

I Mina Trentai Tres Na Liheslaturan Guåhan
Resolutions Log Sheet

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121-33 (LS)	N. B. Underwood, Ph.D.	Relative to commending and congratulating Ms. Melanie Mesa Blas on the occasion of being bestowed the honor of being named as the "Guam Department of Education 2015 Teacher of the Year"; and to further extending a sincere Un Dangkolo Na Si Yu'os Ma'åse' to her for her commitment and dedication to enriching the lives of students within the Guam Department of Education.	05/28/15 2:05 p.m.	06/01/15 2:00 p.m.					05/27/15

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Resolution No. 121-33 (LS)

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- 1 **BE IT RESOLVED BY *I MINA'TRENTAI TRES NA LIHESLATURAN***
2 ***GUÁHAN*:**
3 **WHEREAS, Ms. Melanie Mesa Blas received her Bachelor of Arts degree in**
4 **Molecular and Cell Biology at the University of California at Berkeley, in May of**

1 1995; and received her Masters of Education degree in Secondary Education at the
2 University of Guam, in May of 2011; and

3 **WHEREAS**, Melanie has been teaching for over twenty (20) years. In 1995,
4 she began her teaching career as a math teacher at Fremont High School in Oakland,
5 California, where she taught for one (1) year; and she then returned to Guam in 1996
6 to teach middle and high school math, reading, science, biology and marine biology to
7 students of the Guam Department of Education; and

8 **WHEREAS**, Melanie has received numerous grants and awards throughout her
9 teaching career, to include, the Armed Forces Communications and Electronics
10 Association (AFCEA) STEM Grant Recipient (2011, 2012); a Legislative Resolution
11 recognizing her for the coordination of student involvement in Shark Protection
12 (2011-2012); a Legislative Resolution for being a “Guam Teacher of the Year” finalist
13 (2013); the National Partnership for Environmental Technology Education (PETE);
14 the National Science Foundation (NSF) Mini-Grant Recipient (2013); the MagPro
15 2013 “Community Service and Volunteerism Award,” and a Legislative Resolution
16 recognizing her for the award; the 2014 Presidential Innovation Award for
17 Environmental Educators given by the White House Council on Environmental
18 Quality and the United States Environmental Protection Agency for Dedication and
19 Leadership in Environmental Education; and most recently, she was nominated for the
20 Presidential Awards for Excellence in Mathematics and Science Teaching (PAEMST)
21 on behalf of the White House Office of Science and Technology Policy; and

22 **WHEREAS**, to further improve the quality of her teaching techniques, Melanie
23 attended various professional development training and conferences in Hawaii,
24 California and Guam; and

25 **WHEREAS**, Melanie was instrumental in involving her students with
26 community volunteerism, and she coordinated with government and several non-profit
27 organizations on projects calling for change in our environment, such as: the Simon

1 Sanchez High School MADE (Making a Difference in the Environment); participating
2 in the Guam Coral Reef Monitoring Program to save our coral reefs; working with the
3 I-Recycle Program to promote recycling by reducing the use of plastics; advocating
4 for the protection of sharks from shark finning with the PEW Environmental Group,
5 Humane Society International (HIS) Wild Aid; and joining forces with the People for
6 the Ethical Treatment of Animals (PETA2); and

7 **WHEREAS**, during the Foundation for Public Education, Inc. Gala held on
8 May 13, 2015, Ms. Melanie Mesa Blas was awarded as the “Department of Education
9 Teacher of the Year”; now, therefore, be it

10 **RESOLVED**, that *I Mina'Trentai Tres Na Liheslaturan Guåhan* does hereby,
11 on behalf of the people of Guam, commend and congratulate Ms. Melanie Blas on the
12 occasion of being bestowed the honor of being named as the “Guam Department of
13 Education 2015 Teacher of the Year”; and does further extend a sincere *Un Dångkolo*
14 *Na Si Yu'os Ma'åse'* to her for her commitment and dedication to enriching the lives of
15 students within the Guam Department of Education; and be it further

16 **RESOLVED**, that the Speaker certify, and the Legislative Secretary attest to,
17 the adoption hereof, and that copies of the same be thereafter transmitted to Ms.
18 Melanie Blas; to Mr. Jon Fernandez, Superintendent, Guam Department of Education;
19 to Mr. Peter Alecxis Ada, Chairman, Guam Education Board; to Ms. Carla Masnayon
20 (Acting) Principal, Simon Sanchez High School; and to the Honorable Edward J.B.
21 Calvo, *I Maga'lahren Guåhan*.

DULY AND REGULARLY ADOPTED BY *I MINA'TRENTAI TRES NA LIHESLATURAN GUÅHAN* ON THE 28TH DAY OF MAY 2015.



JUDITH T. WON PAT, Ed.D.
Speaker



TINA ROSE MUÑA BARNES
Legislative Secretary