

**I MINA'BENTE OCHO NA LIHESLATURAN GUÅHAN
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**Executive Committee
Resolution No. 68**

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Relative to commending and expressing a heartfelt *un dāngkolu na si Yu'os ma'āse'* to Father James McDonough, S.J., Ph.D., as he prepares to return to the place of his birth at Fordham University Campus in the Bronx, New York; and for his commitment to the people of Guam and greater Micronesia for many years of faith and service to the communities in which he lived, worked and served.

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

3 **WHEREAS, Father James McDonough, S.J., Ph.D., born in Bronx, New**
4 **York, chartered a life-long path of Education and Faith; first earning a**
5 **Bachelor of Arts Degree from Woodstock College at Woodstock, Maryland in**

1 1935; and a year later, obtained a Ph.L. from College Philosophique, at
2 Eegenhaven – Louvain and a M.A. in Greek from St. Louis University in 1937;
3 and

4 **WHEREAS**, armed with learned instructions in faith, Father
5 McDonough began imparting faith-based knowledge and wisdom to
6 schoolchildren at Loyola High School in Towson, Maryland from 1937 to 1939,
7 and at St. Peter’s High School in Jersey City, New Jersey from 1944 to 1947;
8 and

9 **WHEREAS**, Father McDonough’s thirst for further edification found
10 him at Columbia University for several semesters in 1946 and 1947. In 1949, he
11 earned a M.A. in Classical Philosophy from Harvard University and later
12 rounded out his learning in 1952 by earning a Ph.D. at Harvard. He continued
13 at Harvard and engaged in Post-doctoral research through the Fall of 1953;
14 and

15 **WHEREAS**, Father McDonough spent the years from 1953 to 1969
16 alternating between teaching Classical and Modern Languages at St.
17 Andrew’s on the Hudson and taking sabbaticals at the Universities of Madrid,
18 Puerto Rico and Vienna; and

19 **WHEREAS**, in 1969, Father McDonough journeyed to Guam as a
20 member of the Jesuits of Micronesia, Society of Jesus in the Caroline, Marshall
21 and Mariana Islands. He began work as a Professor of Languages at the
22 University of Guam and would not look back. Father McDonough made
23 Guam his home and place of Ministry for the next thirty-six (36) years; and

24 **WHEREAS**, with a balancing service to education and faith, Father
25 McDonough spent the first ten (10) years of his ministry on Guam by assisting

1 priests in the parishes of Mongmong, Mangilao, Asan, Chalan Pago and
2 Tumon. In 1979, he was appointed to the Santa Barbara Church Parish in
3 Dededo, serving the faithful of the island's most populous village; and

4 **WHEREAS**, Father McDonough's ministry would mirror his teaching,
5 as he served as the Dean of the Graduate School at UOG and at various times
6 as the Acting Academic Vice President from 1971 to 1977, while teaching
7 Elementary English Composition for students whose second language was
8 English (ESL). From 1977 to the Spring of 1991, Father McDonough served in
9 various capacities and academic disciplines including the Acting Dean of
10 College of Arts & Science, and of the Graduate School and Research, and was
11 also a Professor of Language and Literature and taught various courses such
12 as Chinese, Japanese, French, and Spanish; and

13 **WHEREAS**, Father James McDonough is a noted author and esteemed
14 researcher, having published *Gregorius Nyssenus Tractatus in Titulos Psalmorum*
15 *and Homilia in Sextum Psalmum vol. V* of the text edition in 1962. In 1976, Father
16 McDonough served as the Editor of the Pacific Asian Studies Journal. From
17 1977 to 1985, he wrote the Literature and Art volumes of the textbooks for use
18 in the Humanities course specific to ESL students. From 1984 to 1985, Father
19 McDonough authored twelve (12) scripts for Radio Free Europe, and in 1987,
20 he completed the *Gregorii NYSSENI CONTRAFATUM*, published by Brill of
21 London. In 2004, Father McDonough edited the final translation of *The Life and*
22 *Martyrdom of Diego Luis de San Vitores*; and

23 **WHEREAS**, Father McDonough retired from the University of Guam
24 and was awarded the prestigious honor of Professor Emeritus by the
25 University of Guam Board of Regents; and

1 **WHEREAS**, currently, Father McDonough remains a part of the Santa
2 Barbara Parish and is the Confessor to the Carmelite Sisters and an active
3 member of the Rotary Club of Tumon Bay; and

4 **WHEREAS**, Father James McDonough's invaluable contributions to the
5 island are encompass thirty-six (36) years of distinguished service to faith,
6 research, translating, writing and education; now, therefore, be it

7 **RESOLVED**, that the Executive Committee of *I Mina'Bente Ocho Na*
8 *Liheslaturan Guåhan* does hereby, on behalf of *I Liheslaturan Guåhan* and the
9 people of Guam, commend and recognize Father James McDonough, S.J.,
10 Ph.D., and thank him for his contributions to our island and the greater
11 Micronesian community, especially in the areas of Faith, Education, and
12 Service and wish him farewell as he returns to the place of his birth at
13 Fordham University Campus in the Bronx, New York; 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 Father James
17 McDonough, S.J., Ph.D.; to Father Kenneth J. Hezel, S.J., Regional Superior,
18 Jesuits of Micronesia, Society of Jesus in the Caroline, Marshall and Mariana
19 Islands; to Harold L. Allen, President, University of Guam; and to the
20 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 15TH
DAY OF AUGUST 2005.



MARK FORBES
Speaker and
Chairman, Executive Committee



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Senator and
Secretary of the Legislature