



I MINA'BENTE NUEBI NA LIHESLATURAN GUAHAN
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Resolution No. 91(LS)

Introduced by:

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Relative to commending and congratulating Maria Artero Nursery in celebrating 40 years of service to the people of Guam.

1 **BE IT RESOLVED BY *I MINA'BENTE NUEBI NA LIHESLATURAN***
2 ***GUAHAN*:**
3 **WHEREAS**, on October 17, 1967, the Mercedarian Missionaries of Berriz
4 opened their school under the name of Maria Artero Nursery; and
5 **WHEREAS**, it was through the generosity of Maria C. Artero that the
6 Mercedarian Missionaries of Berriz acquired the house and property. In gratitude to
7 Maria Artero, the school was named the Maria Artero Nursery; and
8 **WHEREAS**, the Mercedarian Missionaries who passed through Guam to
9 Micronesia in 1946, stayed at Maria Artero's house, as there were no Convents at that
10 time; and
11 **WHEREAS**, some years later, Maria got sick and needed medical attention.
12 While recuperating she was cared for by the Mercedarian Missionaries Sisters in Our
13 Lady of Mercy Home, Kansas City, Missouri. After recovering she decided to return
14 to Guam. She died some months later in 1966; and
15 **WHEREAS**, Maria knew the Mercedarian Missionaries wanted and needed a
16 Convent in Guam, so she willed her house and property. At this time Bishop
17 Baumgartner, OFM, Cap., advised the Mercedarian Missionaries to open a school. In
18 1968 the Maria Artero Nursery had their first graduation, with the children in white
19 caps and gowns; and
20 **WHEREAS**, in 1976, Typhoon Pamela destroyed the Convent and the school.
21 That same year, both the Convent and the existing school building were rebuilt; and
22 **WHEREAS**, in June 1993, Maria Artero Nursery celebrated the 25th
23 graduation year and some of our graduation youngsters were the children of our first

1 graduates. In May of 2003, we incorporated and amended our name to Maria Artero
2 Catholic Preschool and Kindergarten (Maria Artero CPK); now, therefore, be it

3 **RESOLVED**, that *I Mina'Bente Nuebi Na Liheslaturan Guåhan* does hereby
4 commend and congratulate the Mercedarian Missionaries of Berriz Sisters who
5 founded Maria Artero Nursery 40 years ago. Because of their commitment our island
6 thrives on the diversity of the various cultural representatives that founded and
7 continue to promote our island. As tomorrow's leaders, our youth are the islands most
8 cherished resource. As parents and as an island community, we cannot ignore, forget
9 or overlook our obligation to provide our children with the educational resources
10 needed to realize a future filled with progress, enlightenment, and hope; and be it
11 further

12 **RESOLVED**, that the Speaker certify, and the Secretary of the Legislature
13 attest to, the adoption hereof and that copies of the same be thereafter transmitted to
14 Mercedarian Missionaries of Berriz Sisters; to the Faculty and Staff of the Maria
15 Artero Catholic Preschool and Kindergarten; to the Honorable Madeleine Z. Bordallo,
16 Guam's Delegate to the United States Congress; and to the Honorable Felix P.
17 Camacho, *I Maga'lahren Guåhan*.