

I MINA'BENTE NUEBI NA LIHESLATURAN GUÅHAN
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Resolution No. 59(LS)

Introduced by:

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TEMPORARY

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Relative to congratulating the late Mrs. Esther Taitano Underwood on the occasion of her induction into the Guam Educator's Hall of Fame, Phi Delta Kappa, Guam Chapter, 2007; and to recognizing her contributions and lifelong dedication towards the education of the island's youth

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

2 **GUÅHAN:**

3 **WHEREAS**, the late Mrs. Esther Taitano Underwood was born on
4 March 14, 1913 to Juan San Nicolas Taitano and the former Rosario Sablan
5 Flores; and

6 **WHEREAS**, Mrs. Underwood was married to John Joseph Underwood,
7 with whom she had nine children Annie, Rosario (deceased), James, Carmen,
8 John, Richard, Mary (deceased), Francis (deceased), and Robert; and

9 **WHEREAS**, after graduating from the eighth (8th) grade in 1928, Mrs.
10 Underwood at the age of fifteen (15) began her distinguished education
11 career; and

12 **WHEREAS**, like many of her contemporaries and teaching colleagues,

1 Mrs. Underwood began to advance the education of their students first, before
2 taking advantage of the opportunity to advance their own; and

3 **WHEREAS**, Mrs. Underwood and those who taught in the classroom
4 before World War II paved the way for education as we know it today, their
5 training and their resources were very limited, but they improvised and used
6 their imagination and their own enthusiasm for learning to produce countless
7 number of students, who could read and write, continue the life-long process
8 of learning, and who could think for themselves; and

9 **WHEREAS**, in addition to teaching young minds and touching of young
10 hearts, Mrs. Underwood also taught adult evening classes in Sumay from 1935
11 to 1937; and

12 **WHEREAS**, after World War II, Mrs. Underwood taught junior high
13 grades at Agana Heights and Sinajana; and

14 **WHEREAS**, in 1957, Mrs. Underwood earned her Associate Arts Degree
15 from the Territorial College of Guam; and

16 **WHEREAS**, Mrs. Underwood was offered a scholarship to the University
17 of California to major in special education, later changing her mind to attend
18 Long Beach State College at her own expense, where she received her
19 Bachelor of Arts Degree in 1963; and

20 **WHEREAS**, after returning to Guam, Mrs. Underwood taught at C.L.
21 Taitano Elementary in Sinajana; and

22 **WHEREAS**, in 1964, Mrs. Underwood became the assistant principal at
23 Tamuning Elementary, and in 1966 she was assigned as the assistant principal
24 at Wettengel Elementary and served also as its acting principal; and

1 **WHEREAS**, the island community recognizes the contributions of Mrs.
2 Underwood in making sure the island's youth are educated and productive
3 members of society; and

4 **WHEREAS**, Mrs. Underwood will be remembered as one of Guam's
5 Pioneer of Education; and

6 **WHEREAS**. Mrs. Underwood has been bestowed with the honor of being
7 one of Guam's premiere educators, by the Guam Chapter of the Phi Delta
8 Kappa and is being inducted into the "Guam Educator's Hall of Fame," now,
9 therefore, be it

10 **RESOLVED**, that *I Mina'Bente Nuebi Na Liheslaturan Guåhan* does
11 hereby, on behalf of the people of Guam, congratulate the late Mrs. Esther
12 Taitano Underwood on the occasion of her induction into the Guam
13 Educator's Hall of Fame, Phi Delta Kappa, Guam Chapter, 2007; and
14 recognize her contributions and lifelong dedication towards the education of
15 the island's youth; and be it further

16 **RESOLVED**, that the Speaker certify, and the Secretary of the
17 Legislature attest to, the adoption hereof and that copies of the same be
18 thereafter transmitted to children of the late Mrs. Esther Taitano Underwood;
19 to Ms. Barbara Gillman, the President of the Guam Educator's Hall Fame, Phi
20 Delta Kappa, Guam Chapter; and to the Honorable Felix P. Camacho, *I*
21 *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