

I MINA'BENTE OCHO NA LIHESLATURAN GUÅHAN
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Relative to commending and extending a sincere *Un dangkulo na si Yu'os ma'åse'* to the Honorable Lawrence "Larry" F. Kasperbauer, Ph.D., for his invaluable service to the people of Guam following five (5) consecutive terms as a member of *I Liheslaturan Guåhan*; and to further recognizing his ~~forty-seven (47)~~ years of contributions and lifelong dedication to Guam's public education system since establishing Guam as his permanent home in 1967.

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1 BE IT RESOLVED BY I MINA'BENTE OCHO NA LIHESLATURAN

2 GUÅHAN:

3 WHEREAS, Dr. Lawrence "Larry" F. Kasperbauer was born on April 30,
4 1936 on a farm near Manning, Iowa to John and Clara Kasperbauer; and

5 WHEREAS, the eleven member strong Kasperbauer family
6 experienced the hardships of America's Economic Depression and recognized
7 early on the value of earning an education; and

8 WHEREAS, despite their limited educational background, Larry's
9 parents instilled in their children that "Education is the Way" to future
10 successes and greater achievements; and

1 **WHEREAS**, Larry heeded the wisdom of his parents and succeeded
2 through the Kindergarten to 8th grades, at Ewoldt # 3 One Room Country
3 School; and, at Manning Junior/Senior High during grades 9th to 12th, where
4 he earned a diploma in agriculture and college preparatory studies in 1954;
5 and

6 **WHEREAS**, Larry attended Iowa State University, Ames Iowa, (ISU).
7 where he graduated with a Bachelor's degree in Agricultural Education in
8 1958, a Master's in Vocational Education (School Administration and
9 Supervision), in 1959, and a Ph.D. in Rural Sociology with Minors in Higher
10 Education and Statistics in 1965; and

11 **WHEREAS**, while a faculty member at the University of Guam, Dr.
12 Kasperbauer, on a grant award in 1985 and 1986, took Postdoctoral courses in
13 Gerontology at the University of Missouri and the University of Southern
14 California. He also studied Public Policy Education and Social Research
15 Methods at the University of Minnesota; and

16 **WHEREAS**, during his study as a master degree student and
17 employment as a Research Associate at ISU, Larry Kasperbauer married the
18 former Carmen Perez Torres Artero in 1958; and

19 **WHEREAS**, Larry's initial faculty appointment in teaching was at Iowa
20 State University, from 1959-1962. And from 1963 until 1967 he held the rank of
21 Assistant Professor of Sociology at Canisus College in Buffalo, New York; and

22 **WHEREAS**, in 1967, Dr. Larry Kasperbauer made a decision to relocate
23 the Kasperbauer family to Guam, his wife Carmen's native land, and

1 permanently etch his place in history as a pioneer in the island's public
2 education system; and

3 **WHEREAS**, Dr. Kasperbauer's initial appointment of Professor at the
4 University of Guam began in June of 1967. During his tenure at the University
5 of Guam, Larry, or "Dr. K", as he came to be known, held such leadership
6 positions as Chair of the Department of Sociology and of the Division of Social
7 Sciences, Dean of the College of Education, Assistant Vice President, Professor
8 of Sociology, and Director of the Community Development Institute.
9 Following his retirement in 1993, Dr. K was awarded the title of Professor
10 Emeritus of Sociology; and

11 **WHEREAS**, witness to his fundamental belief, which he learned from
12 his parents, that "Education is the Way," Dr. Kasperbauer, certified as a
13 secondary teacher and school superintendent/principal, began his
14 professional career as a faculty member at ISU in 1959 and graduated up the
15 ranks of his vocation as his education and life experiences evolved, becoming
16 a university professor, Professor Emeritus, Board of Education member, and
17 Chairman; and as a five term senator where he has served as the Vice Speaker,
18 Parliamentarian, Chairman of the Committee on Education and Minority
19 Whip and as a vice chair and member of various legislative committees within
20 *I Liheslaturan Guåhan*; and

21 **WHEREAS**, Dr. Kasperbauer balanced his professional career with a
22 mirror commitment in civic engagement, serving in many community
23 organizations. Notable among Larry's long history of community service are
24 his chairmanship of the Territorial Board of Education, member of the Dededo

1 Municipal Planning Council, President of the Agana Heights PTA, President
2 of the Guam Girl Scouts Board of Directors, Commissioner of the Guam Youth
3 football League, President of the Island Rams Football Association, President
4 of the Guam Running Club, Chairman of the Board of the Gugagan (NCS)
5 Family Association, President of the Agana Heights Holy Name Society,
6 member of the Knights of Columbus; and as a member of the University of
7 Guam's Endowment Foundation. Dr. Kasperbauer was initiated into the ISU
8 Chapter of the Phi Delta Kappa in 1958 and helped organize the Guam
9 Chapter of the Phi Delta Kappa, 1302 as charter member on September 30,
10 1974; and

11 **WHEREAS**, At the regional level, Larry helped organize and was a
12 charter member of the Association of Pacific Islands Boards of Education.
13 Nationally, the National Association of State Boards of Education elected him
14 as one of five members to its Board of Directors where he represented all the
15 Western States, including Alaska, Hawaii and several islands within the
16 Pacific region; and

17 **WHEREAS**, today, Senator Kasperbauer and his wife Carmen, a senator
18 in the 15th & 16th Guam Legislatures, teacher; and retired school health
19 counselor, boast a family of five children: Kevin, Karen, Brian, Steven, and
20 Teresa and their spouses; 19 grandchildren, three great-granddaughters and
21 one great grandson; and

22 **WHEREAS**, the island community recognizes the contributions of
23 Senator Kasperbauer to education on Guam and identifies him as a steadfast
24 proponent of education; and

1 **WHEREAS**, Senator Kasperbauer's contributions to education and the
2 community include authorship of over 100 laws that mandate the building
3 and renovation of schools, make learning safer, expand higher educational
4 opportunities for all of Guam's people, provide financial assistance and
5 resources for island educators and nurses, and ensure public safety ; and

6 **WHEREAS**, in May of ²⁰⁰⁵~~1995~~, Senator Larry F. Kasperbauer was
7 bestowed with the honor of being one of Guam's premiere educators, by the
8 Guam Chapter of the Phi Delta Kappa and was inducted into the "Guam
9 Educator's Hall of Fame," (2005); and

10 **WHEREAS**, on December 31, 2006, Senator Kasperbauer will complete
11 ten (10) years of public service as a policy maker with *I Liheslaturan Guåhan*,
12 serving as a senator, parliamentarian and vice speaker; now therefore be it

13 **RESOLVED**, that *I Mina'Bente Ocho Na Liheslaturan Guåhan* does hereby,
14 on behalf of the people of Guam congratulate Senator Larry F. Kasperbauer,
15 Ph.D., on the occasion of his departure from *I Liheslaturan Guåhan*; and to
16 recognizing his ^{many}~~47~~ years of contributions and lifelong dedication towards the
17 improvement of public education and community development here on
18 Guam; and be it further

19 **RESOLVED**, that the Speaker certify, and the Secretary of the
20 Legislature attest to, the adoption hereof, and that copies of the same be
21 thereafter transmitted to Senator and Mrs. Larry F. and Carmen Kasperbauer
22 Ph.D., to each of his children, to Speaker Mark Forbes, and to the Honorable
23 Felix P. Camacho, *I Maga'lahen Guåhan*.

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