



*Seventeenth Legislature  
of the  
Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands*

**IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES**

First Regular Session

February 5, 2010

**REPRESENTATIVE FELICIDAD T. OGUMORO**, of Precinct 3 (*for herself*), introduced the following Resolution on February 5, 2010, which was referred to the Committee on Health and Welfare. In an open and public meeting with an opportunity for the public to comment on February 23, 2010, the Resolution was adopted:

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**H. RES. 17-4**

**A HOUSE RESOLUTION**

**To support the Carolinian Affairs Office (CAO) in the implementation of the recommendations from the Carolinian and Related Language Assistance (CARLA) Project and the first Carolinian Language Symposium on maintenance and preservation of the indigenous language.**

WHEREAS, using criteria set down by the Colloquium on Language Endangerment, Research and Documentation: Setting Priorities for the 21<sup>st</sup> Century, held at Bad Godesberg, Germany, February 12-17, 2000, led by Matthias Brenzinger, Kolu University, the language of the Carolinian people in the Northern Mariana Islands is threatened; and

WHEREAS, the implementation of the CARLA Project and the first Carolinian Language Symposium has been carefully designed to enhance the vitality, status, and use of the Carolinian language in the Commonwealth; and

WHEREAS, the resources and assistance from an Administration of the Native American (ANA) grant and other funding sources will make the CARLA goals and objectives achievable; and

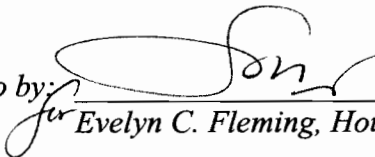
WHEREAS, the Seventeenth Northern Marianas Commonwealth Legislature, House of Representatives recognize that the study and use of the language is a crucial component in the enhancement of the Northern Marianas Carolinian culture and heritage, now, therefore

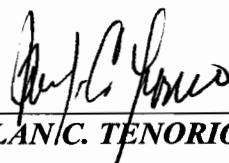
**BE IT RESOLVED**, that the House of Representatives of the Seventeenth Northern Marianas Commonwealth Legislature hereby support the Carolinian Affairs Office's "Grant Application" funding assistance request for the "Native American Language and Maintenance Project" which will support the preservation, maintenance, and enhancement of the Carolinian language in the Commonwealth and the Northern Mariana Islands; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the Speaker of the House of Representatives shall certify, and the House Clerk shall attest to the adoption of this resolution and thereafter the House Clerk shall transmit certified copies to the Honorable Benigno R. Fitial, Governor of the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands; the Honorable Eloy S. Inos, Lt. Governor of the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands; the Honorable Paul A. Mangloña, President of the CNMI Senate; the Honorable Gregorio C. Sablan, CNMI Delegate to the United States Congress, 111<sup>th</sup> United States Congress; the Honorable Donald Flores, Mayor of Saipan; the Honorable Ramon M. Dela Cruz, Mayor of Tinian; the Honorable Melchor Mendiola,

Mayor of Rota; Dr. Rita A. Sablan, Commissioner of Education Public School System; Dr. Lorraine T. Cabrera, Interim-President, Northern Marianas College; Mr. Melvin L. O. Faisao, Deputy Secretary, Department of Community & Cultural Affairs; Mr. David R. Omar, Executive Director, Chamorro Carolinian Language Policy Commission; Mr. Vincent M. Rabauliman, Acting-Executive Director, Commonwealth Council on Arts and Culture; Mr. Frank M. Rabauliman, President, CARLA Organization; Mr. Jesus M. Elameto, President, *Refaluwasch* Genealogy Society (RGS).

**Duly adopted on the 23rd day of February, 2010**

Attested to by:   
Evelyn C. Fleming, House Clerk

Certified by:   
FROILANIC TENORIO, SPEAKER