

I MINA'BENTE OCHO NA LIHESLATURAN GUÅHAN
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Executive Committee
Resolution No. 149

Introduced by:

J. T. Won Pat *JT*
A. B. Palacios, Sr. *ABP*
F. B. Agudal, Jr. *FBA*
B. J. Canz *BJC*
Lou Lepo *LL*

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

1 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE OF I MINA'
2 BENTE OCHO N A LIHESLATURAN GUÅHAN:
3 WHEREAS, the Montessori House of Children in Harmon, generally
4 known as the Montessori School of Guam, was established on Guam in
5 January 15, 1976, as a licensed daycare center devoted to the education of
6 children between the ages of two and half (2 ½) to six (6) years old; and
7 WHEREAS, the Montessori House of Children approached to education
8 is based on the non-discriminatory philosophy of Dr. Maria Montessori, an
9 educator and Italy's first female physician; and
10 WHEREAS, Dr. Maria Montessori focused her educational methods on

1 the tenet that children are to be respected as individuals, children are different
2 from adults, children differ from each other, children have a sensitivity and
3 capacity for learning very different from that of adults; and

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

7 **WHEREAS**, nearly a century has passed since Dr. Maria Montessori
8 founded the first Casa dei Bambini, or House of Children in San Lorenzo,
9 Italy, from humble beginnings, her revolutionary ideas quickly spread around
10 the four corners of the world; and

11 **WHEREAS**, thirty (30) years ago, the Montessori method of education
12 was first introduced to Guam by Ms. Anna Wignarajah in which she
13 established the Montessori House of Children; and

14 **WHEREAS**, Ms. Anna Wignarajah was trained in the Montessori
15 philosophy and method from the Good Shepard Maria, Montessori Training
16 Center in Sri Lanka, a recognized training center of the Association
17 Montessori Internationale; and

18 **WHEREAS**, for the past thirty (30) years, Ms. Anna Wignarajah, the
19 Association Montessori Internationale Directress for the Montessori House of
20 Children in Harmon and her staff have shaped the lives of our island's
21 children, preparing them socially, personally, and intellectually for a
22 changing world and its challenges; and

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

6 **RESOLVED**, that the Executive Committee of *I Mina' Bente Ocho Na*
7 *Liheslaturan Guåhan* does hereby, on behalf of *I Liheslaturan Guåhan* and the
8 people of Guam, congratulate and commend Ms. Anna Wignarajah,
9 Association Montessori Internationale Directress and her dedicated staff of
10 the Montessori House of Children in Harmon, on their celebration of thirty
11 (30) years of distinguished service to the community of Guam by providing a
12 safe, nurturing and stimulating environment in which each child can develop
13 to his or her 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
18 House of Children in Harmon; to Chona Domingo, Assistant Association
19 Montessori Internationale Directress, Montessori House of Children in
20 Harmon; to Eden Binuya, Aide, Montessori House of Children in Harmon; to
21 Aurea Macabenta, Aide, Montessori House of Children in Harmon; and to the
22 Honorable Felix P. Camacho, *I Maga'lahaen Guåhan*.

DULY AND REGULARLY ADOPTED BY THE EXECUTIVE
COMMITTEE OF I MINA'BENTE OCHO NA LIHESLATURAN GUÁHAN
ON THE _____ DAY OF MARCH 2006.

MARK FORBES
Speaker and
Chairman, Executive Committee

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