

I MINA'BENTE OCHO NA LIHESLATURAN GUÅHAN
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Resolution 53 (LS)

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Relative to *I Mina'Bente Ocho Na Lihesaturan Guåhan* expressing its profound sorrow at the death of Dr. Ione Marcia Wolf, and honoring her memory and life as one of Guam's distinguished educators.

- 1 **BE IT RESOLVED BY I MINA'BENTE OCHO NA LIHESLATURAN**
2 **GUÅHAN:**
3 **WHEREAS**, Dr. Ione Marcia Wolf, a native of Chicago, Illinois, was
4 born on February 21, 1939, traversed these earthly bounds on March 25, 2005;
5 and
6 **WHEREAS**, Dr. Wolf is the loving mother of Mark G. Wolf, M.D., and
7 his wife Denise Wolf, R.N. and is blessed with two (2) wonderful
8 grandchildren Garrett and Alexandria, whom she lovingly referred to as her
9 two most favorite people in the world; and
10 **WHEREAS**, Dr. Wolf will be lovingly remembered by her brother,
11 David J. Skorton, M.D., and by his wife, Robin Davisson, Ph.D., and her
12 nephew Josh, who is fulfilling one of Dr. Wolf's greatest wishes by attending
13 Stanford University, where she always wanted to study; and

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1 **WHEREAS**, after completing her Bachelor’s Degree in Sociology and
2 Elementary Education from California State University, Northridge in 1970,
3 Dr. Wolf was recruited by the Department of Education (“DOE”) to teach on
4 Guam; and

5 **WHEREAS**, on August 1970, Ione Wolf arrived on Guam, and began
6 her notable career as an educator, serving as a teacher for three (3) years at
7 Talofoto Elementary school; and

8 **WHEREAS**, from 1973 to 1976, Ione Wolf’s career as an educator
9 continued to progress, as she accepted the position of guidance counselor at
10 F.Q. Sanchez Elementary School and Merizo Martyrs Memorial School; and

11 **WHEREAS**, while she was educating young minds and raising her son,
12 Ione Wolf attended the University of Guam (“UOG”), and earned a Master’s
13 Degree in Guidance and Counseling in 1974; and

14 **WHEREAS**, fueled by her love of learning and devotion to education,
15 Ione Wolf furthered her studies, and received a Doctor of Education from
16 Western Michigan University in 1977; and

17 **WHEREAS**, in 1977, Dr. Wolf’s career as an educator extended beyond
18 the school campuses of DOE, and joined the faculty at UOG, where she
19 served as an assistant professor at the College of Education; and

20 **WHEREAS**, in 1983, the late Governor Ricardo J. Bordallo appointed
21 Dr. Wolf as the Deputy Director of DOE, and in her capacity as Deputy
22 Director, she worked tirelessly to raise academic standards by improving the
23 quality of principals and teachers in our schools, ensuring that schools were

1 safe and healthy places for our children to learn, and increasing the support
2 of parents and communities in our public schools.

3 **WHEREAS**, all through Dr. Wolf's tenure as Deputy Director, she
4 chaired numerous DOE committees to raise the quality of education,
5 including the DOE Blue Print for Excellence, the DOE/UOG/ University of
6 Oregon Doctoral Program, the First DOE District Office Study, the
7 development of the Site Based Learning Improvement Plan, the establishment
8 of the All Day Kindergarten Program and the K-3 Summer School; and

9 **WHEREAS**, Dr. Wolf's life was a record of brilliant service faithfully
10 performed, which touched the lives of countless students for over fifteen (15)
11 years as a Department of Education teacher, guidance counselor and deputy
12 director; and

13 **WHEREAS**, aside from her duties as a teacher, professor and
14 administrator, Dr. Wolf was an active community leader, serving as
15 Chairperson of Love to Read Conference for the International Reading
16 Association; Co-Chairperson of the Pacific Island Educational Leadership
17 Summit; member of the Notre Dame High School Board; member and past
18 president of Phi Delta Kappa; board member of the Interfaith Volunteer
19 Caregivers, Inc.; member of the National Council of Teachers of Mathematics;
20 member of the board of the Guam Humanities Council; member of the
21 Western Pacific Fishery Council Advisory Panel; member of the Guam
22 Statehood Task Force on Self Determination; member of the National
23 Federation of Democratic Women, and member of the Guam Federation of
24 Teachers; and

1 **WHEREAS**, even after retiring from the government of Guam, Dr.
2 Wolf never left our public schools, she continued to devote a considerable
3 amount of time and energy to ensure that Guam students were prepared to
4 live, learn, and work as productive citizens in our community; and

5 **WHEREAS**, during her tenure, as a member of the Territorial Board of
6 Education, Dr. Wolf continued to focus on what is best for students, and she
7 worked tirelessly to establish professionalism at all levels of DOE; and

8 **WHEREAS**, Dr. Wolf hosted the first education talk show on K-57
9 Radio, she guided her listening audience in rousing discussions about the
10 latest educational issues affecting our island; and

11 **WHEREAS**, Dr. Wolf's educational expertise and commitment extended
12 beyond our shores and into Micronesia, she served as one of the developers
13 of the Chuuk State Strategic Education Plan, where her tremendous efforts
14 led to a successful book drive for the Chuuk Library; and

15 **WHEREAS**, Dr. Wolf's accomplishments are numerous and have been
16 recognized time and time again as is evident in her receiving a resolution
17 from the Territorial Board of Education for her outstanding accomplishment
18 to public education; and

19 **WHEREAS**, Dr. Wolf will leave behind an outstanding and dynamic
20 legacy of dedicated and compassionate service to the children of Guam and
21 Micronesian; and

22 **WHEREAS**, Dr. Wolf will always be remembered as a woman with a
23 giving spirit, passionate energy, and a sharp intellect, she will be greatly

1 missed and fondly remembered by her family members, friends and by all
2 who benefited from her extraordinary life; now, therefore, be it

3 **RESOLVED**, that *I Mina'Bente Ocho Na Liheslaturan Guåhan* does
4 hereby, on behalf of the people of Guam, express its profound sorrow at the
5 death of Dr. Ione Marcia Wolf, and offers its heartfelt sympathy to her family
6 in their hour of grief and joins her family in honoring her memory and life as
7 one of Guam's distinguished educators; and, be it further

8 **RESOLVED**, that the Speaker certify, and the Secretary of the
9 Legislature attest to, the adoption hereof, and that copies of the same be
10 thereafter transmitted to David G. Skorton, M. D.; to Mark G. Wolf, M. D.;
11 and to the Honorable Felix P. Camacho, *I Maga'låhen Guåhan*.

**DULY AND REGULARLY ADOPTED BY I MINA'BENTE OCHO NA
LIHESLATURAN GUÅHAN ON THE _____ DAY OF APRIL 2005.**

MARK FORBES
Speaker

EDWARD J. B. CALVO
Senator and Legislative Secretary