

I MINA'BENTE ÑUEBI NA LIHESLATURAN GUÁHAN
2007 (FIRST) Regular Session

Executive Committee
Resolution No. 23

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Relative to honoring Speaker Franklin Joseph Arceo Quitugua, Ph.D., for his lifelong dedication and service to his people as an educator, administrator, Senator, Speaker and leader, and acknowledging and commending his many years of service and dedication to the educational development of our island, and his unswerving dedication to serving the community he so dearly loves.

1 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE OF I
2 *MINA'BENTE ÑUEBI NA LIHESLATURAN GUÁHAN*:

1 **WHEAREAS**, the Honorable Franklin Joseph Arceo Quitugua, Ph.D.,
2 has served the people of his island home of Guam in an exemplary manner for
3 nearly half a century as a respected educator, an elected official, a lifelong
4 Democrat and a community leader, providing wise counsel, sage advice,
5 heartfelt assistance, and having a positive affect on the lives of thousands of
6 our people; and

7 **WHEREAS**, Dr. Franklin Joseph Arceo Quitugua was born in pre-war
8 Guam on November 6, 1933, the son of Ignacio Perez Quitugua and Rosa
9 Santos Arceo Quitugua, young Franklin experienced the occupation of Guam
10 by the Japanese, as well as the liberation of Guam by American forces and the
11 contrasting experiences influencing his belief in the importance of education
12 in people's lives; and

13 **WHEREAS**, Dr. Quitugua graduated from George Washington High
14 School in 1952 and attended Northern Arizona University, graduating in 1956
15 with a Bachelor of Science degree in Education, majoring in Business
16 Education with a minor in English; and

17 **WHEREAS**, upon his homecoming, Dr. Quitugua returned to George
18 Washington, working for the next five (5) years as a secondary school teacher
19 in Business Education; and in 1961, he returned to the Northern Arizona
20 University campus where he received his M.A. Degree in Secondary
21 Education administration in 1962; and

22 **WHEREAS**, Typhoon Karen destroyed the George Washington campus
23 in 1962, forcing the High School students to attend a double session at the
24 newly constructed Tumon High School, now John F. Kennedy High School;

1 while trained as an administrator, Dr. Quitugua, barely twenty-nine (29) years
2 of age, was given the position of Principal of George Washington Junior High
3 School, now named Agueda Johnston Middle School; and

4 **WHEREAS**, after several years as a Principal, Dr. Quitugua was
5 appointed Administrative Assistant to the Director of Education in 1968, later
6 becoming the Deputy Director of Education, and then in 1969, he was
7 appointed Director of Education by Governor Manuel F.L. Guerrero and was
8 retained by Governor Carlos Camacho; and

9 **WHEREAS**, during his term as Director, he developed leadership
10 training among the staff at the Department of Education's central office and at
11 the schools, and also began the process to significantly develop core
12 curriculum for the school system; and

13 **WHEREAS**, from 1972 through 1975, Dr. Quitugua, through in-service
14 education, attended graduate school at the University of Oregon, receiving his
15 Ph.D. in Educational Administration with a minor emphasis in Curriculum
16 and Instruction, Anthropology and Education; and

17 **WHEREAS**, upon his return to Guam, he resumed service as Director of
18 Education until 1976, when he resigned to run for the position of Senator in
19 the Guam Legislature, achieving success in his first attempt at seeking public
20 office; and

21 **WHEREAS**, his election as a freshman Senator in the Fourteenth (14th)
22 Guam Legislature was the first of seven (7) consecutive terms that he served
23 as an elected leader, his Colleagues selecting Dr. Quitugua to chair the

1 important Committee on Education for three (3) terms and choosing him to be
2 the Speaker of the Nineteenth (19th) Guam Legislature; and

3 **WHEREAS**, among his many accomplishments as an elected leader, Dr.
4 Quitugua can list: increased funding for educational facilities including the
5 University of Guam; authorizations for new schools and additional
6 classrooms; creation of, and seed money for the new facilities of the Guam
7 Community College; successful lobbying of the U.S. Congress and Executive
8 Branch for increased Impact Aid funding; teaching the *Chamorro* language in
9 public schools; and enabling the teaching of alternative educational programs
10 in public schools; and

11 **WHEREAS**, Dr. Quitugua served his final term in the Twentieth (20th)
12 Guam Legislature, returning to lead the Department of Education from 1991
13 to 1993, retiring as Director of Education in 1993 after nearly forty (40) years of
14 public service to his island and people; and

15 **WHEREAS**, even in his retirement, Dr. Quitugua continued to serve his
16 people accepting membership on the University of Guam Board of Regents,
17 actively continuing his contribution to the education of our island's youth;
18 and

19 **WHEREAS**, the old saying goes: "Behind every successful man stands a
20 proud woman," and no wife and family could be more proud of Dr. Quitugua
21 than his wife, Julia Jane Siguenza Quitugua and their five (5) children: Clare,
22 Franklin Jr., Evangeline, Mark and Jacqueline; now, therefore, be it

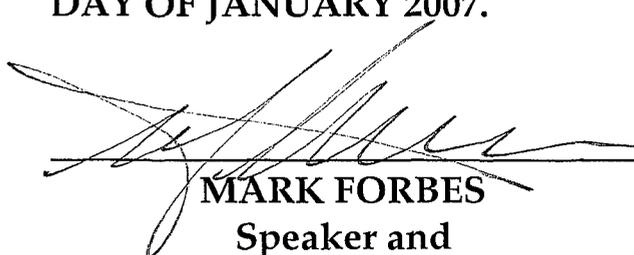
23 **RESOLVED**, that the Executive Committee of *I Mina'Bente Ñuebi Na*
24 *Liheslaturan Guåhan* does hereby, on behalf of *I Liheslaturan Guåhan* and the

1 people of Guam, extend this honor to Speaker Franklin Joseph Arceo
2 Quitugua, Ph.D., for his lifelong dedication and service to his people as an
3 educator, administrator, Senator, Speaker and leader; and be it further

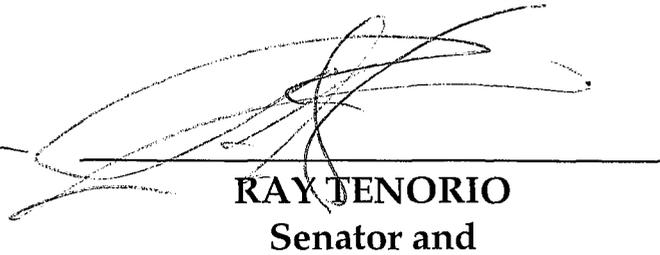
4 **RESOLVED**, that the Executive Committee of *I Mina'Bente Ñuebi Na*
5 *Liheslaturan Guåhan* does hereby, on behalf of *I Liheslaturan Guåhan* and the
6 people of Guam, acknowledge and commend Speaker Franklin Joseph Arceo
7 Quitugua, Ph.D., for nearly fifty (50) years of dedication to the educational
8 development of our island, and his deep personal involvement and
9 unswerving dedication to serving the community he so dearly loves; and be it
10 further

11 **RESOLVED**, that the Speaker and the Chairman of the Executive
12 Committee certify, and the Secretary of the Legislature attest to, the adoption
13 hereof, and that copies of the same be thereafter transmitted to his Wife, Julia
14 Jane Siguenza Quitugua; to their Children, Clare Q. Aglubat, Franklin J.
15 Quitugua, Jr., Evangeline Q. San Nicolas, Mark A. Quitugua, and Jacqueline Q.
16 Ronan, Speaker Franklin Joseph Arceo Quitugua, Ph.D.; and to the Honorable
17 Felix P. Camacho, *I Maga'lahaen Guåhan*.

**DULY AND REGULARLY ADOPTED BY THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE
OF I MINA'BENTE ÑUEBI NA LIHESLATURAN GUÅHAN ON THE 24TH
DAY OF JANUARY 2007.**



MARK FORBES
Speaker and
Chairman, Executive Committee



RAY TENORIO
Senator and
Secretary of the Legislature