

I Mina' Trentai Dos Na Liheslaturan Guáhan
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118-32 (LS)	Dennis G. Rodriguez, Jr., Tina R. Muna Barnes, Judith T. Won Pat, Ed.D.	RELATIVE TO RECOGNIZING AND HONORING MRS. OLIVIA LEON GUERRERO UNTALAN ARROYO AS SHE CELEBRATES HER ONE HUNDRED SECOND (102nd) YEAR OF LIFE AND FURTHER COMMENDING HER AS A "2013 SENIOR CITIZENS MONTH CENTENARIAN."	4/30/2013 9:28 a.m.	05/08/13			4/30/2013

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Resolution No. 118-32 (LS)

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Relative to recognizing and honoring Mrs. Oliva Leon Guerrero Untalan Arroyo on the celebration of her 102nd year of life, and for her many notable achievements; and to further commending her as a “2013 Senior Citizens Month Centenarian.”

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

1 **WHEREAS**, Mrs. Oliva Leon Guerrero Untalan Arroyo was born in *Agaña* on
2 October 27, 1911; and is the daughter of †Pedro Cruz Untalan (*familian* Casimiro)
3 and †Rita Garrido Leon Guerrero (*familian* Sombrero); and

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

9 **WHEREAS**, although traditionally young girls growing up on Guam during
10 that time were expected to drop out of school at the age of 12, the young Oliva refused
11 to give up on her education. She attended the Guam Intermediate School and
12 graduated in 1927, and she then went on to attend the Guam Evening High School.
13 Between 1935 and the outbreak of World War II in 1941, Oliva took correspondence
14 courses from the University of Hawaii and the University of California. These
15 courses were offered on Guam during the summer for teachers pursuing an
16 Elementary Teaching Certificate; and

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

23 **WHEREAS**, Oliva taught in the pre-war schools in *Agaña* from 1927 to 1941.
24 These schools included the Roy C. Smith School in *Anigua*, the Althouse School
25 (*Bilibie*, near the *Paseo de Susanna*), the Leary School (near the *Plaza de España*), the
26 Post Office School, and the Dorn Hall School (also near the *Plaza de España*). Oliva

1 taught in the primary grade levels (pre-primers). Immediately after the recapture of
2 Guam by the Americans in 1944, Oliva began teaching at the “Compound Area,”
3 which was a concentration camp or shelter for the villagers awaiting clearance to
4 return safely to their homes in an area in *Anigua* near the *Pigo* Cemetery. She was a
5 “Teacher Trainer” for the Pacific Islands Teacher Training School (PITTS) in the late
6 1940s; and

7 **WHEREAS**, after the war, Oliva taught the upper elementary grades at *Agaña*
8 Elementary School, at *Piti* Elementary School (now Jose L.G. Rios Middle School)
9 and at *Barrigada* Elementary School. Oliva was the first Administrator of the new
10 Carbullido Elementary School, which was built in the aftermath of Super typhoon
11 Karen’s destruction of *Barrigada* Elementary School, prior to her retirement in 1972;
12 and

13 **WHEREAS**, Oliva accomplished much in her active years of dedicated service.
14 She provided counseling and tutoring services to many students, many of whom
15 became outstanding leaders in the community. When Oliva was a “Teacher Trainer”
16 at the Pacific Islands Training School, she had taught and trained students who were
17 selected from around the Pacific. Among her many outstanding students were David
18 Ramarui, who later became Director of Education in Palau; Amata Kabua, the
19 President of the Republic of the Marshall Islands; and Guam Senator Joe T. San
20 Agustin; and

21 **WHEREAS**, while serving as Principal at Carbullido Elementary School, Oliva
22 introduced the *Chamorro* bilingual program into the curriculum. Carbullido
23 Elementary’s new school building also was under construction under her tenure.
24 Additionally, Oliva had inaugurated special education classes at *Barrigada*
25 Elementary School, and a remedial reading program at Carbullido Elementary School;
26 and

1 **WHEREAS**, Oliva received numerous awards during her public service in the
2 field of education. In 1970, she received a Gold Medal Award for her public service
3 from Governor Carlos Camacho and Lieutenant Governor Kurt Moylan. When she
4 retired in 1972, Governor Camacho, Lieutenant Governor Moylan, and Senator Joe T.
5 San Agustin awarded her with a Certificate of Appreciation; and *I Liheslaturan*
6 *Guåhan* (the Guam Legislature) also adopted a Legislative Resolution congratulating
7 and commending her for her work. The Territorial Board of Education also awarded
8 her in appreciation of her many years of dedicated service to the children and people
9 of Guam. Oliva was named to the Guam Educators’ Hall of Fame International,
10 sponsored by *Phi Delta Kappa* Guam Chapter 1302, in 1996. She was also named to
11 the *I Manfayi – Who’s Who in Chamorro History*, Vol II, in 1997. At its spring
12 commencement in June 2008, the University of Guam awarded Oliva with an
13 Honorary Degree for “Distinguished Community Service”; and

14 **WHEREAS**, Oliva was also very active in the church community as a Parish
15 Member of the *Dulce Nombre de Maria* Cathedral-Basilica, and later of the St.
16 Anthony - St. Victor Parishes. She participated in numerous social and church
17 functions; and she served on numerous boards, and as president or in some leadership
18 capacity, of the Island-Wide Christian Mothers, the Third Order of St. Francis, and the
19 Parent Teacher Association of the Academy of Our Lady of Guam. She was recently
20 named as an Honorary Associate of the Sisters of Mercy. She was the *Tamuning-*
21 *Tumon-Harmon* (TaTuHa) Grand Marshall for the 2011 Liberation/*Fiestan* Guam
22 festivities celebrating the *Manamko* of our island; and

23 **WHEREAS**, Oliva’s love of her family is evident, as she is blessed with 22
24 grandchildren, 47 great-grand children and two great-great grandchildren. She
25 continues to enjoy reading, relaxing, eating, singing, dancing, and being entertained.

1 Oliva maintains a joyful, prayerful, and grateful spirit amidst the aches and pains of
2 centenarian living; now therefore, be it

3 **RESOLVED**, that *I Mina'Trentai Dos Na Liheslaturan Guåhan* does hereby,
4 on behalf of the people of Guam, honor and recognize Mrs. Oliva Untalan Leon
5 Guerrero Arroyo on the celebration of her 102nd year of life, and for her many notable
6 achievements; and does further commend her as a “2013 Senior Citizens Month
7 Centenarian”; and be it further

8 **RESOLVED**, that the Speaker certify, and the Legislative Secretary attest to,
9 the adoption hereof, and that copies of the same be thereafter transmitted to Mrs.
10 Oliva Untalan Leon Guerrero Arroyo; and to the Honorable Edward J.B. Calvo, *I*
11 *Maga'lahaen Guåhan*.

DULY AND REGULARLY ADOPTED BY *I MINA'TRENTAI DOS NA LIHESLATURAN GUÅHAN* ON THE 30TH DAY OF APRIL 2013.



JUDITH T. WON PAT, Ed.D.
Speaker



TINA ROSE MUÑA BARNES
Legislative Secretary