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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 CONTRIBUTION
AND DEDICATION TOWARDS EDUCATION ESPECIALLY
ON GUAM.**

1 **BE IT RESOLVED BY I MINA'BENTE NUEBI NA LIHESLATURAN**
2 **GUÅHAN:**

3 **WHEREAS,** Dr. Robert Eugene Stahlnecker was born on August 14,
4 1941 in Janesville, Wisconsin; and

5 **WHEREAS,** Robert attended Bethel Academy in Arpin, Wisconsin in
6 1941 and Andrew's University, formerly Emmanuel Missionary College, for
7 one semester prior to beginning his military service as a U.S. Navy Radioman
8 1st Class; and

9 **WHEREAS,** Robert's military service included tours in the European
10 and Pacific Theaters during World War II with diverse assignments ranging

1 from Navy Radioman in the Mediterranean, to being a volunteer for the Sino-
2 American Cooperative Organization (SACO); and

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

6 **WHEREAS**, Robert's educational background includes a bachelor's
7 degree from Walla Walla College in Washington State, a master's degree in
8 Educational Administration from Eastern New Mexico University, a doctorate
9 in education in Secondary Education with a Sociology minor from the
10 University of Oregon, and post doctoral studies in Audio Visual Technology
11 from Michigan State University; and

12 **WHEREAS**, Robert's extensive educational experience began when he
13 instructed Chinese Guerillas in World War II as part of his tour of duty during
14 World War II in 1944 and 1945, from 1953 to 1961 Robert taught in India, was
15 a Pastor / Evangelist in Secunderabad, India, a Principal at a middle school in
16 Bangalore, India, and a Principal at a high school in Narsapur, India. From
17 1963 to 1969, Robert developed a state of the art audio-visual department and
18 taught several undergraduate and graduate educational courses at Walla
19 Walla College. From 1969 to 1973, Robert developed and designed the audio-
20 visual laboratory for the College of Education at the University of Guam and
21 developed the audio-visual course curriculum which was used for many years
22 at the University; and

23 **WHEREAS**, from 1977 to 1980, Robert was named President of Lakpa
24 Lana Adventist Seminary and College in Mailaplitiya, Sri Lanka. The

1 seminary and college was primarily a boarding school with a few day
2 students from the local area. it included a Montessori class in Sinhalese, an
3 elementary school in each Sinhalese and Tamil, a high-school in each English,
4 Sinhalese, and Tamil, a pre-college ESL program, and an English language
5 junior college offering majors in education, business, secretarial science,
6 nursing, and ministry. School industries included poultry, dairy, coconuts, as
7 well as providing food for the students through gardens, the bakery, and the
8 kitchen; and

9 **WHEREAS**, in 1986, Robert returned to Guam and worked as an
10 adjunct professor at the University of Guam teaching courses in education
11 both on Guam and in the islands. Robert taught in Yap, Kosrae, and Majuro as
12 part of the University of Guam's Summer Extension Program from 1987 to
13 1990. From 1990 to 1993 he was Director of the University of Guam Saipan
14 Extension Program which assisted teachers from Saipan in completing their
15 education degree requirement; and

16 **WHEREAS**, Robert's other educational experience includes, Principal of
17 Guam Adventist Academy from 1993 to 1994, teaching ESL for six weeks at
18 Shehezi Agricultural College in Shehezi City, Xinjiang, China in 1995, and
19 directing the Net Evangelism programs at the Agana Heights Seventh-Day
20 Adventist Church from 1996 to 1999; and

21 **WHEREAS**, in addition to his outstanding education accomplishments,
22 Robert also holds an enviable community service record dating back to 1975
23 with the influx of Vietnamese refugees to Guam in which he worked with
24 organizing groups to aid in clothing distribution, reuniting family members,

1 and implementing children's programs. He also assisted the island after the
2 devastation caused by Typhoon Pamela in 1976 by utilizing his skills in radio
3 communication to communicate with the Seventh-Day Adventist Welfare
4 Services. With the assistance of the Red Cross and Pan American Airways,
5 over seventeen tons of welfare materials were on Guam within days. His
6 efforts were recognized by the American Radio Relay League, Inc. with a
7 Public Service Award for meritorious work in connection with Typhoon
8 Pamela in May of 1976; and

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

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

16 **WHEREAS**, Dr. Robert Eugene Stahlnecker has been bestowed with the
17 honor of being one of Guam's premiere educators by the Guam Chapter of Phi
18 Delpta Kappa and is inducted into the "Guam Educator's Hall of Fame,"
19 (2008); now, therefore, be it

20 **RESOLVED**, that the Executive Committee of *I Mina'Bente Nuebi Na*
21 *Liheslaturan Guahan* does hereby, on behalf of I Liheslaturan Guahan and the
22 people of Guam congratulate Dr. Robert Eugene Stahlnecker on the occasion
23 of his induction into the Guam Educator's Hall of Fame, Phi Delta Kappa,
24 Guam Chapter 2008; and be it further

1 **RESOLVED**, that the Speaker certify, and the Secretary of the Legislature
2 attest to, the adoption hereof and that copies of the same be thereafter
3 transmitted to Dr. Robert Eugene Stahlnecker, to Ms. Barbara Gillman,
4 President of the Guam Educator's Hall of Fame, Phi Delta Kappa, Guam
5 Chapter; and to the Honorable Felix P. Camacho, *I Maga 'lahen Guåhan*.and to
6 the Honorable Felix P. Camacho, *I Maga'lahen Guåhan*

**DULY AND REGULARLY ADOPTED BY I MINA'BENTE NUEBI NA
LIHESLATURAN GUÅHAN ON THE 8th DAY OF MAY 2008.**

Dr. Judith T. Won Pat, Ed.D.
Speaker

Tina Rose Muña-Barnes
Senator and
Secretary of the Legislature