

**I MINA'BENTE OCHO NA LIHESLATURAN GUÅHAN
2005 (FIRST) Regular Session**

Resolution 53 (LS)

As amended.

Introduced by:

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Relative to *I Mina'Bente Ocho Na Liheslaturan 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, and traversed these earthly bounds on March 25,
5 2005; 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

1 grandchildren Garrett and Alexandria, whom she lovingly referred to as her
2 two (2) most favorite people in the world; and

3 **WHEREAS**, Dr. Wolf will be lovingly remembered by her brother,
4 David J. Skorton, M.D., and by his wife, Robin Davisson, Ph.D., and her
5 nephew Josh, who is fulfilling one of Dr. Wolf' greatest wishes by attending
6 Stanford University, where she always wanted to study; and

7 **WHEREAS**, after completing her Bachelor's Degree in Sociology and
8 Elementary Education from California State University, Northridge in 1970,
9 Dr. Wolf was recruited by the Department of Education ("DOE") to teach on
10 Guam; and

11 **WHEREAS**, in August 1970, Ione Wolf arrived on Guam, and began her
12 notable career as an educator, serving as a teacher for three (3) years at
13 Talofofu Elementary school; and

14 **WHEREAS**, from 1973 to 1976, Ione Wolf's career as an educator
15 continued to progress, as she accepted the position of Guidance Counselor at
16 F.Q. Sanchez Elementary School and Merizo Martyrs' Memorial School; and

17 **WHEREAS**, while she was educating young minds and raising her son,
18 Ione Wolf attended the University of Guam ("UOG"), and earned a Master's
19 Degree in Guidance and Counseling in 1974; and

20 **WHEREAS**, fueled by her love of learning and devotion to education,
21 Ione Wolf received a Doctor of Education from Western Michigan University
22 in 1977; and

23 **WHEREAS**, in 1977, Dr. Wolf's career as an educator extended beyond
24 the school campuses of DOE when she joined the faculty at UOG, where she
25 served as an Assistant Professor at the College of Education; and

1 **WHEREAS**, in 1983, the late Governor Ricardo J. Bordallo appointed Dr.
2 Wolf as the Deputy Director of DOE, and in said capacity, she worked
3 tirelessly to raise academic standards by improving the quality of principals
4 and teachers in our schools, ensuring that schools were safe and healthy
5 places for our children to learn, and increasing the support of parents and
6 communities in our public schools; and

7 **WHEREAS**, throughout Dr. Wolf's tenure as Deputy Director, she
8 chaired numerous DOE committees, including the DOE Blue Print for
9 Excellence, the DOE/UOG/ University of Oregon Doctoral Program, the First
10 DOE District Office Study, the development of the Site Based Learning
11 Improvement Plan, the establishment of the All Day Kindergarten Program
12 and the K-3 Summer School; and

13 **WHEREAS**, Dr. Wolf's life was a record of brilliant service faithfully
14 performed, which touched the lives of countless students for over fifteen (15)
15 years as a Department of Education Teacher, Guidance Counselor and
16 Deputy Director; and

17 **WHEREAS**, aside from her duties as a Teacher, Professor and
18 Administrator, Dr. Wolf was an active community leader, serving as
19 Chairperson of Love to Read Conference for the International Reading
20 Association; Co-Chairperson of the Pacific Island Educational Leadership
21 Summit; member of the Notre Dame High School Board; member and past
22 president of Phi Delta Kappa; board member of the Interfaith Volunteer
23 Caregivers, Inc.; member of the National Council of Teachers of Mathematics;
24 member of the board of the Guam Humanities Council; member of the
25 Western Pacific Fishery Council Advisory Panel; member of the Guam

1 Statehood Task Force on Self-Determination; member of the National
2 Federation of Democratic Women; and member of the Guam Federation of
3 Teachers; and

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

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

11 **WHEREAS**, Dr. Wolf hosted the first education talk show on K-57
12 Radio, and entertained her listening audience with rousing discussions about
13 the latest educational issues affecting our island; and

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

18 **WHEREAS**, Dr. Wolf's numerous accomplishments have been
19 recognized time and time again as is evident from her receiving a resolution
20 from the Territorial Board of Education for her outstanding accomplishmens
21 in public education; and

22 **WHEREAS**, Dr. Wolf will leave behind an outstanding legacy of
23 dedicated and compassionate service to the children of Guam and
24 Micronesian; and

1 **WHEREAS**, Dr. Wolf will always be remembered as a woman with a
2 giving spirit, passionate energy, and a sharp intellect; she will be greatly
3 missed and fondly remembered by her family members, friends and by all
4 who benefited from her extraordinary life; now, therefore, be it

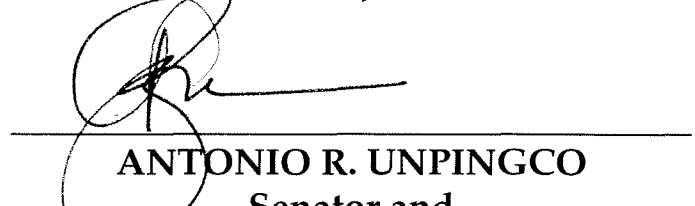
5 **RESOLVED**, that *I Mina' Bente Ocho Na Liheslaturan Guåhan* does hereby,
6 on behalf of the people of Guam, express its profound sorrow at the death of
7 Dr. Ione Marcia Wolf, and offers its heartfelt sympathy to her family in its
8 hour of grief and joins her family in honoring her memory and life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

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

DULY AND REGULARLY ADOPTED BY *I MINA'BENTE OCHO NA LIHESLATURAN GUÅHAN* ON THE 9TH DAY OF APRIL, 2005.



MARK FORBES
Speaker



ANTONIO R. UNPINGCO
Senator and
Acting Secretary of the Legislature