

TWENTY-SECOND NORTHERN MARIANAS COMMONWEALTH
LEGISLATURE
IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

_____ Session, 2021

H. J. R. 22-8

A HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION

To honor and commend the Honorable Serafina Rosario King-Nabors for her dedicated service and remarkable contributions to the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands.

1 **WHEREAS**, a great community is only as great as those individuals who
2 provide selfless service, whether through unique personal achievement or other
3 endeavors, or simply through a mission of public service; and

4 **WHEREAS**, attendant to such concern, and in full accord with its
5 longstanding traditions, the Legislature is justly proud to acknowledge the
6 Honorable Serafina Rosario King-Nabors for her devoted service and astounding
7 contributions to our great Commonwealth; and

8 **WHEREAS**, the Honorable Serafina R. King-Nabors was born on July 9,
9 1946 on the island of Rota to proud parents Antonia Rosario and Joaquin King; and

10 **WHEREAS**, from 1st grade to 3rd grade, she attended the Tinian Parochial
11 School; and

12 **WHEREAS**, from 4th grade to 6th grade, she attended the Tinian Public
13 School; and

1 **WHEREAS**, in 1961, she graduated from 9th grade at the Chalan Piao
2 Public School; and

3 **WHEREAS**, from 1961 to 1962, she worked as the Clerk/Treasurer for the
4 Tinian Municipal Government where she handled all clerical works and was
5 responsible for all monies collected in the Municipality, as well as the disbursement
6 of funds to farmers and other related duties; and

7 **WHEREAS**, from 1962 to 1964, she worked as a Teacher at the Tinian
8 Public School where she taught 3rd and 4th graders; and

9 **WHEREAS**, in 1968, she worked as a Teacher at the Tinian Head Start
10 Pilot Program; and

11 **WHEREAS**, from 1968 to 1972, the Honorable Serafina R. King-Nabors
12 worked as the Community Action Agency Center Coordinator, where she was
13 responsible for the overall coordination of federal programs such as the
14 Neighborhood Youth Corp & Job Corp and other related duties as assigned by the
15 Executive Director; and

16 **WHEREAS**, from 1972 to 1976, she worked as the Office Manager for
17 Micronesian Development Corporation where she was responsible for overseeing
18 the daily operations of the office, as well as the coordinating with the shop and the
19 foreman under the supervision of the Manager; and

20 **WHEREAS**, from 1976 to 1978, she worked at the Account Clerk for the
21 Tinian Department of Finance where she was in charge of the Government

1 Department Account, Job Orders, Purchase Requisitions, Petty Cash and other
2 related matters; and

3 **WHEREAS**, from 1978 to 1980, the Honorable Serafina R. King-Nabors
4 successful ran for office where she became the first woman from Tinian to become
5 a member of the First Northern Marianas Commonwealth Legislature; and

6 **WHEREAS**, throughout her tenure in the First Northern Marianas
7 Commonwealth Legislature, she would serve as a member of the House Standing
8 Committee on Appropriations and the House Standing Committee on Health,
9 Education & Welfare; and

10 **WHEREAS**, from 1996 to 1998, she served as the Executive Director of
11 the 6th Tinian Municipal Council; and

12 **WHEREAS**, from 1998 to 2000, she was once again employed by the
13 Municipality of Tinian where she served as the Mayor's Office Manager of the
14 Tinian Farmer's Market; and

15 **WHEREAS**, from 2001 to 2007, she serves as a Commissioner for the
16 Tinian Gaming Control Commission; and

17 **WHEREAS**, in addition to her extensive professional experiences, she was
18 also a volunteer of the Parent Teacher Student Association (PTSA), the Boy Scouts
19 of America, and the Church; and

20 **WHEREAS**, cognizant of all her personal and professional experiences, the
21 Honorable Serafina R. King-Nabors serves as a prominent figure of all females in

1 the Commonwealth who wish to make a positive difference in our communities;
2 and

3 **WHEREAS**, as one of the first elected female officials, she played a huge
4 role in blazing a trail that would allow for women to take part in any and all policy-
5 making processes; and

6 **WHEREAS**, presently, we can find women serving in various boards,
7 commissions, councils, and so forth; because she blazed a trail before them; and

8 **WHEREAS**, cognizant of her role during the early stages our
9 Commonwealth, it would be highly appropriate to pay tribute to an individual who
10 was determined and courageous in forming the early legislative foundation for all
11 current and future legislative leaders, men and women alike; and

12 **NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, by the House of
13 Representatives of the Twenty-Second Northern Marianas Commonwealth
14 Legislature, the Senate concurring, that the House honors and commends the
15 Honorable Serafina Rosario King-Nabors for her dedicated service and remarkable
16 contributions to the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands; and

17 **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the Speaker of the House of
18 Representatives and the President of the Senate shall certify and the House Clerk
19 and the Senate Legislative Secretary shall attest to the adoption of this joint
20 resolution and thereafter the House Clerk shall transmit a copy to the Honorable
21 Serafina R. King-Nabors; The Honorable Ralph DLG. Torres, Governor,

1 Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands; the Honorable Gregorio "Kilili"
2 C. Sablan, U.S. Delegate to the United States Congress, 117th United States
3 Congress; the Honorable Edwin P. Aldan, Mayor, the Municipality of Tinian and
4 Aguiguan.

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