

I MINA'BENTE NUEBI NA LIHESLATURAN GUÅHAN
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RELATIVE TO COMMENDING AND CONGRATULATING
MARJORIE G. DRIVER FOR DEDICATING HER
PROFESSIONAL LIFE TO A GREATER UNDERSTANDING OF
LIFE IN THE MARIANA ISLANDS DURING SPANISH
DOMINION, ON THE OCCASION OF HER RETIREMENT.

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

3 WHEREAS, Marjorie G. Driver of New York State, was reared in Puerto
4 Rico and earned academic degrees in Spanish and American Studies in New
5 York and Vermont before moving to Guam in 1953; and

6 WHEREAS, Marjorie G. Driver devoted herself as a teacher of Spanish and
7 history in Guam high schools for thirteen years, and served as Principal of St.
8 John's School before joining the faculty of the College of Guam in 1967; and

9 WHEREAS, Marjorie G. Driver dedicated the next forty years of her
10 professional activities to scholarly pursuits at the Micronesian Area Research
11 Center ("MARC"), at the University of Guam; and

1 **WHEREAS**, Marjorie G. Driver has primarily served as Director of
2 Translations, Curator, and Research Specialist at the Spanish Document
3 Collection of MARC from 1979 to December 2007; and

4 **WHEREAS**, Marjorie G. Driver specialized in researching and translating
5 Spanish-language documents into English, directly affording contemporary
6 access to first-hand historical perspectives by students and scholars; and

7 **WHEREAS**, Marjorie G. Driver successfully justified over \$600,000 in
8 legislative appropriations for MARC and its Spanish Documents Collection, and
9 solicited over \$96,000 from public and private sources to research and publish
10 various research and translation efforts with which she was directly involved;
11 and

12 **WHEREAS**, in addition to innumerable guest lectures in school classrooms
13 throughout the Mariana Islands, Marjorie G. Driver appeared frequently in
14 public forums and events to share her expert knowledge and understanding of
15 our Spanish-era heritage with academic colleagues, leaders and residents; and

16 **WHEREAS**, the extensive research and translation products of Marjorie G.
17 Driver have been published and presented in person to numerous conferences,
18 seminars and events; she assisted to bring others' efforts to print as a collaborator
19 and as an editor of several leading scholarly journals; and

20 **WHEREAS**, Marjorie G. Driver has been recognized by her peers and
21 counterparts in the University of Guam, the Guam Preservation Trust and Guam
22 Humanities Council; and

23 **WHEREAS**, Marjorie G. Driver helped expand the University of Guam's
24 research staff resources, organization and archival capacity as an active member
25 of various staff and faculty committees; and

26 **WHEREAS**, Marjorie G. Driver presented herself as an attractive
27 professional role model, encouraging successive generations of University of

1 Guam and other students to consider fulfilling careers in academic research in
2 the humanities; and

3 **WHEREAS**, the outstanding contributions and accomplishments of
4 Marjorie G. Driver of significance to the People of Guam were formally
5 recognized by the 21st Guam Legislature in May, 1992 and again in 1996 and 1997
6 by the 23rd and 24th Guam Legislatures; and

7 **WHEREAS**, the University of Guam Board of Trustees has publicly
8 conferred upon Marjorie G. Driver an Honorary Doctorate in Humane Letters, in
9 recognition of her sustained significant scholastic and community contributions,
10 during the Fall 2007 commencement ceremony held on December 23; and

11 **WHEREAS**, Marjorie G. Driver has retired after more than 40 years of
12 service in the government of Guam; now, therefore, be it

13 **RESOLVED**, that the Twenty-Ninth Guam Legislature expresses the
14 gratitude of the People of Guam to Dr. Marjorie G. Driver, for her years of
15 dedicated scholarly service, which will continue to inform generations of
16 residents and scholars on the history of the Mariana Islands during centuries of
17 Spanish dominion; and now be it further

18 **RESOLVED**, that the Twenty-Ninth Guam Legislature congratulates Dr.
19 Marjorie G. Driver on the occasion of her retirement from the University of
20 Guam, and extends, on behalf of the People of Guam, heartfelt best wishes for
21 her continued good health and personal vitality; and now be it further

22 **RESOLVED**, that the Speaker certify, and the Secretary of the Legislature
23 attest to the adoption hereof, and that copies of the same be thereafter
24 transmitted to Dr. Marjorie G. Driver, to the Administrator of the Richard F.
25 Taitano Micronesian Area Research Center, to the Chairman of the University of
26 Guam Board of Regents, and to the Governor of Guam.

DULY AND REGULARLY ADOPTED BY *I MINA/BENTE NUEBI NA*
LIHESLATURAN GUÁHAN ON THE DAY OF 2007.

EDWARD J. B. CALVO
Acting Speaker

RAY TENORIO
Senator and Secretary of the Legislature