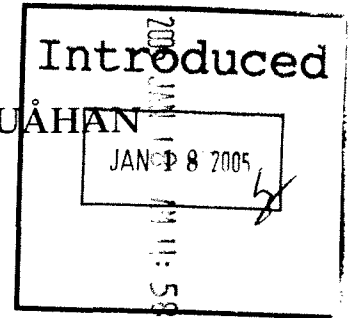


I MINA'BENTE OCHO NA LIHESLATURAN GUÅHAN
2005 (FIRST) Regular Session



Executive Committee
Resolution No. 5

Introduced by:

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Relative to commending and recognizing Ms. Mary M. Roth for her commitment to the people of Guam and dedication to education, in particular her service to the school children of our island, as she prepares to rejoin her friends and family in the continental United States.

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

3 WHEREAS, Mary M. Roth, was born in Palmyra, Pennsylvania, to
4 Clarence and Nettie Mehaffey; and

5 WHEREAS, Ms. Roth chartered a path of education and educating; first,
6 by earning a Bachelor of Arts Degree with a major in English and History, and
7 a minor in French and Education in 1943 from Lebanon Valley College in
8 Annville, Pennsylvania; and later by obtaining graduate courses from the
9 University of Guam; and

10 WHEREAS, after first imparting knowledge and wisdom to the school
11 children in Maryland, Ms. Roth came to Guam in 1960, along with her
12 husband, the late Captain Alexander Roth, Jr., of the Merchant Marines, and
13 their daughters, Susan and Jennifer. Together they made Guam their home

1 for the next forty-five (45) years, and exclusively during the last thirty (30)
2 years; and

3 **WHEREAS**, Ms. Roth has been recognized as an invaluable educational
4 asset in our island's public educational system, which she first joined in 1960.
5 She later retired in 1994 with a distinguished thirty-three (33) years of
6 dedicated service; and

7 **WHEREAS**, Ms. Roth has earned numerous awards and recognition
8 from all sectors of the community that laud her efforts to ensure excellence in
9 education; commending her for her continued efforts that have contributed to
10 the improvement of education on Guam; and

11 **WHEREAS**, testimony to Ms. Mary M. Roth's legacy is found in her
12 being awarded the title of "Mama Shark," a term of endearment offered to her
13 by the students, staff and faculty of Simon A. Sanchez Junior/Senior High
14 School, Home of the Sharks; a school where she spent the last twenty (20)
15 years of her employment with the Department of Education; and

16 **WHEREAS**, prior to teaching at the Simon Sanchez Junior/Senior High
17 School, Ms. Roth taught students at the former George Washington
18 Junior/Senior High School in Maite, and the former Tumon Junior/Senior
19 High School (John F. Kennedy High), where her work was credited with
20 ensuring the schools were successful in acquiring accreditation by the
21 Western Association of Schools and Colleges; and

22 **WHEREAS**, Ms. Roth's efforts in education was recognized by
23 induction into the prestigious Phi Delta Kappa Chapter 1302 Guam Education
24 Fraternity as a "Hall of Fame" member in 1995; and

1 **WHEREAS**, Ms. Roth continues to remain active in our island
2 community, assisting and contributing insurmountable amounts of assistance
3 to various organizations, including current work and membership in various
4 capacities with the International Reading Association (IRA), the Lutheran
5 Church of Guam, the Phi Delta Kappa, the Guam Duplicate Bridge Club and
6 the Habitat for Humanity; 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 Ms. Mary M. Roth ("Mama Shark")
10 for her past and continued participation in community causes and especially
11 for her service and dedication to our island's schoolchildren; and be it further

12 **RESOLVED**, that *I Mina'Bente Ocho Na Liheslaturan Guåhan* does hereby,
13 on behalf of the people of Guam, extend to Ms. Roth a sincere "thank you" for
14 her commitment to the people of Guam; and does wish her the very best as
15 she rejoins friends and family in the continental United States; and be it
16 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 Ms. Mary M.
20 Roth; to the President of Phi Delta Kappa Chapter 1302 Guam; and to the
21 Honorable Felix P. Camacho, *I Maga'lahen Guåhan*.