


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

Executive Committee
Resolution No. 63

Introduced by:

Ray Tenorio 

RELATIVE TO COMMENDING AND CONGRATULATING
SISTER MARIA TERESA CRUZ ON THE OCCASION OF HER
GOLDEN JUBILEE CELEBRATION.

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

Whereas, Sister Maria Teresa Cruz was born on December 2,
1933; and

Whereas, Sister Maria Teresa Cruz is the daughter and one of
fourteen children born to the late Jesus B. and Rosalia Arceo Cruz,
residents of Yona; and

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

Whereas, after two and a half years as an aspirant, Sister
Maria Teresa along with other young women were sent to Milwaukee,
Wisconsin for further religious training; and

Whereas, in 1955, Sister Maria Teresa was professed a Sister
of the School Sisters of Notre Dame; and

Whereas, Sister Maria Teresa was sent to Mt. Mary College in
Milwaukee, Wisconsin to continue her education; and

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Whereas, because of the need for primary teachers on Guam, Sister Maria Teresa volunteered to return to Guam and started teaching as a primary teacher at Saint Francis School in Yona; and

Whereas, was freed from teaching in 1969 to study at the University of Guam on a Special Education scholarship; and

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

Whereas, in 1975 and for the next three years, Sister Maria Teresa taught in a residential school for mentally challenged children in St. Louis, Missouri; and

Whereas, Sister Maria Teresa also taught at Mt. Carmel School in Agat, San Vicente School in Barrigada, and Notre Dame High School in Talofofu; and

Whereas, in addition to teaching, Sister Maria Teresa also served as principal and vice-principal at various schools; and

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

Whereas, Sister Maria Teresa has unselfishly spent her entire life as a Sister of Notre Dame teaching in various schools in Guam (both public and private) and in the mainland; and now therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that the Executive Committee of *I Mina'Bente Ocho Na Liheslaturan Guåhan*, does hereby on behalf of the people of Guam, commend and congratulate and celebrate with Sister Maria Teresa on the occasion of her Fiftieth Jubilee; and be it further

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

DULY AND REGULARLY ADOPTED ON THE ____ DAY OF
JULY, 2005

MARK FORBES
Speaker and
Chairman, Executive Committee

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