

I MINA'BENTE NUEBI NA LIHESLATURAN GUÅHAN
2008 (SECOND) Regular Session

Resolution No. 143 (EC)

As amended.

Introduced by:

J. T. Won Pat, Ed. D.
Dr. David L.G. Shimizu
v. c. pangelinan
Tina Rose Muña Barnes
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Relative to recognizing the numerous outstanding accomplishments and celebrating the life of the late Honorable Herminia Duenas Dierking, former Senator of *I Liheslaturan Guåhan*, and to extending sincere condolences to her husband John and their children on behalf of the people of Guam.

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

1 **WHEREAS**, our island has suffered the loss of one of its most
2 prominent daughters and island citizens with the passing of the late
3 Honorable Herminia Duenas Dierking, affectionately known as "Mina" to
4 family and friends; and

5 **WHEREAS**, the late Honorable Herminia Duenas Dierking, former
6 Senator, was a pioneer for women of Guam, an educator, and a dedicated
7 public servant to her island and people; and

8 **WHEREAS**, the late Honorable Herminia Duenas Dierking was born on
9 August 17, 1939, in *Hagatña* to the former Maria Pangelinan Guzman and Jose
10 Cruz Duenas and married Attorney John Clifton Dierking II in 1964; they
11 were blessed with five (5) children, John Clifton III, Kurt, Steven, Ana Maria,
12 and John Paul, and nine (9) grandchildren, Vittoria, Gianna, Kurt II,
13 Christopher, Brittany, Lucas, Mikaylee Mina, Nathan, and Morgan; and

14 **WHEREAS**, Senator Dierking attended the Academy of Our Lady of
15 Guam as part of the Class of 1958, the University of Missouri at Kansas City,
16 the University of Guam, and the Emporia State University in Kansas and
17 holds a Bachelor of Arts Degree and a Master of Science Degree in Business
18 Administration; and

19 **WHEREAS**, Senator Dierking, began public service as an educator,
20 teaching at the John F. Kennedy High School in Tamuning, and then as an
21 Associate Professor and Chairperson of the Accounting Department at the
22 University of Guam. In 1983, she assumed the position of Director for the

1 Bureau of Budget and Management Research and was Chairperson of the
2 Fiscal Policy Committee of the Government of Guam under Governor Ricardo
3 J. Bordallo's Administration. In 1994, she was named the Director of the
4 Guam Housing and Urban Renewal Authority. She was also the Regional
5 Vice President and National Officer of the Association of Government
6 Accountants, of which she was a member for thirty-two (32) years, and she
7 has been a Certified Government Financial Officer since 1995; and

8 **WHEREAS**, Senator Dierking served in a number of capacities in the
9 following organizations: President, *Manukai* Swim Club; Far East Swim
10 League; Beauty World Guam; Association of Government Accountants;
11 Tamuning Elementary PTA; Vice President of the Father Duenas Memorial
12 High School Parent's Guide; Secretary/Treasurer of the American Heart
13 Association; member of the Guam Memorial Hospital Board of Trustees;
14 Executive Officer, Guam Beauty Association; member of the Soroptomist
15 International; the *Lytico* and *Bodig* Association; and the GMH Volunteers
16 Association; and

17 **WHEREAS**, she was also an active member of various Catholic Church
18 choirs, most notably ministering at the 9:30 a.m. mass at the *Dulce Nombre De*
19 *Maria Catholic Basilica* and the 6:00 p.m. mass at the *Immaculate Heart of*
20 *Mary Church* in Toto every Sunday. She was very passionate and committed
21 in her music ministry until her illness made it difficult for her to continue the
22 much loved endeavor; and

1 **WHEREAS**, Senator Dierking, who was first elected to the Eighteenth
2 (18th) Guam Legislature and eventually was re-elected for four (4) more terms,
3 served as Chairperson of the Committee on Rules Twentieth (20th) to the
4 Twenty-second (22nd) Guam Legislature; and the Committee on Ways and
5 Means Nineteenth (19th) Guam Legislature; and the Committee on Health,
6 Ecology, and Welfare Eighteenth (18th) Guam Legislature. She served as a
7 member of numerous Legislative Committees, including, the Committee on
8 Economic-Agricultural Development and Insurance; the Committee on
9 Tourism and Transportation; the Committee on Electrical Power and
10 Consumer Protection; the Committee on Senior Citizens and Cultural Affairs;
11 the Committee on Federal, Foreign, and Legal Affairs; the Committee on
12 General Governmental Operations and Micronesian Affairs; the Committee
13 on Education; and the Committee on Judiciary and Criminal Justice; and

14 **WHEREAS**, Senator Dierking served as a member of the Guam War
15 Reparations Commission and as Secretary, Vice President, and President of
16 the Association of Pacific Island Legislatures, an important organization made
17 up of legislative representatives of Pacific Island peoples joined together in an
18 Association structured with sufficient capability and permanence to address,
19 in depth, the substantive regional and international issues facing the emerging
20 Pacific governments; and

21 **WHEREAS**, by setting a standard of selfless devotion to serving the
22 people of Guam, the late Honorable Herminia Duenas Dierking, former

1 Senator, has earned the respect and admiration of all who knew her, not just
2 on her island of Guam, but throughout the Pacific; and

3 **WHEREAS**, it is altogether proper and fitting that *I Liheslaturan Guåhan*
4 recognize and honor the late Senator Herminia Duenas Dierking and her
5 valuable service as a citizen and public servant of Guam, and recognize her as
6 an individual of remarkable character and exceptional leadership; now,
7 therefore, be it

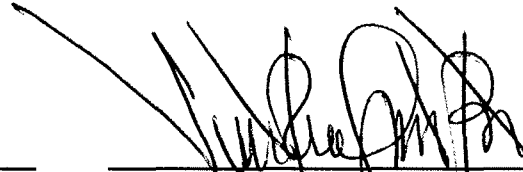
8 **RESOLVED**, that *I Mina'Bente Nuebi Na Liheslaturan Guåhan* does
9 hereby, on behalf of the people of Guam, recognize and commend the late
10 Senator Herminia Duenas Dierking on her numerous outstanding
11 accomplishments and contributions to the island and people of Guam, and
12 does celebrate her life as one of our most distinguished daughters and
13 prominent island citizens, and does further extend its most sincere
14 condolences to her husband, Attorney John Clifton Dierking II, and their
15 children; 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 her husband, Attorney John Clifton Dierking II; their
19 children, John Clifton Dierking III, Kurt Dierking, Steven Dierking, Anna
20 Maria Leon Guerrero, and John Paul Dierking; to the Honorable Madeleine Z.
21 Bordallo, Guam's Delegate to the United States Congress; and to the
22 Honorable Felix P. Camacho, *I Maga'lahren Guåhan*.

DULY AND REGULARLY ADOPTED BY *I MINA'BENTE NUEBI NA LIHESLATURAN GUÅHAN* ON THE 3RD DAY OF APRIL 2008.



JUDITH T. WON PAT, Ed.D.
Speaker



TINA ROSE MUÑA BARNES
Senator and
Secretary of the Legislature