

FIFTEENTH NORTHERN MARIANAS COMMONWEALTH LEGISLATURE

_____ SESSION, 2006

HSE. COM. RES. NO. 15-13

A HOUSE COMMEMORATIVE RESOLUTION

To recognize and congratulate Rita Hocog Inos, Ed.D. for her accomplishments as the Commissioner of Education of the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands Public School System.

1 WHEREAS, Dr. Rita Hocog Inos served as the Commissioner of Education for
2 the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands (CNMI) Public School System from
3 June 1, 1998 to June 9, 2006; and

4 WHEREAS, through the exemplary leadership of Dr. Inos the CNMI Public
5 School System has demonstrated a seven year trend of increasing student academic
6 achievement through the establishment of a data driven student achievement plan as
7 measured by the CNMI Standard-based Achievement Test and the Stanford Achievement
8 Test, 10th Edition (SAT – 10); and

9 WHEREAS, student achievement in the CNMI has increased despite insufficient
10 funding from the local government compounded by a marked increase in enrollment in
11 the Public School System over the last seven years; and

12 WHEREAS, Dr. Inos lead the CNMI towards a standard-based curriculum and
13 method of instruction, and stringent graduation requirement for students in the core
14 curriculum areas; and

15 WHEREAS, the Public School System under the leadership of Dr. Inos initiated
16 an academic data driven system in the CNMI as a precursor to the enactment of the No
17 Child Left Behind Act (NCLB), which enabled the CNMI to readily comply with federal
18 standards required by NCLB through the establishment of the Public School System 1998
19 and beyond Strategic Priorities of (1) High Student Performance, (2) Safe and Orderly
20 Schools, (3) Quality Teachers, Administrators and staff, and (4) Effective and Efficient
21 Operation (Organizational Effectiveness); and

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1 WHEREAS, Dr. Inos worked tirelessly to ensure the Public School System's
2 compliance with NCLB by ensuring that the system employs highly qualified teachers
3 commencing school year 2006-2007 and beyond; and

4 WHEREAS, in cooperation with local and federal agencies, Dr. Inos was able to
5 secure the needed funding for the construction of six new schools (Sinapalo Elementary,
6 Dandan Elementary, Kagman Elementary, Chacha Oceanview Junior High, Saipan
7 Southern High, and Kagman High) to accommodate more than three thousand new
8 student enrollees which is a thirty percent growth; and

9 WHEREAS, Dr. Inos, in concert with the CNMI Board of Education, developed
10 comprehensive policies and regulations governing all aspects of administrating the Public
11 School System, including student services, student discipline, capital improvement,
12 financial management, and curriculum, instruction and assessment; and

13 WHEREAS, Dr. Inos working jointly with the CNMI Board of Education
14 spearheaded the establishment of two alternative educational settings, namely the
15 Advance Development Institute (ADA) at the three Saipan high schools and the Linala
16 Malawasch Academy (LMA) at Hopwood Junior High School; and

17 WHEREAS, the contributions of Dr. Inos to the Public School System and
18 education in the CNMI are of an exceptional visionary stature, the members of the House
19 of Representatives of the Fifteenth Northern Marianas Commonwealth Legislature are
20 extremely honored to acknowledge, recognize, commend, and extend undangkulu na si
21 yuus maase to Dr. Inos for all her hard work and contributions to the educational
22 institutions, students, and the CNMI community;

23 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the House of Representatives of the
24 Fifteenth Northern Marianas Commonwealth Legislature that the House hereby
25 recognizes and congratulates Dr. Rita Hocog Inos for her tremendous contributions to the
26 CNMI community, primarily the students, and for being an advocate on high student
27 performance, safe and orderly schools, quality teachers, administrators and staff, and
28 effective and efficient operation (organizational effectiveness);

29 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Speaker of the House of Representatives
30 shall certify, and the House Clerk shall attest to the adoption of this Resolution and

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1 thereafter the House Clerk shall transmit a certified copy to the Honorable Benigno R.
2 Fitial, Governor of the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands; the Honorable
3 Jaun B. Tudela, Mayor of Saipan; the Honorable Valentino Taisacan, Mayor of Northern
4 Islands; the Honorable Joseph S. Inos, Mayor of Rota; the Honorable Jose San Nicolas,
5 Mayor of Tinian and Aguiguan; Mr. Roman C. Benavent, Chairman of the CNMI Board
6 of Education; and Dr. Rita Hocog Inos.

Prefiled: 6/14/06

Date: _____

Introduced By: /s/ Rep. Justo S. Quitugua

Reviewed By:

/s/ Jose A. Bermudes
House Legal Counsel