

I Mina Trentai Tres Na Liheslaturan Guåhan
Resolutions Log Sheet

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107-33 (LS)	Mary Camacho Torres T. R. Muña Barnes	Relative to recognizing and congratulating Sister Francis Jerome, RSM, on the occasion of her retirement as the Principal of the Academy of Our Lady of Guam after forty-eight years of hard work and dedication to the education, advisement, and development of the Academy of Our Lady of Guam and the more than five thousand students who have graduated under her leadership; and to further extending Un Dangkolo Na Si Yu'os Ma'åse' to her for her faithful service to the community of Guam.	05/14/15 2:14 p.m.	05/16/15 2:00 p.m.					05/14/15

I MINA'TRENTAI TRES NA LIHESLATURAN GUÅHAN
2015 (FIRST) Regular Session

Resolution No. 107-33 (LS)

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Relative to recognizing and congratulating Sister Francis Jerome Cruz, RSM, on the occasion of her retirement as the Principal of the Academy of Our Lady of Guam after forty-eight years of hard work and dedication to the education, advisement, and development of the Academy of Our Lady of Guam and the more than five thousand students who have graduated under her leadership; and to further extending *Un Dângkolo Na Si Yu'os Ma'åse'* to her for her faithful service to the community of Guam.

- 1 **BE IT RESOLVED BY *I MINA'TRENTAI TRES NA LIHESLATURAN***
2 ***GUÅHAN*:**
3 **WHEREAS,** Sister Francis Jerome Cruz was born Maria Camacho Cruz; and
4 she is the daughter of Jose Farfan Cruz and Jesufina Camacho Cruz, and grew up in

1 the village of *Mangilao*, where she was an active parishioner of the *Mangilao* Catholic
2 Church parish; and

3 **WHEREAS**, Sister Francis Jerome Cruz entered the Sisters of Mercy on July 2,
4 1952; and she chose the religious name of Sister Francis Jerome, in honor of St.
5 Francis and St. Jerome; and

6 **WHEREAS**, in 1963, Sister Francis Jerome received a Bachelor of Arts Degree
7 (BA) in English at the College of St. Mary, in Omaha, Nebraska; and

8 **WHEREAS**, in 1966, Sister Francis Jerome received a Master of Arts Degree
9 (M.A.) in English from St. Louis University, in Nebraska; and

10 **WHEREAS**, from 1966 to 1970, Sister Francis Jerome joined the Academy of
11 Our Lady of Guam (AOLG) and served as a Civics, French, and English teacher; and

12 **WHEREAS**, from 1970 to 1974, Sister Francis Jerome worked as the AOLG
13 Principal, and she was able to help the school acquire the Academy of Our Lady of
14 Guam's first accreditation; and

15 **WHEREAS**, from 1974 to 1980, Sister Francis Jerome was a full time British
16 and American Literature teacher; and

17 **WHEREAS**, from 1980 to 1988, Sister Francis Jerome served as the Regional
18 Superior for the Guam Sisters of Mercy, and she still taught British Literature on a
19 part time basis; and

20 **WHEREAS**, from 1990 to 2002, Sister Francis Jerome oversaw tremendous
21 school improvements during a period of natural disasters, including: the renovation of
22 the cafeteria and auditorium; changing all of the school's windows; changing and
23 repairing the school's roof; the renovation of the gym's floor and windows; re-tiling
24 of the carpeted classrooms and foyer, now the "Gathering Room"; and the rewiring of

1 the school's electrical system. In addition, Sister Francis Jerome expanded the
2 school's curriculum to include and grow the number of Honors and Advanced
3 Placement Courses offered; and she ensured the implementation and incorporation of
4 technology at the Academy of Our Lady of Guam, and upgraded the school's
5 communications system internally and with parents via the implementation of the
6 ShoreTel telephone system campus-wide and TeacherEase, the on-line
7 communication and grading system with parents, faculty, and students; and

8 **WHEREAS**, in 1990, Sister Francis Jerome received a Master's Degree
9 (M.Ed.) in School Administration from Boston College, in Boston, Massachusetts;
10 and

11 **WHEREAS**, in 1996, Sister Francis Jerome received a Chief *Gadao* Award for
12 outstanding leadership in education awarded by the Governor of Guam; and

13 **WHEREAS**, in 1997, Sister Francis Jerome received a National Catholic
14 Education Association (NCEA) Secondary Department of Educators' Award; and she
15 also received an appointment by the NCEA President Michael Guerra to serve as
16 NCEA Region Associate II; and

17 **WHEREAS**, from 2002 to 2015, Sister Francis Jerome implemented the
18 President-Principal Administration model at the Academy; she ensured the school's
19 growth into the technology age, and oversaw the first strategic planning for growth;
20 and she established the school's Endowment Fund; and

21 **WHEREAS**, Sister Francis Jerome launched various successful fundraising
22 events, including the Annual 5K and AOLG Advisory Board fundraisers; as well as
23 the Lani Misalucha Concert, and the "Women In Business, Women In Power" Wine
24 Tasting Social. These fundraising events helped raise funds for scholarships and

1 capital improvements. The funds also helped to realize Sister Francis Jerome’s dream
2 of having the Science, Technology, and Resource (STaR) Wing, which houses the
3 science classrooms, state of the art labs, technology/resource labs, and the library.
4 The STaR Wing was way ahead of the U.S. DOE establishment of the STEM
5 Program; and

6 **WHEREAS**, in 2009, Sister Francis Jerome was awarded with the Hall of
7 Fame Honorary Laureate Award from the Academy of Our Lady of Guam; and

8 **WHEREAS**, Sister Francis Jerome is and has been a member of the Guam
9 Humanities Council, the Archdiocesan Catholic School Board of Education, the
10 National Catholic Education Association, and the Mercy Secondary School Network;
11 and

12 **WHEREAS**, Sister Francis Jerome’s tremendous accomplishments for the
13 benefit of the Academy of Our Lady of Guam and the more than five thousand
14 students who have graduated under her advisement have been beneficial to the
15 community of Guam; now therefore, be it

16 **RESOLVED**, that *I Mina'Trentai Tres Na Liheslaturan Guåhan* does hereby,
17 on behalf of the people of Guam, recognize and congratulate Sister Francis Jerome
18 Cruz, RSM on the occasion of her retirement as Principal of the Academy of Our
19 Lady of Guam after forty-eight (48) years of hard work and dedication to the
20 education, advisement, and development of the Academy of Our Lady of Guam and
21 the more than five thousand students who have graduated under her leadership; and
22 does further extend *Un Dångkolo Na Si Yu'os Ma'åse'* to her for her faithful service
23 to the community of Guam; and be it further


24 **RESOLVED**, that the Speaker certify, and the Legislative Secretary attest to,

1 the adoption hereof, and that copies of the same be thereafter transmitted to Sister
2 Francis Jerome Cruz, RSM; to the Principal of the Academy of Our Lady of Guam;
3 and to the Honorable Edward J.B. Calvo, *I Maga'lahaen Guåhan*.

DULY AND REGULARLY ADOPTED BY *I MINA'TRENTAI TRES NA LIHESLATURAN GUÅHAN* ON THE 14TH DAY OF MAY 2015.



BENJAMIN J.F. CRUZ
Acting Speaker



TINA ROSE MUÑA BARNES
Legislative Secretary