

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

**Resolution No. 104 (LS)**

As amended.

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**Relative to commending and congratulating Dr. Marjorie G. Driver for dedicating her professional life to a greater understanding of the history of 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, Dr. Marjorie G. Driver, of New York State, was reared in**  
4 **Puerto Rico and earned Academic Degrees in Spanish and American Studies**  
5 **in New York and Vermont before moving to Guam in 1953; and**

6        **WHEREAS, Dr. Marjorie G. Driver devoted herself as a teacher of**  
7 **Spanish and History in Guam high schools for thirteen (13) years, and served**

1 as Principal of St. John’s School before joining the faculty of the College of  
2 Guam in 1967; and

3       **WHEREAS**, Dr. Marjorie G. Driver dedicated the next forty (40) years of  
4 her professional activities to scholarly pursuits at the Micronesian Area  
5 Research Center (“MARC”), at the University of Guam; and

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

9       **WHEREAS**, Dr. Marjorie G. Driver specialized in researching and  
10 translating Spanish-language documents into English, directly affording  
11 contemporary access to first-hand historical perspectives by students and  
12 scholars; and

13       **WHEREAS**, Dr. Marjorie G. Driver successfully justified over Six  
14 Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$600,000) in legislative appropriations for MARC  
15 and its Spanish Documents Collection, and solicited over Ninety-Six  
16 Thousand Dollars (\$96,000) from public and private sources to research and  
17 publish various research and translation efforts with which she was directly  
18 involved; and

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

24       **WHEREAS**, the extensive research and translation products of Marjorie  
25 G. Driver have been published and presented in person to numerous

1 conferences, seminars and events; she assisted to bring others' efforts to print  
2 as a collaborator and as an editor of several leading scholarly journals; and

3       **WHEREAS**, Dr. Marjorie G. Driver has been recognized by her peers  
4 and counterparts at the University of Guam, the Guam Preservation Trust and  
5 the Guam Humanities Council; and

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

9       **WHEREAS**, Dr. Marjorie G. Driver presented herself as an attractive  
10 professional role model, encouraging successive generations of University of  
11 Guam and other students to consider fulfilling careers in academic research in  
12 the humanities; and

13       **WHEREAS**, the outstanding contributions and accomplishments of  
14 Marjorie G. Driver of significance to the people of Guam were formally  
15 recognized by the 21<sup>st</sup> Guam Legislature in May, 1992 and again in 1996 and  
16 1997 by the 23<sup>rd</sup> and 24<sup>th</sup> Guam Legislatures; and

17       **WHEREAS**, the University of Guam Board of Regents has publicly  
18 conferred upon Marjorie G. Driver an Honorary Doctorate in Humane Letters,  
19 in recognition of her sustained significant scholastic and community  
20 contributions, during the Fall 2007 commencement ceremony held on  
21 December 23; and

22       **WHEREAS**, Dr. Marjorie G. Driver has retired after more than forty (40)  
23 years of service in the government of Guam; now, therefore, be it

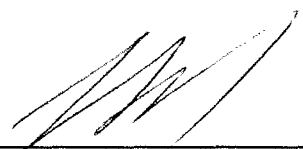
24       **RESOLVED**, that I *Mina'Bente Nuebi Na Liheslaturan Guåhan* does  
25 hereby, on behalf of the people of Guam, commend Dr. Marjorie G. Driver for

1 her years of dedicated scholarly service, which will continue to inform  
2 generations of residents and scholars on the history of the *Mariana Islands*  
3 during centuries of Spanish dominion; and be it further

4 **RESOLVED**, that *I Mina'Bente Nuebi Na Liheslaturan Guåhan* does  
5 hereby, on behalf of the people of Guam, congratulate Dr. Marjorie G. Driver  
6 on the occasion of her retirement from the University of Guam, and does  
7 extend heartfelt best wishes for her continued good health and personal  
8 vitality; and be it further

9 **RESOLVED**, that the Speaker certify, and the Secretary of the  
10 Legislature attest to, the adoption hereof, and that copies of the same be  
11 thereafter transmitted to Dr. Marjorie G. Driver; to the Administrator of the  
12 Richard F. Taitano Micronesian Area Research Center; to the Chairman of the  
13 University of Guam Board of Regents; and to the Honorable Felix P. Camacho,  
14 *I Maga'lahren Guåhan*.

**DULY AND REGULARLY ADOPTED BY *I MINA'BENTE NUEBI NA LIHESLATURAN GUÅHAN* ON THE 20<sup>TH</sup> DAY OF DECEMBER, 2007.**

  
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**EDWARD J.B. CALVO**  
Acting Speaker

  
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**RAY TENORIO**  
Senator and  
Secretary of the Legislature