

I MINA'BENTE OCHO NA LIHESLATURAN GUÅHAN
2006 (SECOND) Regular Session

Executive Committee
Resolution No. 149

Introduced by:

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Relative to commending and congratulating Ms. Anna Wignarajah, Association Montessori Internationale Directress, and the dedicated staff of the Montessori House of Children in Harmon, on their celebration of thirty (30) years of distinguished service to Guam by providing a safe, nurturing and stimulating environment where each child can develop to his full potential.

1 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE OF I
2 MINA'BENTE OCHO NA LIHESLATURAN GUÅHAN:

3 WHEREAS, the Montessori House of Children in Harmon, generally known as
4 the Montessori School of Guam, was established on Guam in January 15, 1976 as a

1 licensed daycare center devoted to the education of children between the ages of two
2 and a half (2 ½) and six (6) years old; and

3 **WHEREAS**, the Montessori House of Children’s approach to education is
4 based on the non-discriminatory philosophy of Dr. Maria Montessori, an educator and
5 Italy's first female physician; and

6 **WHEREAS**, Dr. Maria Montessori based her educational methods on the
7 tenets that children are to be respected as individuals, that children are different from
8 adults, that children differ from each other and that children have a sensitivity and
9 capacity for learning very different from that of adults; and

10 **WHEREAS**, Dr. Maria Montessori believed that the most important period of
11 life is not the age of university studies, but the period from birth to the age of six (6);
12 and

13 **WHEREAS**, nearly a century has passed since Dr. Maria Montessori founded
14 the first Casa dei Bambini, or House of Children, in San Lorenzo, Italy, and from
15 humble beginnings, her revolutionary ideas have quickly spread to the four (4) corners
16 of the world; and

17 **WHEREAS**, thirty (30) years ago, the Montessori method of education was
18 first introduced to Guam by Ms. Anna Wignarajah when she established the
19 Montessori House of Children; and

20 **WHEREAS**, Ms. Anna Wignarajah was trained in the Montessori philosophy
21 and method at the Good Shepherd Maria Montessori Training Center in Sri Lanka, a
22 recognized training center of the Association Montessori Internationale; and

23 **WHEREAS**, for the past thirty (30) years, Ms. Anna Wignarajah, the
24 Association Montessori Internationale Directress for the Montessori House of
25 Children in Harmon, and her staff have shaped the lives of our island’s children,

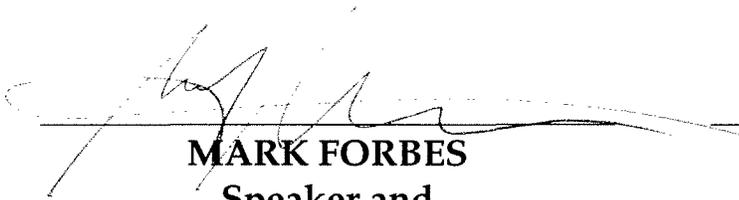
1 preparing them socially, personally, and intellectually for a changing world and its
2 challenges; and

3 **WHEREAS**, Ms. Anna Wignarajah and her devoted staff have remained true to
4 the Montessori philosophy that children learn best in an atmosphere which values the
5 uniqueness of the individual and that children need the opportunity to live as children,
6 not simply as future adults; now, therefore, be it

7 **RESOLVED**, that the Executive Committee of *I Mina'Bente Ocho Na*
8 *Lihselaturan Guåhan* does hereby, on behalf of *I Lihselaturan Guåhan* and the
9 people of Guam, congratulate and commend Ms. Anna Wignarajah, Association
10 Montessori Internationale Directress, and the dedicated staff of the Montessori House
11 of Children in Harmon, on their celebration of thirty (30) years of distinguished
12 service to Guam by providing a safe, nurturing and stimulating environment in which
13 each child can develop to his full potential; and be it further

14 **RESOLVED**, that the Speaker and the Chairman of the Executive
15 Committee certify, and the Secretary of the Legislature attest to, the adoption
16 hereof, and that copies of the same be thereafter transmitted to Ms. Anna
17 Wignarajah, Association Montessori Internationale Directress, Montessori House of
18 Children in Harmon; to Chona Domingo, Assistant Association Montessori
19 Internationale Directress, Montessori House of Children in Harmon; to Eden Binuya,
20 Aide, Montessori House of Children in Harmon; to Aurea Macabenta, Aide,
21 Montessori House of Children in Harmon; and to the Honorable Felix P. Camacho, *I*
22 *Maga'lahen Guåhan*.

DULY AND REGULARLY ADOPTED BY THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE
OF *I MINA'BENTE OCHO NA LIHESLATURAN GUÅHAN* ON THE 17TH
DAY OF MARCH 2006.



MARK FORBES
Speaker and
Chairman, Executive Committee



EDWARD J.B. CALVO
Senator and
Secretary of the Legislature