

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
427-32 (COR)	Aline A. Yamashita, Ph.D.	Relative to honoring, commending, and expressing a sincere un dângkulo na si Yu'os ma'åse' to Mr. John Armstrong on the occasion of his retirement from the Guam Community College, and to further recognizing him for dedicating twenty-five (25) years of his life to building futures with the people of Guam	7/17/14 12:43 p.m.	09/12/14 9 a.m.			09/08/14

I MINA'TRENTAI DOS NA LIHESLATURAN GUÅHAN
2014 (SECOND) Regular Session

Resolution No. 427-32 (COR)

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Relative to recognizing, honoring, and commending Mr. John Armstrong on the occasion of his retirement from the Guam Community College; and to further expressing a sincere *Un Dångkolo Na Si Yu'os Ma'åse'* to him for dedicating twenty-five (25) years of his life to building futures for the people of Guam.

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

3 **WHEREAS, Mr. John Armstrong was born on March 29, 1952; and his proud**
4 **parents are Mr. and Mrs. John and Dorothy Armstrong. John married the love of his**
5 **life, Janet McCoshen, on January 31, 1976. They have been married for thirty-eight**
6 **(38) years, and together were blessed with a beautiful daughter, Summer Galarpe.**

1 John and Janet Armstrong are also the proud grandparents of two (2) grandchildren,
2 Brendon and Kailee; and

3 **WHEREAS**, on January 3, 1981, John graduated from the University of
4 Arkansas with a Bachelor of Arts Degree in Spanish/Latin American Studies; and he
5 received his Teaching Certification on May 6, 1986. He further pursued and earned
6 his Master's Degree in Education from the University of Portland on May 1, 1991;
7 and

8 **WHEREAS**, John and Janet Armstrong moved to Guam on August 1, 1989,
9 and John first taught Spanish and Social Studies at George Washington High School
10 in *Mangilao*, from August 1989 to May 1992; and it was after his first year of
11 teaching on Guam that John and his wife decided to make Guam their home; and

12 **WHEREAS**, John then started teaching at the Guam Community College
13 (GCC) in August of 1992; and after twenty-five (25) years of government of Guam
14 service as an educator, most recently as an Associate Professor for GCC's Criminal
15 Justice and Social Sciences Department, John will be retired on August 1, 2014; and

16 **WHEREAS**, John Armstrong was a great asset to the development and
17 institutional success of the Guam Community College. He was responsible for the
18 creation of the college governance model, where he served as President of the Faculty
19 Senate and chaired various committees. John's outstanding work as an educator was
20 appropriately recognized when he was presented with the Guam Community
21 College's "Outstanding Faculty Award" in 2006; and

22 **WHEREAS**, John successfully authored the course guidelines that established
23 the Liberal Arts Program, which is currently the most popular degree program of
24 choice for students enrolled at the Guam Community College. GCC's Liberal Arts
25 Program is fully articulated through an agreement with the University of Guam; and

1 **WHEREAS**, John aided with the organization and writing of the Guam
2 Community College’s Pandemic Response Plan in the early phases of the H1N5
3 (avian influenza) scare in May 2009; and

4 **WHEREAS**, in the Spring of 2009, John assigned his students with the task of
5 registering eligible residents to vote in Guam’s elections. This project was a
6 component of their learning experience; and through his guidance, they learned that
7 exercising the right to vote in free and fair elections affects their lives and the future of
8 their community. Maria Pangelinan, Executive Director of the Guam Election
9 Commission, noticed John’s efforts in helping to increase voter registration on the
10 island, and she suggested that other teachers develop similar learning activities which
11 promote community and civic engagement; and

12 **WHEREAS**, John has demonstrated his love for the people of Guam, and the
13 deep appreciation he has for the island he and his family have called home for the last
14 twenty-five (25) years. John’s belief that education should be a transformative
15 experience by creating a commitment to learning beyond the classroom has been
16 exemplified by the many non-profit organizations and community outreach programs
17 that John has committed himself to over his many years on Guam, which include: the
18 American Red Cross of Guam; the Salvation Army Guam Community; the Western
19 Pacific Regional Management Council; and the Guam Homeless Coalition; and

20 **WHEREAS**, as a member of the Guam Homeless Coalition, John recognized
21 the value of exposing his students to learning opportunities that build upon the values
22 of respect, compassion, and service to others. In 2012, John received the
23 “Humanitarian of the Year” Award for organizing the collection and distribution of
24 food, toiletries, and other essentials for Guam’s homeless community during the
25 Thanksgiving season. The Award further recognized the contributions he and his
26 students have made through their involvement in other projects of the Guam Homeless

1 Coalition, including the *Passport to Services* event, and the *Point-In-Time Homeless*
2 *Count*; now therefore, be it

3 **RESOLVED**, that the Committee on Rules of *I Mina'Trentai Dos Na*
4 *Liheslaturan Guåhan* does hereby, on behalf of *I Liheslaturan Guåhan* and the people
5 of Guam, recognize, honor, and commend Mr. John Armstrong on the occasion of his
6 retirement from the Guam Community College; and does further express a sincere *Un*
7 *Dångkolo Na Si Yu'os Ma'åse'* to him for dedicating twenty-five (25) years of his life
8 to building futures for the people of Guam; and be it further

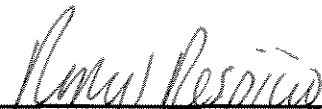
9 **RESOLVED**, that the Speaker and the Chairperson of the Committee on Rules
10 certify, and the Legislative Secretary attest to, the adoption hereof, and that copies of
11 the same be thereafter transmitted to Mr. John Armstrong; and to the Honorable
12 Edward J.B. Calvo, *I Maga'lahaen Guåhan*.

**DULY AND REGULARLY ADOPTED BY THE COMMITTEE ON RULES
OF *I MINA'TRENTAI DOS NA LIHESLATURAN GUÅHAN* ON THE 8TH
DAY OF SEPTEMBER 2014.**



JUDITH T. WON PAT, Ed.D.

Speaker



RORY J. RESPICIO

Chairperson, Committee on Rules



TINA ROSE MUÑA BARNES

Legislative Secretary



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Resolution No. 427-32 (COR) Aline A. Yamashita, Ph.D.- "Relative to recognizing, honoring, and commending Mr. John Armstrong on the occasion of his retirement from the Guam Community College; and to further expressing a sincere *Un Dangkolo Na Si Yu'os Ma'ase'* to him for dedicating twenty-five (25) years of his life to building futures for the people of Guam.

	SIGNATURE	DATE	TO ADOPT	TO NOT ADOPT	TO ABSTAIN
SENATOR RORY J. RESPICIO Chairperson					
SENATOR THOMAS C. ADA Vice-Chairperson		9/5/14 E-VOTE	✓		
SPEAKER JUDITH T. WON PAT, Ed.D. Member		9/5/14 E-VOTE	✓		
VICE-SPEAKER BENJAMIN J.F. CRUZ Member					
LEGISLATIVE SECRETARY TINA ROSE MUÑA BARNES Member		9/5/14 E-VOTE	✓		
SENATOR VICENTE (Ben) C. PANGELINAN Member					
SENATOR DENNIS G. RODRIGUEZ, JR. Member					
SENATOR FRANK BLAS AGUON, JR. Member		9/5/14 E-VOTE	✓		
SENATOR MICHAEL F.Q. SAN NICOLAS Member					
SENATOR V. ANTHONY ADA Minority Member		9/5/14 E-VOTE	✓		
SENATOR ALINE YAMASHITA Minority Member	<i>alms</i>	9/5/14	✓		

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Date: _____

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Name: *[Signature]*

Date: 9/8/14

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