

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

Resolution No. 73 (LS)
As amended.

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Relative to celebrating the life and accomplishments of Sister Mary Elsa "Sister Elsa" Metternich, SSND, a teacher, mentor, surrogate mother and friend of Guam, to remembering her service to the people of Guam as a teacher and Principal of Mount Carmel School and her devotion to helping people from all walks of life.

- 1 **BE IT RESOLVED BY I MINA'BENTE NUEBI NA LIHESLATURAN**
2 **GUÅHAN:**
3 **WHEREAS, Sister Mary Elsa Metternich, lovingly known to the many**
4 **people she has assisted during her nearly ninety-two (92) years as "Sister**

1 Elsa," was born on December 12, 1915, in Milwaukee, Wisconsin, one of five
2 (5) girls and three (3) boys in a Catholic family; and

3 **WHEREAS**, as Sister Elsa likes to say, her education began in
4 kindergarten and has continued throughout her rich and fulfilling life,
5 because she took every opportunity to study and learn; and

6 **WHEREAS**, in her early years, Sister Elsa obtained from Catholic
7 magazines a great desire to help others, so that attending to the poor and sick
8 became her paramount desire; and

9 **WHEREAS**, after studying to be a teacher and taking her vows, she
10 served as a housemother in Grand Rapids, Michigan while hoping and
11 praying to teach Native Americans in Harbor Springs, Michigan; and

12 **WHEREAS**, the Lord had other plans for Sister Elsa and, after her
13 mother passed away in 1954, she heard of a need in the far off Pacific Island of
14 Guam, so she took up the challenge to help fulfill the spiritual needs of the
15 Chamorro people; and

16 **WHEREAS**, upon receiving her father's permission, Sister Elsa arrived
17 on Guam on August 22, 1956, together with Sister Rosemarie Manibusan,
18 Sister Fidelis Sudo and Sister Paul Anthony Atkielski; and

19 **WHEREAS**, Sister Elsa served as Principal at Mount Carmel School in
20 Agat, from 1959 until 1965, when she left Guam to pursue her Masters Degree;
21 and

22 **WHEREAS**, in 1970, Sister Elsa returned to Guam and taught at St.
23 Francis School in Yona, San Vicente School in Barrigada and also her beloved
24 Mount Carmel School; and

1 **WHEREAS**, in 1985, Sister Elsa retired from teaching, but not from
2 helping others, assisting the government of Yap with its school health
3 program for three (3) years and teaching 4th grade students in Ebeye for one
4 (1) year because there were no other teachers available; and

5 **WHEREAS**, Sister Elsa then returned to her home state of Wisconsin
6 and spent her time in the service of the Lord, traveling from state to state to
7 help those in need; and

8 **WHEREAS**, many of Sister Elsa's former students at Mount Carmel
9 School were especially fond of her and have kept in touch with her over the
10 years, the Class of 1962 held a memorable and successful Thirty-fifth (35th)
11 Anniversary Reunion in her honor in 1997; now, therefore, be it

12 **RESOLVED**, that *I Mina'Bente Nuebi Na Liheslaturan Guåhan* does
13 hereby, on behalf of the people of Guam, celebrate and memorialize the life
14 and accomplishments of Sister Mary Elsa "Sister Elsa" Metternich, SSND, a
15 teacher, mentor, surrogate mother and friend of Guam, and be it further

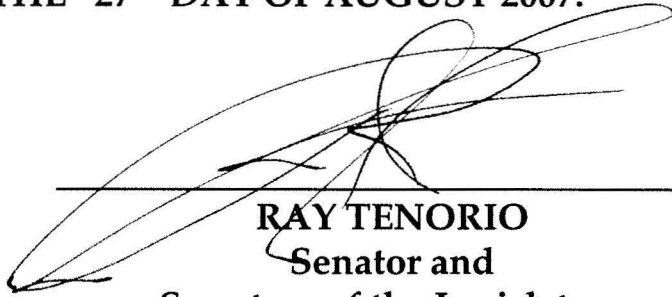
16 **RESOLVED**, that *I Mina'Bente Nuebi Na Liheslaturan Guåhan* does
17 hereby, on behalf of the people of Guam, remember the service of Sister Mary
18 Elsa "Sister Elsa" Metternich, SSND, to the people of Guam, including her
19 years as a teacher and Principal of Mount Carmel School, and her singular
20 devotion to helping people from all walks of life; and be it further

21 **RESOLVED**, that the Speaker certify, and the Secretary of the
22 Legislature attest to, the adoption hereof, and that copies of the same be
23 thereafter transmitted to Sister Mary Elsa "Sister Elsa" Metternich, SSND; to
24 Archbishop Anthony S. Apuron; and to the Honorable Felix P. Camacho, I
25 *Maga'lahaen Guåhan*.

DULY AND REGULARLY ADOPTED BY *I MINA'BENTE NUEBI NA LIHESLATURAN GUÁHAN* ON THE 27TH DAY OF AUGUST 2007.



EDWARD J.B. CALVO
Acting, Speaker



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Senator and
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