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RELATIVE TO COMMENDING AND EXPRESSING A HEARTFELT UN DÅNGKÅLU NA SI YU'US MÅ'ÅSE' TO FATHER JAMES MCDONOUGH, S.J. PH.D., AS HE PREPARES TO RETURN TO THE PLACE OF HIS BIRTH AT FORDHAM UNIVERSITY CAMPUS IN BRONX, NEW YORK; FOR HIS COMMITMENT TO THE PEOPLE OF GUAM AND THE GREATER MICRONESIA AND MANY YEARS OF DEDICATION TO FAITH AND SERVICE TO THE COMMUNITIES IN WHICH HE LIVED, WORKED AND SERVED.

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

1 WHEREAS, Father James McDonough, S.J., Ph.D., born in Bronx, New York,
2 chartered a life-long path of Education and Faith; first earning a Bachelor's of Arts Degree
3 from Woodstock College at Woodstock, Maryland in 1935, a year later, he obtained a Ph.L.
4 from College Philosophique, at Eegenhaven – Louvain and a M.A. in Greek from St. Louis
5 University in 1937; and

6 WHEREAS, armed with learned instructions in faith, Fr. McDonough began
7 imparting faith-based knowledge and wisdom to schoolchildren at Loyola High School in
8 Towson, Maryland from 1937 – '39, and at St. Peter's High School in Jersey City, New
9 Jersey from 1944- '47; and

10 WHEREAS, Fr. McDonough's thirst for further edification found him at Columbia
11 University for several semesters in 1946 and '47. In 1949, he earned a M.A. in Classical
12 Philosophy from Harvard University and later rounded out his learning in 1952, by earning

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1 a Ph.D. at Harvard. He continued at Harvard and engaged in Post-doctoral research
2 through the Fall of '53; and

3 **WHEREAS**, Fr. McDonough spent the following years, from 1953- 1969 alternating
4 between teaching Classical and Modern Languages at St. Andrew's on the Hudson and
5 taking Sabbaticals at the Universities of Madrid, Puerto Rico and Vienna, among other
6 works; and

7 **WHEREAS**, in 1969 Fr. McDonough journeyed to Guam, as a member of the, Jesuits
8 of Micronesia, Society of Jesus in the Caroline, Marshall and Mariana Islands. He began
9 work as a Professor of Language at the University of Guam and would not look back. Fr.
10 McDonough made Guam his home and place of Ministry for the past 36 years; and

11 **WHEREAS**, with a balance of service in education and faith, Fr. McDonough began
12 the first ten (10) years of his ministry on Guam by assisting Priests in the parishes of
13 Mongmong, Mangilao, Asan, Chalan Pago and Tumon. In 1979, he was appointed to the
14 Santa Barbara Church Parish in Dededo, serving the faithful of the island's most populous
15 village; and

16 **WHEREAS**, his ministry would mirror his teaching, as he served as the Dean of the
17 Graduate School at UOG and at various times as the Acting Academic Vice President from
18 1971-'77, whilst teaching Elementary English Composition for students whose second
19 Language was English (ESL). From 1977 to the Spring of 1991, Fr. McDonough served in
20 various capacities and academic disciplines including service as the Acting Dean of College
21 of Arts & Science, and of the Graduate School and Research. Also, during this period he
22 was a Professor of Language and Literature and taught various courses such as Chinese,
23 Japanese, French, and Spanish; and

24 **WHEREAS**, Father James McDonough is a noted author and esteemed researcher
25 having published *Gregorius Nyssenus Tractatus in Titulos Psalmorum and Homilia in Sextum*
26 *Psalmum vol. V* of the text edition in 1962,. And in 1976, Fr. McDonough served as the
27 Editor of the Pacific Asian Studies Journal. From 1977 – '85, he wrote the Literature and Art
28 volumes of the textbooks for use in the Humanities course specific to ESL students. In 1984

1 -'85 Fr. McDonough authored twelve (12) scripts for Radio Free Europe, and in 1987, he
2 completed the *Gregorii NYSSINI CONTRAFATUM*, published by Brill of London. Most
3 recently, in 2004, Fr. McDonough edited the final translation of: *The Life and*
4 *Martyrdom of Diego Luis de San Vitores*; and ^{insert here}

5 **WHEREAS**, currently, he remains a part of the Santa Barbara Parish and is the
6 Confessor to the Carmelite Sisters; and an active member of the Rotary Club of the Tumon
7 Bay; and

8 **WHEREAS**, Father James McDonough's contributions to the island is recognized as
9 invaluable with 36 years of distinguished and dedicated service to faith, research,
10 translating, writing and education; now therefore, be it

11 **RESOLVED**, that I Mina Bente Ocho Na Liheslaturan Guåhan does hereby, on
12 behalf of the people of Guam, commend and recognize Father James McDonough, S.J.,
13 Ph.D., and thank him for his participation in our island and the greater Micronesian
14 community, especially in the areas of Faith, Education, and Service and wish him farewell
15 as he returns to the place of his birth, at Bronx, New York at Loyola Hall on the Fordham
16 University Campus; and be it further

17 **RESOLVED**, that the Speaker certify, and the Legislative Secretary attest to, the
18 adoption hereof and that copies of the same be thereafter transmitted to Father James
19 McDonough, S.J., Ph.D.; to Father Kenneth J. Hezel, S.J., Regional Superior, Jesuits of
20 Micronesia, Society of Jesus in the Caroline, Marshall and Mariana Islands; to Harold L.
21 Allen, President, University of Guam; and to the to the Honorable Felix P. Camacho, *I Maga*
22 *Lahen Guåhan*.

MARK FORBES
Speaker

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