

I MINA'BENTE NUEBI NA LIHESLATURAN GUÅHAN
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Executive Committee
Resolution No. 203

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Relative to commending and congratulating Dr. Robert Eugene Stahlnecker, on the occasion of his induction into the Guam Educator's Hall of Fame, Phi Delta Kappa, Guam Chapter, 2008 and recognizing him for his life-long contributions and dedication towards education especially on Guam.

- 1 **BE IT RESOLVED BY THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE OF *I***
2 ***MINA'BENTE NUEBI NA LIHESLATURAN GUÅHAN:***
3 **WHEREAS, Dr. Robert Eugene Stahlnecker was born on August 14,**
4 **1923 in Janesville, Wisconsin; and**

1 **WHEREAS**, Robert attended Bethel Academy in Arpin, Wisconsin in
2 1941 and Andrew's University, formerly Emmanuel Missionary College, for
3 one semester prior to beginning his military service as a U.S. Navy Radioman
4 1st Class; and

5 **WHEREAS**, Robert's military service included tours in the European
6 and Pacific Theaters during World War II, with diverse assignments ranging
7 from Navy Radioman in the Mediterranean, to being a volunteer for the Sino-
8 American Cooperative Organization (SACO); and

9 **WHEREAS**, shortly after World War II, Robert continued his formal
10 education, eventually attaining a doctoral degree in Education from the
11 University of Oregon; and

12 **WHEREAS**, Robert's educational background includes a bachelor's
13 degree from Walla Walla College in Washington State, a Master's Degree in
14 Educational Administration from Eastern New Mexico University, a
15 Doctorate in education in Secondary Education with a Sociology minor, from
16 the University of Oregon, and post doctoral studies in Audio Visual
17 Technology from Michigan State University; and

18 **WHEREAS**, Robert's extensive educational experience began when he
19 instructed Chinese Guerillas in World War II as part of his tour of duty during
20 World War II in 1944 and 1945. From 1953 to 1961, Robert taught in India,
21 was a Pastor/Evangelist in Secunderabad, India, a Principal at a Middle
22 School in Bangalore, India, and a Principal at a High School in Narsapur,
23 India. From 1963 to 1969, Robert developed a state of the art audio-visual
24 department and taught several undergraduate and graduate educational

1 courses at Walla Walla College. From 1969 to 1973, Robert developed and
2 designed the audio-visual laboratory for the College of Education at the
3 University of Guam and developed the audio-visual course curriculum, which
4 was used for many years at the University; and

5 **WHEREAS**, from 1977 to 1980, Robert was named President of Lakpa
6 Lana Adventist Seminary and College in Mailaplitiya, Sri Lanka. The
7 seminary and college was primarily a boarding school with a few day
8 students from the local area. It included a Montessori class in Sinhalese, an
9 elementary school in each Sinhalese and Tamil, a high-school in each English,
10 Sinhalese, and Tamil, a pre-college ESL program, and an English language
11 junior college offering majors in education, business, secretarial science,
12 nursing, and ministry. School industries included poultry, dairy, coconuts, as
13 well as providing food for the students through gardens, the bakery, and the
14 kitchen; and

15 **WHEREAS**, in 1986, Robert returned to Guam and worked as an
16 adjunct professor at the University of Guam teaching courses in education
17 both on Guam and in the islands. Robert taught in Yap, Kosrae and Majuro as
18 part of the University of Guam's Summer Extension Program from 1987 to
19 1990. From 1990 to 1993, he was Director of the University of Guam Saipan
20 Extension Program, which assisted teachers from Saipan in completing their
21 education degree requirement; and

22 **WHEREAS**, Robert's other educational experience includes, Principal of
23 Guam Adventist Academy from 1993 to 1994, teaching ESL for six (6) weeks at
24 Shehezi Agricultural College in Shehezi City, Xinjiang, China in 1995, and

1 directing the Net Evangelism Programs at the Agana Heights Seventh-Day
2 Adventist Church from 1996 to 1999; and

3 **WHEREAS**, in addition to his outstanding education accomplishments,
4 Robert also holds an enviable community service record dating back to 1975,
5 with the influx of Vietnamese refugees to Guam, in which he worked with
6 organizing groups to aid in clothing distribution, reuniting family members,
7 and implementing children's programs. He also assisted the island after the
8 devastation caused by Typhoon *Pamela* in 1976 by utilizing his skills in radio
9 communication to communicate with the Seventh-Day Adventist Welfare
10 Services. With the assistance of the Red Cross and Pan American Airways,
11 over seventeen (17) tons of welfare materials were on Guam within days. His
12 efforts were recognized by the American Radio Relay League, Inc. with a
13 Public Service Award for meritorious work in connection with Typhoon
14 Pamela in May of 1976; and

15 **WHEREAS**, Robert is no stranger to Phi Delta Kappa (PDK), being
16 inducted into PDK while a doctoral candidate at the University of Oregon,
17 and assisting in the development of a PDK chapter for Walla Walla College
18 and the University of Guam, which he was also a charter member in both
19 institution's PDK chapter; and

20 **WHEREAS**, Dr. Robert Eugene Stahlnecker has lived a life dedicated to
21 education and public service; and

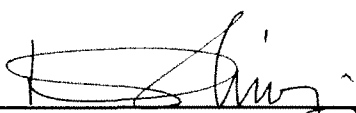
22 **WHEREAS**, Dr. Robert Eugene Stahlnecker has been bestowed with the
23 honor of being one of Guam's premiere educators by the Guam Chapter of Phi

1 Delpta Kappa and is inducted into the "Guam Educator's Hall of Fame,"
2 (2008); now, therefore, be it

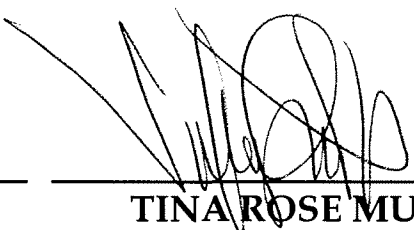
3 **RESOLVED**, that the Executive Committee of *I Mina'Bente Nuebi Na*
4 *Lihaslaturan Guåhan* does hereby, on behalf of *I Lihaslaturan Guåhan* and the
5 people of Guam, congratulate Dr. Robert Eugene Stahlnecker on the occasion
6 of his induction into the "Guam Educator's Hall of Fame", Phi Delta Kappa,
7 Guam Chapter 2008; and be it further

8 **RESOLVED**, that the Speaker and the Chairperson of the Executive
9 Committee certify, and the Secretary of the Legislature attest to, the adoption
10 hereof, and that copies of the same be thereafter transmitted to Dr. Robert
11 Eugene Stahlnecker; to Ms. Barbara Gillman, President of the Guam
12 Educator's Hall of Fame, Phi Delta Kappa, Guam Chapter; and to the
13 Honorable Felix P. Camacho, *I Maga'lahaen Guåhan*.

**DULY AND REGULARLY ADOPTED BY THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE
OF *I MINA'BENTE NUEBI NA LIHESLATURAN GUÅHAN* ON THE 9TH
DAY OF MAY 2008.**



DR. DAVID L.G. SHIMIZU
Acting Speaker and
Chairperson, Executive Committee



TINA ROSE MUÑA BARNES
Senator and
Secretary of the Legislature