

I MINA'BENTE NUEBI NA LIHESLATURAN GUÅHAN
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Resolution No. 74 (49)

Introduced by:

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Relative to commending and thanking Leroy F. Heitz, Ph.D., on the occasion of his retirement from the Water and Environmental Research Institute of the Western Pacific (WERI), University of Guam, for his contributions, service and dedication to our island community; and recognizing his work and leadership in the charge to safeguard our island's Natural Water Resources through his work with WERI.

BE IT RESOLVED BY I MINA'BENTE OCHO NA LIHESLATURAN GUÅHAN:

Whereas, Leroy F. Heitz, Ph.D., joined the University of Guam's Water and Environmental Research Institute of the Western Pacific (WERI) as its Director in 1986; and

Whereas, from the onset of his tenure, Dr. Heitz played an instrumental role in the expansion of WERI's regional water resources research mission to include not only the Territory of Guam, but Federated States of Micronesia and the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands; and

Whereas, through Dr. Heitz's vision for the practical application of hydrological science in the region, WERI has delivered hundreds of hours of professional and technical training to water resource officials, managers, technicians, and educators throughout the Western Pacific Region; and

Whereas, Dr. Heitz's research and training programs in rainwater harvesting technology have had worldwide application, in countries ranging from Iran, China, Taiwan, and the Philippines, to Brazil, Mexico, the Virgin Islands, and Costa Rica, as well as throughout the Western Pacific Region; and

1 **Whereas**, Dr. Heitz played a central role in the establishment of the co-operative
2 ENSO (El Nino/Southern Oscillation) Application Center in 1993, with the University of
3 Hawaii, and in the subsequent outreach and training done throughout the region; and

4 **Whereas**, Dr. Heitz's commitment to the acquisition and use of computer and
5 information technology has made WERI a leader in the application of computer modeling,
6 Geographical Information Systems, and other computer-based techniques in water
7 resources research; and

8 **Whereas**, Dr. Heitz has made invaluable leadership contributions to the success of
9 the University of Guam by having served on numerous academic committees including the
10 Promotion and Tenure Committee, the Faculty Union, and as Acting Senior Vice President
11 for Academic and Student Affairs; and

12 **Whereas**, Dr. Heitz was instrumental in launching the university's curriculum in
13 pre-engineering, and played a central role in the establishment of its graduate teaching and
14 research program in Environmental Science; and

15 **Whereas**, numerous graduates of these programs now serve in important
16 professional positions in private industry, government, and education on Guam and
17 throughout the nation and the world; and

18 **Whereas**, Dr. Heitz's leadership, integrity, and collegiality have won him the respect
19 and affection of his university colleagues and students, members of the professional
20 engineering and water science communities throughout the Western Pacific Region; and

21 **Whereas**, through the actions cited above Dr. Heitz has during the course of his
22 distinguished career at WERI and the University of Guam made significant contributions to
23 teaching and research in the fields of water resources engineering and science within the
24 Territory of Guam and the Western Pacific Region; and

25 **Whereas**, Dr. Heitz contributed a total of nine (9) years of outstanding leadership as
26 Director of WERI; and

1 **Whereas**, during Dr. Heitz’s most recent term as director, from 2000-2006, WERI
2 was ranked by the United States Geological Survey among the Top Five of the Nation’s 54
3 Water Resources Research Institutes; and

4 **Whereas**, Dr. Heitz is now retiring after almost two decades of service to WERI, the
5 University of Guam, and the people of Guam and its sister islands throughout the Western
6 Pacific Region, now, therefore be it

7 **Resolved**, that *I Mina’Bente Nuebi Na Liheslaturan Guåhan* does hereby, on behalf of
8 the people of Guam, honor and commend Dr. Heitz for his extraordinary and selfless
9 commitment to education, science, and engineering, which have resulted in the
10 improvement of the health, safety, and quality of life for our island communities here on
11 Guam and throughout the Western Pacific; and be it further

12 **Resolved**, that *I Mina’Bente Nuebi Na Liheslaturan Guåhan* does hereby, on behalf of
13 the people of Guam, express its gratitude for the personal example of integrity and
14 dedication that Dr. Heitz has displayed as a leader in science and engineering education,
15 water resources research, and professional practice in the Territory of Guam; and be it
16 further

17 **Resolved**, that the 28th Legislature of Guam extends its best wishes on behalf of the
18 people of Guam to Dr. Heitz and his family for their continued success and the blessings of
19 Providence to be upon them in all of their future endeavors; and be it further

20 **RESOLVED**, that the Speaker certify, and the Secretary of the Legislature attest to,
21 the adoption hereof and that copies of the same be thereafter transmitted to Leroy F. Heitz,
22 Ph.D., and family, to Dr. Harold L. Allen, president, University of Guam; to the Honorable
23 Madeleine Z. Bordallo, Guam’s Delegate to the United States Congress; and to the
24 Honorable Felix P. Camacho, *I Maga’Lahen Guåhan*.

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DULY AND REGULARLY ADOPTED BY I MINA’BENTE NUEBI NA LIHESLATURAN
GUÅHAN ON THE _____ DAY OF _____ 2007

MARK FORBES
Speaker and
Chairman, Executive Committee

RAY TENORIO
Senator and
Secretary of the Legislature