

I Mina' Trentai Dos Na Liheslaturan Guåhan
Resolutions Log Sheet

Resolution No.	Sponsor	Title	Date Intro	Date of Presentation	Date Referred	Committee / Ofc Referred	Date Adopted
45-32 (LS)	Rory J. Respicio	RELATIVE TO RECOGNIZING AND HONORING THE LIFE AND ACCOMPLISHMENTS OF DR. DIRK ANTHONY BALLENDORF, A LONG-TIME EDUCATOR, RESEARCHER AND FULBRIGHT SCHOLAR, FOR HIS CONTRIBUTIONS TO THE KNOWLEDGE AND HISTORY OF THE GUAM AND MICRONESIA REGION, AND TO EXTEND I LIHESLATURA'S CONDOLENCES TO HIS FAMILY, FRIENDS AND ACQUAINTANCES ON HIS UNTIMELY PASSING.	02/18/13 2:53 P.M.				

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Relative to recognizing and honoring the life and accomplishments of the late Dr. Dirk Anthony Ballendorf, a long-time educator, researcher and Fulbright scholar; to commending him for his invaluable contributions to the knowledge and history of the Guam and Micronesia region; and to further extending *I Liheslatura's* condolences to his family, friends and acquaintances on his untimely passing.

1 **BE IT RESOLVED BY *I MINA'TRENTAI DOS NA LIHESLATURAN***
2 ***GUÅHAN*:**

3 **WHEREAS**, the late Dr. Dirk Anthony Ballendorf, a long time educator,
4 researcher and notable scholar of Micronesia, was born in 1939, in Philadelphia,
5 Pennsylvania. He received his education in public schools, and graduated in 1961
6 from the Pennsylvania State College at West Chester; and

1 **WHEREAS**, at the age of 22, Dr. Ballendorf joined the Peace Corps and
2 spent two years serving as a volunteer in the Philippines, where he studied history
3 at the Ateneo de Manila University; and he went on to attain a Master’s Degree in
4 History from Howard University in Washington D.C. (1965), and a Doctor’s
5 Degree in Planning and Administration from Harvard University (1973); and

6 **WHEREAS**, for eight years, from 1975 to 1983, Dr. Ballendorf served as an
7 Adjunct Professor at the University of Southern California (USC) in Los Angeles;
8 and concurrently, in 1977, he was appointed to serve as President of the College of
9 Micronesia at Pohnpei, in the Eastern Caroline Islands; and

10 **WHEREAS**, Dr. Ballendorf entered the Fulbright Program, which is
11 sponsored by the U.S. government and is designed to “increase mutual
12 understanding between the people of the United States and the people of other
13 countries.” The Fulbright Program provides its participants, who are chosen for
14 their academic merit and leadership potential, with opportunities to study, teach,
15 conduct research, exchange ideas, and contribute to finding solutions for shared
16 international concerns in more than 150 countries around the world; and

17 **WHEREAS**, in 1979, Dr. Ballendorf joined the faculty of the Micronesian
18 Area Research Center (MARC) at the University of Guam (UOG), where he served
19 as Director from 1979 to 1984. He continued his service at UOG, writing 10 books
20 and more than 200 journal articles; and

21 **WHEREAS**, Dr. Ballendorf was a Fulbright Senior Fellow at Macquarie
22 University in Australia in 1985; and he was a Visiting Professor at several
23 universities, including Hanover University in Germany in 1989, Australia’s
24 Wollongong University in 1991, and in 1999, the Macmillan Brown Centre for
25 Pacific Studies, University of Canterbury in New Zealand; and

1 **WHEREAS**, Dr. Ballendorf served as a faculty member at the American
2 Military University (AMU) in Manassas Park, Virginia, and lectured at universities
3 in France, Russia, Japan, and the Academia Sinica in Taiwan; and he is the
4 recipient of The Colonel Robert D. Heinl, Jr. Memorial Award in Marine Corps
5 History, and the Distinguished Service Award presented by the Pacific Society of
6 Japan; and

7 **WHEREAS**, Dr. Ballendorf held the Directorship of MARC for two
8 separate terms - in 1979, and again in 2004; and as a notable scholar of Micronesia,
9 he had taught courses in Guam and Micronesia history for many years, while
10 simultaneously taping his regular radio show, “Micronesian Minute” on Talk
11 Radio 57; and he also served as President of the Navy League in Guam; and

12 **WHEREAS**, in 2008, following almost thirty years of service to UOG, Dr.
13 Ballendorf retired as Professor of History with the Micronesian Studies Program;
14 and

15 **WHEREAS**, in 2009, MARC honored Dr. Ballendorf at its first Gala for his
16 contributions to Guam and Micronesia history, and his authorship of numerous
17 books, articles, and journals, including *The Guam Secret Study*, co-authored with
18 CNMI attorney Howard Willens, which became a bestseller among MARC
19 publications; and

20 **WHEREAS**, predeceased by his son, Anton K. Ballendorf, in his passing
21 Dr. Ballendorf leaves behind his loving wife, Francesca Kedlaol Remengasau of
22 Palau, and their four children; as well as his daughter, Heidi M. Ballendorf; his
23 son, Hans G. Ballendorf; his stepson, Tiger Gillham; and two step-grandchildren;
24 now therefore, be it

25 **RESOLVED**, that *I Mina'Trentai Dos Na Liheslaturan Guåhan* does
26 hereby, on behalf of the people of Guam, recognize and honor the life and memory

1 of the late Dr. Dirk Anthony Ballendorf; does commend him for his many
2 accomplishments, his invaluable contributions and his lifetime of service to Guam
3 and Micronesia; and does further extend sincere condolences to his family, friends,
4 and acquaintances on his untimely passing; and be it further

5 **RESOLVED**, that the Speaker certify, and the Legislative Secretary attest
6 to, the adoption hereof, and that copies of the same be thereafter transmitted to the
7 family of the late Dr. Dirk Anthony Ballendorf – his wife, Francesca Kedlaol
8 Remengasau of Palau; his daughter, Heidi M. Ballendorf of Guam; his son, Hans
9 G. Ballendorf of Hawaii; and his stepson, Tiger Gillham of Guam; and to the
10 Honorable Edward J.B. Calvo, *I Maga'lahaen Guåhan*.

DULY AND REGULARLY ADOPTED BY *I MINA'TRENTAI DOS NA LIHESLATURAN GUÅHAN* ON THE 19th DAY OF FEBRUARY 2013.



JUDITH T. WON PAT, Ed.D.
Speaker



TINA ROSE MUÑA BARNES
Legislative Secretary