

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

Resolution No. 91 LS)

As amended.

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Relative to commending and congratulating Maria Artero Nursery in celebrating forty (40) years of service to the people of Guam.

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

3 **WHEREAS**, on October 17, 1967, the Mercedarian Missionaries of Berriz
4 opened their school under the name of Maria Artero Nursery; and

5 **WHEREAS**, it was through the generosity of Maria C. Artero that the
6 Mercedarian Missionaries of Berriz acquired the house and property. In

1 gratitude to Maria Artero, the school was named the Maria Artero Nursery;
2 and

3 **WHEREAS**, the Mercedarian Missionaries, who passed through Guam
4 to Micronesia in 1946, stayed at Maria Artero's house, as there were no
5 Convents at that time; and

6 **WHEREAS**, some years later, Maria got sick and needed medical
7 attention. While recuperating she was cared for by the Mercedarian
8 Missionaries Sisters in Our Lady of Mercy Home, Kansas City, Missouri.
9 After recovering she decided to return to Guam. She died some months later
10 in 1966; and

11 **WHEREAS**, Maria knew the Mercedarian Missionaries wanted and
12 needed a Convent in Guam, so she willed her house and property. At this
13 time, Bishop Baumgartner, OFM, Cap., advised the Mercedarian Missionaries
14 to open a school. In 1968, the Maria Artero Nursery had their first graduation,
15 with the children in white caps and gowns; and

16 **WHEREAS**, in 1976, Typhoon Pamela destroyed the Convent and the
17 school. That same year, both the Convent and the existing school building
18 were rebuilt; and

19 **WHEREAS**, in June 1993, Maria Artero Nursery celebrated the twenty-
20 fifth (25th) graduation year and some of its graduation youngsters were the
21 children of the first graduates. In May 2003, it incorporated and amended its
22 name to Maria Artero Catholic Preschool and Kindergarten (Maria Artero
23 CPK); 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 and congratulate the

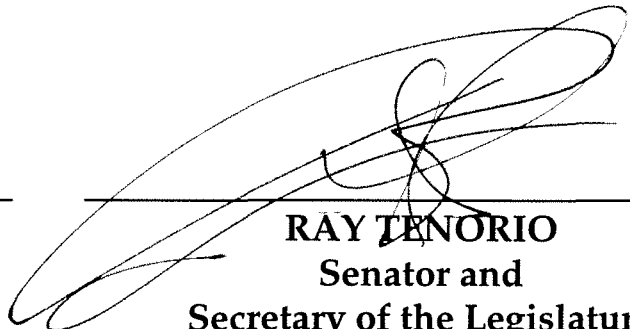
1 Mercedarian Missionaries of Berriz Sisters, who founded the Maria Artero
2 Nursery forty (40) years ago. Because of their commitment Guam thrives on
3 the diversity of the various cultural representatives that founded and continue
4 to promote our island. As tomorrow's leaders, our youth are the island's most
5 cherished resource. As parents and as an island community, we cannot
6 ignore, forget or overlook our obligation to provide our children with the
7 educational resources needed to realize a future filled with progress,
8 enlightenment and hope; 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 Mercedarian Missionaries of Berriz Sisters; to the
12 Faculty and Staff of the Maria Artero Catholic Preschool and Kindergarten; to
13 the Honorable Madeleine Z. Bordallo, Guam's Delegate to the United States
14 Congress; and to the Honorable Felix P. Camacho, *I Maga'lahaen Guåhan*.

DULY AND REGULARLY ADOPTED BY *I MINA'BENTE NUEBI NA LIHESLATURAN GUÅHAN* ON THE 10TH DAY OF OCTOBER 2007.



EDWARD J.B. CALVO
Acting Speaker



RAY TENORIO
Senator and
Secretary of the Legislature