

I MINA'BENTE NUEBI NA LIHESLATURAN GUÅHAN
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Relative to commending Leroy F. Heitz, Ph.D., on his retirement from the Water and Environmental Research Institute of the Western Pacific (WERI), University of Guam, and to thank him for his contributions, to our island community; and to recognizing his leadership in safeguarding our island's natural water resources.

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

3 **WHEREAS, Leroy F. Heitz, Ph.D., joined the University of Guam's,**
4 **Water and Environmental Research Institute of the Western Pacific (WERI) as**
5 **its Director in 1986; and**

1 **WHEREAS**, Dr. Heitz has played an instrumental role in the expansion
2 of WERI's regional water resources research mission to include not only
3 Guam, but the Federated States of Micronesia and the Commonwealth of the
4 Northern Mariana Islands; and

5 **WHEREAS**, thanks to Dr. Heitz's belief in the practical application of
6 hydrological science, WERI has delivered hundreds of hours of professional
7 and technical training to water resource officials, technicians, and educators
8 throughout the Western Pacific Region; and

9 **WHEREAS**, Dr. Heitz's research and training programs in rainwater
10 harvesting technology have had worldwide application, in countries ranging
11 from Iran, China, Taiwan, and the Philippines, to Brazil, Mexico, the Virgin
12 Islands, and Costa Rica; and

13 **WHEREAS**, Dr. Heitz helped establish the co-operative ENSO (El
14 Nino/Southern Oscillation) Application Center in 1993, with the University of
15 Hawaii; and

16 **WHEREAS**, Dr. Heitz has made WERI a leader in the application of
17 computer modeling, Geographical Information Systems, and other computer-
18 based techniques in water resources research; and

19 **WHEREAS**, Dr. Heitz served on numerous academic committees at the
20 University of Guam, including the Promotion and Tenure Committee, the
21 Faculty Union, and as Acting Senior Vice President for Academic and Student
22 Affairs; and

23 **WHEREAS**, Dr. Heitz was instrumental in launching the university's
24 program in pre-engineering, and helped establish of its graduate teaching and
25 research program in Environmental Science; and

1 **WHEREAS**, numerous graduates of these programs now serve in
2 important professional positions in private industry, government, and
3 education on Guam and throughout the world; and

4 **WHEREAS**, Dr. Heitz's leadership, integrity, and collegiality have won
5 him the respect and affection of his university colleagues and students, as well
6 as members of the engineering and water science profession in the Western
7 Pacific; and

8 **WHEREAS**, during distinguished career of nine (9) years at WERI, Dr.
9 Neitz made significant contributions to teaching and research in the fields of
10 water resources engineering and science; and

11 **WHEREAS**, during Dr. Heitz's most recent term as Director, from 2000
12 to 2006, WERI was ranked by the United States Geological Survey among the
13 Top Five of the Nation's 54 Water Resources Research Institutes; and

14 **WHEREAS**, Dr. Heitz is now retiring after almost two (2) decades of
15 service to WERI, the University of Guam, and the people of Guam and
16 Guam's sister islands in the Western Pacific; now, therefore, be it

17 **RESOLVED**, that *I Mina'Bente Nuebi Na Liheslaturan Guåhan* does
18 hereby, on behalf of the people of Guam, honor and commend Dr. Heitz for
19 his extraordinary commitment to education, science, and engineering, which
20 has resulted in the improvement of the health, safety, and quality of life here
21 on Guam and in the Western Pacific; and be it further

22 **RESOLVED**, that *I Mina'Bente Nuebi Na Liheslaturan Guåhan* does
23 hereby, on behalf of the people of Guam, express its gratitude for the integrity
24 and dedication Dr. Heitz has displayed as a leader in science and engineering

1 education, water resources research, and professional practice in the Territory
2 of Guam; and be it further

3 **RESOLVED**, that *I Mina'Bente Nuebi Na Liheslaturan Guåhan* extends its
4 best wishes on behalf of the people of Guam to Dr. Heitz and his family for
5 their continued success and hopes the blessings of Providence will be upon
6 them; and be it further

7 **RESOLVED**, that the Speaker certify, and the Secretary of the
8 Legislature attest to, the adoption hereof, and that copies of the same be
9 thereafter transmitted to Leroy F. Heitz, Ph.D.; to Dr. Harold L. Allen,
10 President, University of Guam; to the Honorable Madeleine Z. Bordallo,
11 Guam's Delegate to the United States Congress; and to the Honorable Felix P.
12 Camacho, *I Maga'lahaen Guåhan*.

DULY AND REGULARLY ADOPTED BY I MINA'BENTE NUEBI NA LIHESLATURAN GUÅHAN ON THE 14TH DAY OF SEPTEMBER 2007.



EDWARD J.B. CALVO
Acting Speaker



RAY TENORIO
Senator and
Secretary of the Legislature