

I MINA'BENTE NUEBI NA LIHESLATURAN GUÅHAN
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Resolution No. 94 (LS)

As amended.

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Relative to commending and congratulating Ms. Rufina Fejeran Mendiola as the recipient of the Pacific Resources for Education and Learning (PREL) coveted title – “2007 Pacific Teacher of the Year Award” for Guam.

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

3 **WHEREAS**, the Pacific Educational Conference (PEC) is one of the
4 largest educational conferences in the Western Pacific and a major source of
5 professional development opportunities for educators; and

6 **WHEREAS**, the Pacific Educational Conference is organized for Pacific
7 Educators, who also present the majority of the workshops, and island

1 communities in the United States affiliated Pacific and their departments and
2 ministries of education (DOE's/MOE's) and Guam Public School Systems
3 (GPSS) take turns hosting the Pacific Educational Conference; and

4 **WHEREAS**, the Pacific Teachers of the Year (TOYs) are chosen by their
5 respective departments and ministries of education for their teaching
6 excellence, and corporate sponsorships from Continental Airlines, Harcourt
7 Brace International Group, Hawaiian Airlines and Pacific Resources for
8 Education and Learning (PREL) provide the opportunity for the Pacific
9 Teachers of the Year to attend the Pacific Educational Conference, where they
10 not only pursue their own professional development, but also share their
11 successful teaching strategies with other conference attendees; and

12 **WHEREAS**, Pacific Educational Conference attendees include Teachers
13 of the Year recipients from Guam, the Republic of the Marshall Islands,
14 Chuuk State, the Republic of Palau and the Federated States of Micronesia;
15 and

16 **WHEREAS**, Ms. Rufina Fejeran Mendiola obtained her education on
17 Guam beginning at Truman Elementary School - Santa Rita, Agat Jr. High
18 School and George Washington High School, Mangilao. In 1988, she obtained
19 a Business Minor at the Guam Community College and in 1995, she received
20 her degree with a Bachelor of Arts in Education, specializing in Elementary
21 Education from the University of Guam; and

22 **WHEREAS**, in 1983, Ms. Mendiola began her professional career as a
23 *Chamorro* Language teacher at B. P. Carbullido Elementary School; from 2003
24 to present, she is an Adjunct Professor at the Guam Community College and
25 in 2007, at the University of Guam. She is also currently an Adjunct Faculty

1 since 1997 at B. P. Carbullido Elementary School with the DEED After School
2 Program. Ms. Mendiola continues to work as a Summer School teacher at B.
3 P. Carbullido Elementary School since 1997; and

4 **WHEREAS**, from 1995 through 1999, Ms. Mendiola's extra-curricular
5 activities lists: *Chamorro* Month Chairperson; the KGTF Read-A-Thon;
6 McDonald's McTeacher's Night; served as a Parent Teacher Liaison; *Chamorro*
7 Club Culture and Tourism Program President; and

8 **WHEREAS**, training and workshop credentials attendance in 1999
9 focused on the *Chamorro* Curriculum Writing, *Chamorro* Reading Series Book –
10 4th Grade and was a Presenter at the Inter-generational *Chamorro* Language
11 and Culture Conference held at the Guam Hilton Resort & Spa. In 2003 to
12 2004, Ms. Mendiola involved herself in the Direct Instruction Workshop and
13 Implementation. She again was a Presenter, in 2006, on Effective Classroom
14 Teaching at C. L. Taitano Elementary School, Sinajana and at the First
15 *Chamorro* Language Conference. Her other accomplishments are the
16 development of the 7th grade *Chamorro* Module (Práyek Eyak) for Agueda I.
17 Johnston Middle School; completed sixteen (16) hours at the 2006 Staff
18 Development Training *Hatsa* and participated at the *Konferensian Famagu'on*;
19 and from 2006 to 2007 is a Summer Instructor under the University of Guam
20 Dual Certification in English as a Second Language Project; and

21 **WHEREAS**, Ms. Rufina Fejeran Mendiola's commitment to our island
22 community is further demonstrated by her community involvement as a
23 Confraternity of the Christian Doctrine facilitator for the San Roke/San
24 Vicente Parish, Barrigada from 1995 to 1999; she also worked with the Guam

1 Visitors Bureau Summer Feast from 1995 to 1998; and is a current 2007 Board
2 member of the *Haya* Foundation and *Chamorro* Affairs; and

3 **WHEREAS**, the list of awards and citations she has received include,
4 being the first University of Guam College of Education Program *Chamorro*
5 Teaching Degree Institute *Chamorro* Language graduate in 1995, resulting in a
6 commendation from *I Liheslatura's* Resolution No. 123 recognizing Mrs.
7 Mendiola as the First *Chamorro* Language graduate; a B. P. Carbullido
8 Elementary School Certificate of Appreciation for the 2002 Saturday Scholars
9 Program; a University of Guam Certificate of Participation from Dr. Stoicovy's
10 Put Reading First in 2002; and awarded a Certificate of Excellence as the 2002
11 Top *Chamorro* Teacher from Dr. Jose Cruz, University of Guam Pacific Island
12 Bilingual Bicultural Association of Guam. Mrs. Mendiola was also featured in
13 KUAM's 2005 "Touch of Class" program featuring teachers nominated
14 weekly who exemplify outstanding dedication and commitment to teaching
15 and selected among her peers as the "2007 PREL Teacher of the Year" for
16 Guam in Honolulu, Hawaii on May 31, 2007; and

17 **WHEREAS**, Mrs. Rufina Fejeran Mendiola is a twenty-four (24) year
18 Teacher Veteran and is currently a Kindergarten through 5th Grade *Chamorro*
19 Language and Culture Teacher at B. P. Carbullido Elementary School and
20 portrays an astounding passion and love of children and is extremely
21 dedicated in the promotion and perpetuation of the indigenous language and
22 culture she so proudly teaches our island's children; now, therefore, be it

23 **RESOLVED**, that *I Mina'Bente Nuebi Na Liheslaturan Guåhan* does
24 hereby, on behalf of the people of Guam, commend and congratulate Mrs.
25 Rufina Fejeran Mendiola as the recipient of the 2007 Pacific Resources for


1 Education and Learning (PREL) coveted Title – “Pacific Teacher of the Year
2 Award”; and be it further

3 **RESOLVED**, that the Speaker certify, and the Secretary of the
4 Legislature attest to, the adoption hereof, and that copies of the same be
5 thereafter transmitted to Mrs. Rufina Fejeran Mendiola; to Mr. Luis Reyes,
6 Superintendent, Guam Public School System; to the University of Guam
7 *Chamorro* Teaching Degree Institute; to B.P. Carbullido Elementary School;
8 and to the Honorable Felix P. Camacho, *I Maga’lahen 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