

I MINA'BENTE NUEBI NA LIHESLATURAN GUÅHAN
2007 (FIRST) Regular Session

Resolution No. 58 (LS)

Introduced by:

J. T. Won Pat 
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DAVID SHIMIZU  

Relative to congratulating the late Mr. Alvaro Mabugnon Abaday on the occasion of his induction into the Guam Educator's Hall of Fame, Phi Delta Kappa, Guam Chapter, 2007; and to recognizing his thirty four (34) years of contributions and lifelong dedication towards the education of the youth of Guam and Belau.

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

3 **WHEREAS**, the late Mr. Alvaro Mabugnon Abaday was born during the
4 closing months of World War II in Cagayan de Oro, Mindanao, Philippines on
5 March 25, 1945; and

6 **WHEREAS**, the son of the village chief, Mr. Abaday was the middle child
7 of twelve (12) children, he was raised on the family farm growing crops and
8 raising livestock; and

9 **WHEREAS**, after completing the sixth (6th) grade, Mr. Abaday took a
10 year off to work full-time on the family farm, yet he did not yield his
11 aspiration to continue his education; and

1 **WHEREAS**, Mr. Abaday attended Xavier University, Cagayan De Oro,
2 Philippines, where he graduated with a Bachelor’s degree in 1969; and

3 **WHEREAS**, Mr. Abaday was asked by the Jesuits to become a teaching
4 missionary in Belau after he graduated, which he accepted without
5 reservation; and

6 **WHEREAS**, during the nine (9) years he lived in Belau, Mr. Abaday
7 taught at Mindszenty High School, he often acted as the sacristan at the
8 church, he became fluent in the Belauan language, he wrote and directed an
9 award winning play for his students (“Mother and Son” won first place in
10 1975), eventually becoming principal of Mindszenty High School in 1976; and

11 **WHEREAS**, in 1976, Mr. Abaday met his wife Roberta in Belau, a
12 mission teacher from the United States, they married in 1977, and for the next
13 thirty (30) years they would enjoy life to the fullest; and

14 **WHEREAS**, in 1978, Mr. Abaday left Belau to extend his education, he
15 earned a Master’s in International Affairs with a concentration in Southeast
16 Asian from Ohio University, Athens, Ohio in 1979, and he obtained a Master’s
17 in Political Science and a Certificate in Public Administration from Ohio
18 University in 1981; and

19 **WHEREAS**, in 1981, the Abadays moved to Guam, and Mr. Abaday
20 began his teaching career on Guam at Father Duenas Memorial School; and

21 **WHEREAS**, in 1986, the Abadays left Guam briefly only to return in
22 1987 to work in the public school system; and

23 **WHEREAS**, Mr. Abaday was a teacher at Untalan Middle School from 1987 to
24 1988, he than taught at John F. Kennedy High School from 1988 to his untimely
25 passing; and

1 **WHEREAS**, Mr. Abaday’s accomplishments were numerous, he
2 organized the mock trial program for the Department of Education; was co-
3 author of the social studies curriculum and performance standard for the
4 Department of Education, Guam Teacher of the year 2001 finalist, and more;
5 and

6 **WHEREAS**, his civic involvements were numerous, Mr. Abaday was on
7 the board of directors for the Guam Humanities Council, IRA membership
8 and Read-A-Thon committees, the Governor's Commission on Educational
9 Excellence, and others.

10 **WHEREAS**. Mr. Abaday’s love of teaching and passion for Language
11 Arts and Social Studies have left a deep impression on the thousands of
12 students who have studied in his classroom since he began his pedagogic
13 career, and

14 **WHEREAS**, the island community recognizes the contributions of the Mr.
15 Abaday in making sure the youth of Guam and Belau are educated and
16 productive members of society; and

17 **WHEREAS**, Mr. Abaday has been bestowed with the honor of being one
18 of Guam’s premiere educators, by the Guam Chapter of the Phi Delta Kappa
19 and is being inducted into the “Guam Educator’s Hall of Fame,”; now,
20 therefore, be it

21 **RESOLVED**, that *I Mina'Bente Nuebi Na Liheslaturan Guåhan* does
22 hereby, on behalf of the people of Guam, congratulate the late Mr. Alvaro
23 Mabugnong Abaday on the occasion of his induction into the Guam Educator’s
24 Hall of Fame, Phi Delta Kappa, Guam Chapter, 2007; and recognize his thirty

1 four (34) years of contributions and lifelong dedication towards the education
2 of the youth of Guam and Belau; and be it further

3 **RESOLVED**, that the Speaker certify, and the Secretary of the
4 Legislature attest to, the adoption hereof and that copies of the same be
5 thereafter transmitted to Roberta Abaday; to Ms. Barbara Gillman, the
6 President of the Guam Educator's Hall Fame, Phi Delta Kappa, Guam
7 Chapter; and to the Honorable Felix P. Camacho, *I Maga'lahaen Guåhan*.

**DULY AND REGULARLY ADOPTED BY I MINA'BENTE NUEBI NA
LIHESLATURAN GUÅHAN ON THE _____ DAY OF May 2007.**

MARK FORBES
Speaker

RAY TENORIO
Senator and
Secretary of the Legislature