

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

Resolution No. 59 (LS)

As amended.

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Relative to congratulating the family of the late Mrs. Esther Taitano Underwood on her induction into the Guam Educator's Hall of Fame, Phi Delta Kappa, Guam Chapter, 2007; and to recognizing her contributions to 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**

1 **WHEREAS**, Mrs. Underwood was married to John Joseph Underwood,
2 with whom she had nine (9) children: Annie, Rosario (deceased), James,
3 Carmen, John, Richard, Mary (deceased), Francis (deceased), and Robert; and

4 **WHEREAS**, after graduating from the eighth (8th) grade in 1928, Mrs.
5 Underwood, at the age of fifteen (15), began her distinguished educational
6 career; and

7 **WHEREAS**, like many of her contemporaries and teaching colleagues,
8 Mrs. Underwood advanced the education of her students first, before taking
9 the opportunity to advance her own; and

10 **WHEREAS**, Mrs. Underwood and those who taught in the classroom
11 before World War II paved the way for education as we know it today; their
12 training and their resources were very limited, but they used their
13 imagination and their enthusiasm for learning to produce countless numbers
14 of students who could read and write, continue the life-long process of
15 learning, and think for themselves; and

16 **WHEREAS**, in addition to teaching young minds and touching young
17 hearts, Mrs. Underwood also taught adult evening classes in *Sumay* from 1935
18 to 1937; and

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

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

23 **WHEREAS**, Mrs. Underwood was offered a scholarship to the University
24 of California, to major in special education, but later changed her mind to

1 attend Long Beach State College at her own expense, where she received her
2 Bachelor of Arts Degree in 1963; and

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

5 **WHEREAS**, in 1964, Mrs. Underwood became the Assistant Principal at
6 Tamuning Elementary, and in 1966, was assigned as the Assistant Principal at
7 Wettengel Elementary, serving as its Acting Principal; and

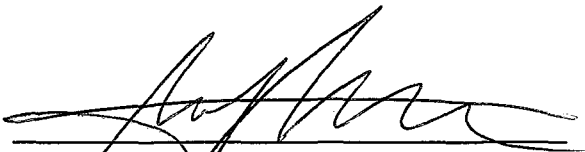
8 **WHEREAS**, Mrs. Underwood will be remembered as one of Guam's
9 Pioneers of Education; and

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

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

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

DULY AND REGULARLY ADOPTED BY I MINA'BENTE NUEBI NA LIHESLATURAN GUÁHAN ON THE 2ND DAY OF MAY 2007.



MARK FORBES
Speaker



RAY TENORIO
Senator and
Secretary of the Legislature