

I Mina' Trentai Dos Na Liheslaturan Guåhan

Resolutions Log Sheet

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204-32 (LS)	B. J.F. Cruz	Relative to recognizing and extending a warmDångkolo Na Si Yu'osMa'aseto Claire Gonzalez Virata on her retirement after thirty (30) years of serving the island and for the outstanding contributions she has made as a social worker and advocate for our island's youth, elderly, and persons with disabilities; and to further extend our best wishes for her in future endeavors, on behalf of the people of Guam.	08/19/13 3:39 p.m.	08/23/13			08/19/13

***I MINA'TRENTAI DOS NA LIHESLATURAN GUÅHAN***  
**2013 (FIRST) Regular Session**

**Resolution No. 204-32 (LS)**

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**Relative to recognizing, commending and congratulating Claire Gonzalez Virata on her retirement after thirty (30) years of serving the island, and extending a warm *Un Dångkolo Na Si Yu'os Ma'åse'* to her for the outstanding contributions she has made as a social worker and advocate for our island's youth, elderly, and persons with disabilities; and to further extending our best wishes to her in her future endeavors, on behalf of the people of Guam.**

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

1       **WHEREAS**, it is the custom of this Legislative Body to recognize those  
2 residents of Guam whose lifework and civic endeavors have served to enhance the  
3 quality of life in their communities and this great island territory; and

4       **WHEREAS**, attendant to such concern, and in full accord with its long-standing  
5 traditions, this Legislative Body is justly proud to honor Claire Gonzalez Virata  
6 upon the occasion of her retirement after many years of distinguished service to the  
7 island; and

8       **WHEREAS**, born in the Philippines, Claire Virata graduated from the  
9 Assumption College in Makati, Philippines, in 1980, with a Bachelor of Science  
10 degree in Psychology, and a minor in Education, with an emphasis in English  
11 literature; and

12       **WHEREAS**, Claire Virata began her esteemed career with the Department of  
13 Vocational Rehabilitation Field Services Unit, serving as a Vocational  
14 Rehabilitation Counselor for adults with disabilities from 1981 to 1984, where she  
15 developed rehabilitation and educational programs to meet clients' unique needs;  
16 and

17       **WHEREAS**, from 1984 to 1985, Claire Virata served as a Social Worker for the  
18 Department of Public Health and Social Services' (DPHSS) Adoption and Custody  
19 Unit, where she assisted in the adoption process, both in putting children up for  
20 adoption and placing orphans in foster or adoptive homes; and she diligently  
21 monitored the progress of home placements of infants and minors, and performed  
22 court-ordered investigations and reporting; and

23       **WHEREAS**, Claire Virata worked as a Caseworker for the non-profit  
24 organization, Sanctuary, Inc., from 1985 to 1989; and she developed the  
25 Temporary Alternative Placement Program (TAPP), wherein homes are recognized  
26 by the Family Court of Guam and DPHSS as official residential alternatives for  
27 youth in need of placement outside of their natural home; and

1       **WHEREAS**, in 1988, Claire Virata began her service at the Guam Department  
2 of Education (GDOE) as a Guidance Counselor at J.P. Torres Elementary School  
3 in Santa Rita, where she developed individualized behavior modification programs  
4 and coordinated the Saturdays Scholars Program, a supplemental academic  
5 delivery project between the United States Navy and GDOE; from 1989 to 1994,  
6 she served as a Social Worker for the Emotionally Handicapped Program of the  
7 Psychological Services unit of GDOE's Division of Special Education, where she  
8 coordinated the delivery of educational services to special education students  
9 during their court-ordered stay at the Department of Youth Affairs (DYA) Juvenile  
10 Detention Facility; and from 1994 to 1996, she continued her services as a Social  
11 Worker for the Division at John F. Kennedy High School, where she provided  
12 consultations to teachers and school personnel regarding special education  
13 students; and

14       **WHEREAS**, from 1997 to 1999, Claire Virata returned to DPHSS and worked  
15 as a Social Worker for the Adult Protective Unit of the Division of Senior Citizens,  
16 where she investigated referrals and developed treatment programs and  
17 intervention plans to stop and prevent present and further mistreatment of the  
18 elderly and adults with disabilities who have been abused, neglected and exploited;  
19 and

20       **WHEREAS**, in 1999, Claire Virata worked as an Advocate for the Guam Legal  
21 Services Corporation, where she provided protection and advocacy services for  
22 clients with disabilities alleging abuse, neglect, exploitation and/or denial of rights;  
23 and

24       **WHEREAS**, after returning to the Philippines and working as a Corporate  
25 Secretary for MELCON Development Corporation in Mandaluyong City from  
26 2000 to 2007, Claire Virata entered the private sector as a Social Worker for the  
27 American Dialysis Center, before returning to public service as a Social Worker

1 for the Child Protective Services Section, and later, the Division of Senior Citizens  
2 of DPHSS's Bureau of Social Services Administration, where she assiduously  
3 remained dedicated to her work with the elderly until her retirement on August 16,  
4 2013; and

5 **WHEREAS**, active in the community, Claire Virata has been affiliated with  
6 numerous organizations, including: the Southern Sunset Jaycees; the Western  
7 Pacific Association for the Disabled; Guma' Mami; the Community-Based Support  
8 Group for the Visually Impaired on Guam; and the Epileptic Foundation of Guam;  
9 and

10 **WHEREAS**, rare indeed is the occurrence of such a compassionate blending of  
11 strength, kindness and commitment as that demonstrated by Claire Virata over a  
12 lifetime of sacrifice and dedication to others; now therefore, be it

13 **RESOLVED**, that *I Mina'Trentai Dos Na Liheslaturan Guåhan* does hereby, on  
14 behalf of the people of Guam, recognize and congratulate Claire Gonzalez Virata  
15 on her retirement after thirty (30) years for service to the government of Guam;  
16 and does further express heartfelt appreciation and *Un Dångkolo Na Si Yu'os*  
17 *Ma'åse'* to Claire Gonzalez Virata for her exemplary service, and wish her well in  
18 her future endeavors; and be it further

19 **RESOLVED**, that the Speaker certify, and the Legislative Secretary attest to, the  
20 adoption hereof, and that copies of the same be thereafter transmitted to Claire  
21 Gonzalez Virata; and to the Honorable Edward J.B. Calvo, *I Maga'lahen Guåhan*.

**DULY AND REGULARLY ADOPTED BY I MINA'TRENTAI DOS NA LIHESLATURAN GUÅHAN ON THIS 19<sup>th</sup> DAY OF AUGUST 2013.**



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



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