

**21ST NORTHERN MARIANAS COMMONWEALTH LEGISLATURE**

**IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES**

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SESSION, 2019

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**A HOUSE COMMEMORATIVE RESOLUTION**

To recognize and commend Don Allen Farrell for his years of exceptional service in the field of education, his commitment to preserve the history of the Marianas, and his dedicated public service to the people of the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands.

1           **WHEREAS**, this Legislative Body is proud to recognize and pay tribute to  
2 residents of the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands that have made  
3 significant contributions to the quality of education in our community, the  
4 preservation of the history and culture of the Marianas, and the development and  
5 growth of the government; and

6           **WHEREAS**, Don Allen Farrell was born on July 28, 1947 in the peaceful,  
7 little town of Redmond, Oregon in the southern Klamath Valley, as a war baby. His  
8 mother was raised from the cotton fields of Lawton, Oklahoma and both his  
9 biological father and step father served in the United States Military during World  
10 War II; and

11           **WHEREAS**, as a young boy, Don Allen Farrell began his primary  
12 education at the Garfield Elementary School in Spokane, Washington and

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1 continued his education at the Lincoln Junior High School in Billings, Montana. He  
2 graduated with honors from Hillcrest High School of Salt Lake City, Utah; and

3 **WHEREAS**, upon graduating from high school, Don Allen Farrell  
4 immediately enlisted into the United States Air Force where he proudly served his  
5 nation from 1965-1971; and

6 **WHEREAS**, Don Allen Farrell, subsequently decided to pursue his  
7 educational goals and attended California State University-Fullerton where he  
8 obtained a Bachelor of Arts Degree in Biology in 1973. He received his Secondary  
9 Teaching Credential from California State San Bernardino in 1974; and

10 **WHEREAS**, Don Allen Farrell understood the significance of hard work  
11 as he worked in the field of Retail/Wholesale Sales while balancing the hectic  
12 schedule of college courses and assignment deadlines; and

13 **WHEREAS**, Don Allen Farrell began his career as an Educator at Rim of  
14 the World High School in California from 1975-1977 teaching the wonders of  
15 Biology to young adults of the area; and

16 **WHEREAS**, when the island of Guam was devastated in the aftermath of  
17 Typhoon Pamela resulting in vacancies in the island's Department of Education,  
18 Don Allen Farrell transitioned from the bustling streets of California to a distressed  
19 island community in need of educators in 1977; and

20 **WHEREAS**, Don Allen Farrell molded the minds of the youth of Guam  
21 who attended John F. Kennedy High School from 1977-1980 until he resigned from  
22 Guam's Department of Education; and

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1           **WHEREAS**, in 1980, Don Allen Farrell switched careers to work in the  
2 public sector as a Public Relations Officer for then Honorable Kurt Moylan, Senator  
3 of Guam until 1981. He also served as Chief of Staff for then Honorable Carl  
4 Gutierrez, Speaker of the Guam Legislature from 1982-1986; and

5           **WHEREAS**, with a keen interest in the history of Guam and the Marianas,  
6 and the fundamental roles the islands played in major events of the United States  
7 history, Don Allen Farrell founded Micronesian Productions in 1981 in an effort to  
8 make the world aware of these islands he now calls home; and

9           **WHEREAS**, in 1987, Don Allen Farrell and his family relocated to the  
10 serene and peaceful island of Tinian where he once again stood before a class of  
11 bright young adults teaching at Tinian High School up until 1989; and

12           **WHEREAS**, with an astute knowledge of the history of the Marianas, Don  
13 Allen Farrell served as a Historical Consultant for the CNMI Public School System,  
14 from 1989-1993, to write and produce the first textbook on the History of the  
15 Northern Mariana Islands; and

16           **WHEREAS**, in 1993, Don Allen Farrell was elected to the CNMI State  
17 Board of Education by the people of Tinian where he served as the Vice-Chairman  
18 from 1994-1995 and Chairman from 1996-1997; and

19           **WHEREAS**, Don Allen Farrell once again served the government of Guam  
20 in 1995 on the Senior Management Team for the Governor of Guam before moving  
21 back to his beloved island of Tinian to serve as the Public Information Officer for  
22 the Tinian and Aguiguan Municipality from 1996-1999; and

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1           **WHEREAS**, Don Allen Farrell returned to his passion for education and  
2 educating the youth as a Classroom Teacher at the Tinian High School from 1999-  
3 2001, and once again in 2012 after the merging of the island’s junior high and high  
4 school to what is now Tinian Junior/Senior High School; and

5           **WHEREAS**, after teaching at the Tinian Junior/Senior High School, Don  
6 Allen Farrell engaged in several private consulting contracts and concentrated on a  
7 multitude of publications since 2001 to the present; and

8           **WHEREAS**, Don Allen Farrell also industriously served as the Chief of  
9 Staff for the Office of the Mayor of Tinian and Aguiguan from 2012-2015; and

10           **WHEREAS**, Don Allen Farrell is well known throughout Micronesia for  
11 his extensive knowledge of the Mariana Islands and in researching and writing the  
12 following published books: *Liberation-1944: The Pictorial History of Guam*,  
13 Micronesian Productions (1984); *The Americanization of Guam: 1898-1918*,  
14 Micronesian Productions (1986); *Tinian: A Brief History*, Micronesian Productions  
15 (1988); *The Sacrifice of Guam: 1919-1943*, Micronesian Productions (1991); *The*  
16 *History of the Northern Mariana Islands*, CNMI Public School System (1991);  
17 *Saipan: A Brief History*, Micronesian Productions (1992); *Guam: A Brief History*,  
18 Micronesian Productions (1994); *Rota: A Brief History*, Micronesian Productions  
19 (2003); *Modern History of the Northern Mariana Islands* (2018); and *The Tinian*  
20 *Atomic Bomb Files: Declassified* (2018); and

21           **WHEREAS**, Don Allen Farrell is also known for writing several articles  
22 and essays, namely: “The Northern Marianas: Mine Eyes Have Seen the Glory”,

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1 Glimpses of Micronesia and the Western Pacific (1979: Volume 19: 4); “Spare The  
2 Bullets: Save our People”, Glimpses of Micronesia and the Western Pacific (1980:  
3 Volume 20: 4); “A Marriage Made in Micronesia”, Guam Business News  
4 (November 1988); “The Partition of the Marianas: A Diplomatic History, 1898-  
5 1919”, Isla: A Journal of Micronesian Studies (2.2 Dry Season, 1994: 273-301);  
6 and numerous articles in the Pacific Daily News, Guam Tribune, and Saipan  
7 Tribune (1981-2005); and

8           **WHEREAS**, Don Allen Farrell is a humble recipient of numerous awards  
9 and recognitions including a Resolution of Commendation from the Guam  
10 Legislature (1987); Proclamation of Commendation from the Governor of Guam  
11 (1987); Ancient Order of the Chamorri from the Governor of Guam (1991);  
12 Governor’s Award for the Arts of the CNMI (1991); Governor's Award for the  
13 Preservation of History in the CNMI (2011); and Governor’s Award for Historical  
14 Publications (2018); and

15           **WHEREAS**, Don Allen Farrell further served as a member of the CNMI  
16 Humanities Council Board of Directors from 2011 to the present, and as a member  
17 and Vice Chairman of the CNMI Historic Preservation Board from 2012 to 2016;  
18 and

19           **WHEREAS**, Don Allen Farrell has spent many blessed years with his wife,  
20 Carmen Muna Dela Cruz, with whom he has raised three wonderful children and  
21 blessed with beautiful grandchildren; and

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1           **WHEREAS**, Don Allen Farrell exemplifies an extraordinary citizen whose  
2 devotion to serve our beloved Commonwealth and its people is evident throughout  
3 his active participation in the government, his unyielding passion in education, and  
4 his relentless efforts to make the Marianas known to the people who reside and visit  
5 these islands and to those beyond the ocean tides; and

6           **NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** by the House of  
7 Representatives of the Twenty-First Northern Marianas Commonwealth  
8 Legislature that the House hereby joins the people of the Commonwealth in  
9 recognizing and commending Don Allen Farrell for his years of exceptional service  
10 in the field of education, his commitment to preserve the history of the Marianas,  
11 and his dedicated public service to the people of the Commonwealth of the Northern  
12 Mariana Islands; and

13           **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the Sponsor of this Resolution or the  
14 designee of the Speaker of the House shall present a certified original copy of this  
15 House Commemorative Resolution; and

16           **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the Speaker of the House of  
17 Representatives shall certify, and the House Clerk shall attest to the adoption of this  
18 resolution and thereafter the House Clerk shall transmit a certified copy to Mr. Don  
19 Allen Farrell; Honorable Ralph DLG Torres, Governor of the Commonwealth of  
20 the Northern Mariana Islands; Honorable Victor B. Hocog, Senate President,  
21 Twenty-First Northern Marianas Commonwealth Legislature; Honorable Gregorio  
22 Kilili Camacho Sablan, CNMI Delegate to the United States Congress, 116<sup>th</sup> United

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- 1 States Congress; and Honorable Edwin P. Aldan, Mayor of the Municipality of
- 2 Tinian and Aguiguan.

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Date: 1/24/19

Introduced by:   
Rep. Antonio San Nicolas Borja

