

MINA'BENTE NUEBI NA LIHESLATURAN GUÅHAN
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Resolution No. 241

Introduced by:

Edward J.B. Calvo *EC*
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James V. Espaldon *JVE*
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Relative to congratulating Mr. Delfin Reyes Damian Jr. on his retirement as Band Director, with the Guam Public School System and to further extending him a sincere appreciation and *Un Dangkolo Na Si Yu'os Ma'åse'* for Thirty (30) years of service and contributions he has made for the betterment of our Island Community.

BE IT RESOLVED BY I MINA' NUEBE NA LIHESLATURAN GUÅHAN:

WHEREAS, Mr. Delfin Reyes Damian Jr. is the eldest of twelve (12) children - five (5) brothers and six (6) sisters born to †Delfin R. Damian, Sr. and Julita A. Damian in *Hagåtña, Guam; and*

WHEREAS, Mr. Delfin Reyes Damian Jr. married Marian Quinata on July 26, 1975 and have been blessed with a beautiful daughter, Heather Ann Damian Penaflor and her husband, Ryan

Keith G. Penaflor, and two (2) grandchildren – Ryan A. Penaflor and Caleb K. Penaflor; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Delfin Reyes Damian Jr. attended George Washington High School, the University of Guam, and graduated in 1977 from Winona State University, Winona, Minnesota achieving a Bachelor of Arts in Music Education; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Damian’s professional career began in 1977 at the Department of Education (Guam Public School System) as the *Band Director*. His passion for education is reflected in numerous positions in the public school system – Fine Arts/Business Department Chairperson, School Learning Improvement Plan Coordinator, Interscholastic Golf Coach, *Eskuelan Pueñgi* Coordinator, Summer School Coordinator, School Accreditation Coordinator and a member of Curriculum and Textbook Adoption Committee; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Delfin Reyes Damian Jr. embarked as a professional musician in 1970 and served as *Conductor* of the Governor’s Youth Band, 1977-1981. His love of music is further demonstrated serving as *Mom & Pop Choir Director*, Our Lady of Guadalupe Church, *Santa Rita*, ever since 1983. Mr. D, to his band students, will fondly remember him as a hardworking, no-nonsense instructor who inspired them to play instruments like they were professionals; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Damian is an active member of professional organizations to include the National Association of Band Instrument Repair Technicians and the Guam Federation of Teachers. Today, he is the proud business owner of Mr. D's Instrument and Repair Service established in 1997; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Damian served his community as Board Chairman, Guam Council of the Arts and Humanities Agency (*Kahan I Kutturán Guåhan*), 1987 - 1982 and has been Board Chairman of the Chamorro Land Trust Commission since 2004. In 1997, Mr. Damian became a member and continues his membership with the Santa Rita Village Municipal Planning Council; and

WHEREAS, in his personal and professional life, Mr. Delfin Reyes Damian Jr. has constantly stressed integrity and respect for others and has served as a source of inspiration to his colleagues, friends, and family, to whom he has always encouraged personal and professional growth; now therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that the members of *I Mina' Bente Nuebe Na Liheslaturan Guåhan* congratulate Mr. Delfin Reyes Damian Jr. on his retirement from the Department of Education (Guam Public School System) and further extend to him a sincere *Un Dangkolo Na Si Yu'os Ma'åse'* for Thirty (30) years of service and contributions he has made for the betterment of our Island Community; and, be it further

RESOLVED, that the Speaker certify, and the Secretary of the Legislature attests to, the adoption hereof and that copies of the same be thereafter transmitted to Mr. Delfin Reyes Damian Jr., Southern High School, Guam Council of the Arts and Humanities Agency (*Kahan I Kutturán Guåhan*), the Chamorro Land Trust Commission, and to the Honorable Felix P. Camacho, *I Maga'lahen Guåhan*.

DULY AND REGULARLY ADOPTED BY I MINA' BENTE NUEBE NA LIHESLATURAN GUÅHAN ON THE _____ DAY OF _____, 2008.

JUDITH T. WON PAT, Ed. D.
Speaker

TINA ROSE MUÑA-BARNES
Senator and
Secretary of the Legislature