

**I MINA'BENTE OCHO NA LIHESLATURAN GUÅHAN**  
**2005 (FIRST) Regular Session**

**Executive Committee**  
**Resolution No. 63**

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**Relative to commending and congratulating Sister Maria Teresa Cruz on the occasion of her Golden Jubilee Celebration.**

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

3        **WHEREAS, Sister Maria Teresa Cruz was born on December 2, 1933;**

4        **and**

1           **WHEREAS**, Sister Maria Teresa Cruz is the daughter and one of  
2 fourteen (14) children born to the late Jesus B. and Rosalia Arceo Cruz,  
3 residents of Yona; and

4           **WHEREAS**, Sister Maria Teresa, as she is more commonly called,  
5 applied for and was accepted to join the Aspiranture under the School Sisters  
6 of Notre Dame on July 2, 1951; and

7           **WHEREAS**, after two and a half years as an Aspirant, Sister Maria  
8 Teresa, along with five (5) other young women, were sent to Milwaukee,  
9 Wisconsin for further religious training; and

10           **WHEREAS**, in 1955, Sister Maria Teresa was professed a Sister of the  
11 School Sisters of Notre Dame; and

12           **WHEREAS**, Sister Maria Teresa was sent to Mt. Mary's College in  
13 Milwaukee, Wisconsin to continue her education; and

14           **WHEREAS**, because of the need for primary teachers on Guam, Sister  
15 Maria Teresa volunteered to return to Guam and started teaching as a primary  
16 school teacher at Saint Francis Catholic School in Yona; and

17           **WHEREAS**, Sister Maria Teresa was released from teaching in 1969 to  
18 study at the University of Guam on a Special Education scholarship; and

19           **WHEREAS**, after receiving her certification as a Special Education  
20 teacher, she began teaching in the public school system at Chief Brodie  
21 Memorial School; and

22           **WHEREAS**, in 1975, and for the next three (3) years, Sister Maria Teresa  
23 taught in a residential school for mentally challenged children in St. Louis,  
24 Missouri; and

1           **WHEREAS**, Sister Maria Teresa also taught at Mt. Carmel School in  
2 Agat, San Vicente School in Barrigada, and Notre Dame High School in  
3 Talofofo; and

4           **WHEREAS**, in addition to teaching, Sister Maria Teresa also served as  
5 Principal and Vice-Principal at various schools; and

6           **WHEREAS**, in 1998, because of the severe shortage of Special Education  
7 teachers in the public school system, Sister Maria Teresa was welcomed back  
8 into the Guam Public School System as a Resource Room Teacher at Inarajan  
9 Elementary School, where she is still teaching today; and

10           **WHEREAS**, Sister Maria Teresa has unselfishly spent her entire life as a  
11 School Sister of Notre Dame, teaching in various schools in Guam and in the  
12 mainland; now, therefore, be it

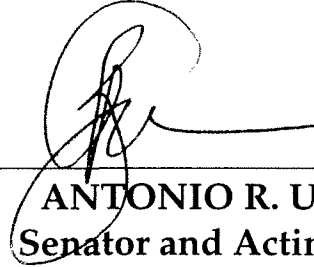
13           **RESOLVED**, that the Executive Committee of *I Mina'Bente Ocho Na*  
14 *Liheslaturan Guåhan* does hereby, on behalf of *I Liheslaturan Guåhan* and the  
15 people of Guam, commend and congratulate, and celebrate with Sister Maria  
16 Teresa on the occasion of her Fiftieth (50<sup>th</sup>) Jubilee; and be it further

17           **RESOLVED**, that the Speaker and the Chairman of the Executive  
18 Committee certify, and the Secretary of the Legislature attest to, the adoption  
19 hereof, and that copies of the same be thereafter transmitted to Sister Maria  
20 Teresa Cruz; to Sister Joseph Ann Quinene, SSND Regional Leader; to the  
21 Most Reverend Anthony S. Apuron, Metropolitan Archbishop of Agaña; and  
22 to the Honorable Felix P. Camacho, *I Maga'lahren Guåhan*.

DULY AND REGULARLY ADOPTED BY THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE  
OF *I MINA'BENTE OCHO NA LIHESLATURAN GUÅHAN* ON THE 13<sup>TH</sup>  
DAY OF JULY 2005.



**MARK FORBES**  
Speaker and  
Chairman, Executive Committee



**ANTONIO R. UNPINGCO**  
Senator and Acting Secretary  
of the Legislature