marianas Association of Retarded Citizens,
15 Coordinator- DOE Vietnam Refugee Feeding "Operation New Life," Chairperson-
16 Yigo Scrutinization Committee (Land for the Landless), Delegate/Vice Chairperson-
17 Democratic National Convention, President- Guam Democratic Women's
18 Organization (Affiliated w/National), Chairperson- Gov. Ricardo J. Bordallo
19 Gubernatorial Inauguration Committee, Chairperson- Democratic Jefferson/Jackson
20 Celebration, Chairperson- DOE Apprenticeship Program, Member- Credentials
21 Committee-Democratic National Convention ('92), Member- Democratic National
22 Convention- Platform Committee (Georgia, 1988), Initiated first Guam Lytico/Bodig
23 Telethon (assisted by state of Hawaii), Sheltered youths and adults- homeless and at-
24 risk youth, Chairperson- Fuetsan Famala'an Organization, Member- Catholic
25 Daughters of America (Inactive), Who's Who in Chamorro History (Vol. II), Adopted
26 two Palauan students to pursue their education on Guam, Chairperson TBE-

1 instrumental in the re-naming of Yigo Elementary School and Dededo Middle School
2 (Daniel L. Perez and Vicente SA Benavente Middle School, respectively), Directed
3 and implemented the "Penny Drive" island-wide school campaign to raise funds for
4 the Latte of Freedom- one of Governor Ricardo J. Bordallo's projects, Founder-
5 Fiestan Guam Rainan Gracia; and,

6 **WHEREAS**, the late Gloria Camacho Borja Nelson's lifelong commitment to
7 serving the People of Guam, accomplishments as an educator, senior member of
8 government, elected official, volunteer, and family woman shall forever illuminate the
9 good in Guam and in humankind, further enhance our collective efforts to improve the
10 living condition of the Chamoru people and those who choose to make Guam their
11 home, and for the enhanced treatment of the downtrodden and disenfranchised,
12 thereby distinguishing Gloria Camacho Borja Nelson as a quintessential and
13 unforgettable portrait of one of Guam's most remarkably compassionate, educated,
14 charismatic and forceful women for change and social justice; now therefore, be it

15 **RESOLVED**, that the Committee on Rules of *I Mina'Trentai Unu Na*
16 *Lihselaturan Guåhan* does hereby, on behalf *I Lihselaturan Guåhan* and the People of
17 Guam recognize and memorialize the life and contributions of Gloria Camacho Borja
18 Nelson, as an educator, volunteer, scholar, advocate for social change and who was a
19 lifelong educator, volunteer, scholar, advocate for social change and educational
20 reform, educational pioneer; and loving wife, mother, grandmother, great grandmother
21 mentor and surrogate; and whose work, thoughts, inspiration, and influence has left an
22 indelible mark upon our island community, in the hearts and minds of countless
23 numbers of individuals and families; and whose lifelong commitment to improving
24 life on Guam contributed to the improvement of public policy, strengthening of the
25 social fabric of our community, and having forever positively influenced Guam
26 history for the better; and be it further

1 **RESOLVED**, that the Speaker and the Chairperson of the Committee on Rules
2 certify, and the Legislative Secretary attest to, the adoption hereof, and that copies of
3 the same be thereafter transmitted to the family of the late Gloria Camacho Borja
4 Nelson and to 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
OCTOBER 2012.**

JUDITH T. WON PAT, Ed.D.
Speaker

RORY J. RESPICIO
Chairperson, Committee on Rules

TINA R. MUÑA BARNES.
Legislative Secretary