



I Mina'Trentai Tres Na Liheslaturan Guåhan

The 33rd Guam Legislature

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December 5, 2016

The Honorable Edward J.B. Calvo
I Maga'låhen Guåhan
Ufisinan I Maga'låhi
Hagåtña, Guam

Dear *Maga'låhi* Calvo:

Transmitted herewith is **Resolution No. 513-33 (LS)**, “Relative to expressing the enthusiastic support of *I Liheslaturan Guåhan* for the re-nomination of the Honorable Frances Tydingco-Gatewood to serve as Chief Judge of the U.S. District Court of Guam; and to further recognizing her for her distinguished career as a jurist in and for the island of Guam and the United States of America,” which was duly and regularly adopted by *I Mina'Trentai Tres Na Liheslaturan Guåhan* on December 2, 2016.

Sincerely,

TINA ROSE MUÑA BARNES
Legislative Secretary

Enclosure (1)

I MINA'TRENTAI TRES NA LIHESLATURAN GUÅHAN
2016 (SECOND) Regular Session

Resolution No. 513-33 (LS)

Introduced by:

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

3 **WHEREAS**, subsequent to years of war and occupation, the people of Guam
4 have persevered through growth and prosperity, and have transformed a once war-torn
5 island into a modern hub of American democracy in the western Pacific; and

1 **WHEREAS**, the people of Guam stand ready and confident to maintain this
2 progress as partners and beneficiaries of American democracy in the western Pacific
3 region as our nation ushers in a new era of leadership under President-elect Donald J.
4 Trump Sr.; and

5 **WHEREAS**, the people of Guam look forward to the continuity of judicial
6 leadership in the western Pacific under the guidance of the Honorable Frances
7 Tydingco-Gatewood as Chief Judge of the U.S. District Court of Guam; and

8 **WHEREAS**, the members of *I Mina'Trentai Tres Na Liheslaturan Guåhan*, on
9 behalf of the people of Guam, take note of the education, professionalism, and numerous
10 achievements of the Honorable Frances Tydingco-Gatewood; and

11 **WHEREAS**, the Honorable Frances Tydingco-Gatewood earned her Bachelor
12 of Arts degree in Political Science in 1980, and a Juris Doctorate degree in 1983,
13 becoming the first *Chamorro* woman to serve as Assistant Attorney General for Guam
14 in 1984, and also the first *Chamorro* woman to serve as Guam's Chief Prosecutor; and

15 **WHEREAS**, the Honorable Frances Tydingco-Gatewood's extensive work both
16 in Guam and in the United States serving in various capacities, such as trial team leader
17 in charge of the Sex Crimes Unit, as prosecutor for numerous homicide and drug-related
18 cases, and as supervisor for numerous attorneys, earned her the esteemed reputation as
19 a tough and impartial prosecutor steadfast in the administration of justice, which in turn
20 garnered her a nomination and confirmation as the first *Chamorro* woman to serve the
21 people of Guam as a trial judge of the Superior Court of Guam in 1994; and

22 **WHEREAS**, the Honorable Frances Tydingco-Gatewood's commitment to
23 sound jurisprudence propelled this distinguished daughter of Guam to further serve her
24 island as an Associate Justice of the Supreme Court of Guam in 1991 - a pivotal point
25 in her career. Additionally, she was appointed by the Honorable Chief Justice Miguel
26 Demapan of the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands to serve as a

1 designated Associate Justice for the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands in
2 cases of conflict; and

3 **WHEREAS**, the Honorable Frances Tydingco-Gatewood’s leadership of the
4 Judiciary has set for our community a strong sense of the rule of law and justice for the
5 island, which has been a deterrent for crimes; and she has extended her service beyond
6 the bench through her work on the Family Violence Task Force, as well as various
7 Supreme Court of Guam subcommittees that have been instrumental in the
8 administration of justice; and

9 **WHEREAS**, with more than two (2) decades of service to ensuring justice for
10 Guam, the Honorable Frances Tydingco-Gatewood once again achieved a first for
11 Guam’s *Chamorro* women with her 2006 appointment by President George H.W. Bush
12 to serve as Chief Judge for the U.S. District Court of Guam; and

13 **WHEREAS**, her decade-long service on the federal bench has been the impetus
14 for critical advancements for Guam, such as the closure of the *Ordot* landfill, a highly
15 controversial ruling that despite its cost to the Government of Guam was crucial to
16 maintaining the health, safety, and well-being of the island community; and her
17 presiding over the two (2)-decades-long Department of Corrections Stipulated Order
18 and Consent Decree was crucial to maintaining justice for society’s incarcerated
19 community; and

20 **WHEREAS**, the Honorable Frances Tydingco-Gatewood exemplifies a
21 distinguished belief in and adherence to the Constitution of the United States of
22 America, and the federal regulations that govern our island’s well-being and role as our
23 nation’s partner in the western Pacific; and

24 **WHEREAS**, the Honorable Justice Frances Tydingco-Gatewood’s firsthand
25 experience and work with those affected by the devastation of drugs and violence is a
26 driving force behind her commitments beyond the bench as a vocal advocate for policies

1 and programs that seek to strengthen families to better serve our children as well as to
2 put an end to the international war on human trafficking; and

3 **WHEREAS**, the people of Guam, and most especially the island's future women
4 leaders, are privileged to have the Honorable Frances Tydingco-Gatewood, a proud and
5 accomplished daughter of Guam, serve as an exemplary leader who is committed to
6 justice as an attorney and judge while balancing her commitment to her family, her
7 husband of thirty-three (33) years, and her children and grandchildren; now therefore,
8 be it

9 **RESOLVED**, that *I Mina'Trentai Tres Na Liheslaturan Guåhan* does hereby, on
10 behalf of the people of Guam, express its enthusiastic support for the re-nomination of
11 the Honorable Frances Tydingco-Gatewood to serve as Chief Judge for the U.S. District
12 Court of Guam; and does further recognize her for her distinguished career as a jurist in
13 and for the island of Guam and the United States of America; and be it further

14 **RESOLVED**, that the Speaker certify, and the Legislative Secretary attest to, the
15 adoption hereof, and that copies of the same be thereafter transmitted to the Honorable
16 Frances Tydingco-Gatewood, Chief Judge, U.S. District Court of Guam; to the
17 Honorable Madeleine Z. Bordallo, Guam Delegate to the U.S. Congress; to the
18 Honorable Raymond S. Tenorio, *I Segundu Na Maga'låhen Guåhan*; and to the
19 Honorable Edward J.B. Calvo, *I Maga'låhen Guåhan*.

DULY AND REGULARLY ADOPTED BY *I MINA'TRENTAI TRES NA LIHESLATURAN GUÅHAN* ON THE 2ND DAY OF DECEMBER 2016.



JUDITH T. WON PAT, Ed.D.
Speaker



TINA ROSE MUÑA BARNES
Legislative Secretary

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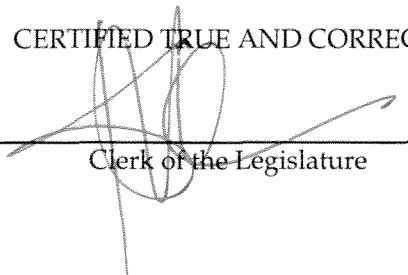
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Speaker Antonio R. Unpingco Legislative Session Hall
December 2, 2016

NAME	Aye	Nay	Not Voting/ Abstained	Out During Roll Call	Absent	Excused
Senator Thomas "Tom" ADA	√					
Senator V. Anthony "Tony" ADA	√					
Senator Frank B. AGUON, Jr.	√					
Senator Frank F. BLAS, Jr.	√					
Vice-Speaker Benjamin J.F. CRUZ	√					
Senator James V. ESPALDON	√					
Senator Brant T. McCREADIE	√					
Senator Thomas "Tommy" MORRISON	√					
Senator Tina Rose MUÑA BARNES	√					
Senator Rory J. RESPICIO	√					
Senator Dennis G. RODRIGUEZ, Jr.	√					
Senator Michael F.Q. SAN NICOLAS	√					
Senator Mary Camacho TORRES	√					
Senator Nerissa B. UNDERWOOD, Ph.D.	√					
Speaker Judith T. WON PAT, Ed.D.	√					

TOTAL:	15	0				
	Aye	Nay	Not Voting/ Abstained	Out During Roll Call	Absent	Excused

CERTIFIED TRUE AND CORRECT:


Clerk of the Legislature

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