

SIXTEENTH NORTHERN MARIANAS COMMONWEALTH LEGISLATURE

FOURTH REGULAR SESSION, 2009

S. R. NO. 16-43

A SENATE RESOLUTION

Honoring the memory of the late Dr. Rita Hocog Inos, expressing gratitude for her many contributions to the community and deepest condolences to her family.

1 **WHEREAS**, Dr. Rita Hocog Inos was born on May 12, 1954 in Songsong
2 Village, Island of Rota, Northern Mariana Islands; and

3 **WHEREAS**, Dr. Rita Hocog Inos received her Junior High School Certificate in
4 1969 from Rota Elementary School, Songsong, Rota; High School Diploma in 1972 from
5 Arlington High School, Arlington, Texas; Bachelor of Arts in Liberal Arts (Bilingual
6 Education) in 1979 from the University of Hawaii, Honolulu, Hawaii; Completion of
7 Master’s Coursework in Educational Anthropology in 1983 from California State
8 University—Sacramento, Sacramento, California; Master of Arts in School
9 Administration and Supervision in 1983 from San Jose State University, San Jose,
10 California; and Doctor of Education in Educational Planning, Policy and Administration
11 in 1994 from the University of Southern California; and

12 **WHEREAS**, Dr. Rita Hocog Inos’ professional work experience spanned almost
13 40 years starting as an Elementary School Teacher (Bilingual) at Rota Elementary
14 School, San Antonio Elementary School and San Vicente Elementary School in Saipan;
15 Chamorro Curriculum Writer for Pacific Area Language Development Center, University
16 of Hawaii-Manoa; Bilingual Education Specialist/Curriculum Writer, Rota Elementary
17 School; Acting Project Coordinator, Rota Bilingual Program; Acting School Principal,
18 Rota Elementary School; Northern Marianas College Liaison and Part-time Instructor,
19 Rota; Elementary School Principal, Rota Elementary School and Rota High School;

1 Professional on Loan, Center for Advancement of Pacific Education (CAPE), Honolulu,
 2 Hawaii; Program Specialist, Center for Advancement of Pacific Education (CAPE),
 3 Northwest Regional Educational Laboratory (NWREL), Honolulu, Hawaii; Director of
 4 Programs and Services, Pacific Region Educational Laboratory (PREL), Honolulu,
 5 Hawaii; Deputy Director, Pacific Regional Educational Laboratory (PREL), Honolulu,
 6 Hawaii; Commissioner of Education, CNMI Public School System, Saipan, CNMI;
 7 Member and Former Chairwoman, Board of Regents, Northern Marianas College; and

8 **WHEREAS**, Dr. Rita Hocog Inos was highly instrumental and played a key role
 9 in providing leadership and guidance in the Northern Marianas College's successful
 10 efforts in 2008/2009 to obtain accreditation reaffirmation; and

11 **WHEREAS**, most recently, Dr. Rita Hocog Inos was the Work Group Leader for
 12 the six working groups and the thematic groups of the Chamorro-English Dictionary
 13 Revision Project under the auspices of the Northern Mariana Islands Council for the
 14 Humanities; and

15 **WHEREAS**, Dr. Rita Hocog Inos was a consultant and made numerous
 16 professional presentations on education, for example Harcourt Brace Jovanovich
 17 International—*Teaching, Reading and Language Arts* (American Samoa, Republic of the
 18 Marshalls, Pohnpei State, Chuuk State, and CNMI); Bilingual Education Assistance for
 19 Micronesia/University of Guam—*First and Second Language Teaching and Learning,*
 20 *English as a Second Language, Vernacular Language Arts Materials, Reading and*
 21 *Grouping for Instructions, Language and Cultural Programs for Schools in Micronesia,*
 22 *First Language and Materials Development – Institute planner/presenter school level*
 23 *leadership or bilingual classrooms*; Northern Marianas Public School System—
 24 *Designing an Improved Accountability System of the CNMI Public School System:*
 25 *Onward to Excellence—a School Improvement Process*; Guam Department of
 26 Education—*Developing Oral Language Materials Development for bilingual students*;
 27 Micronesian Language Symposium—*Status of Chamorro Language in the*

1 *Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands*; and

2 **WHEREAS**, Dr. Rita Hocog Inos’ expertise in education and well-roundedness
3 on CNMI issues made her a popular keynote/guest speaker at many events such as the
4 Northern Marianas Academy Graduation Keynote Address; Rota Junior High School
5 Graduation Keynote Address; Yap State Education Conference; Education Day at Tinian
6 Elementary and High School; Culture Day at Rota High School; 13th Annual Pacific
7 Islands Bilingual Bicultural Conference in Pohnpei, Federated States of Micronesia;
8 CNMI Women’s Conference in Saipan; Northern Marianas Chamorro/Carolinian
9 Language and Culture Symposium; and

10 **WHEREAS**, Dr. Rota Hocog Inos also received recognition from groups and
11 organizations such as Who’s Who in American Education, Glimpses into Pacific Lives—
12 Some Outstanding Women (NWREL), and commemorative resolutions from the 9th
13 CNMI House of Representatives and the Senate, the Saipan and Northern Islands
14 Legislative Delegation, and the Rota Legislative Delegation; and

15 **WHEREAS**, Dr. Rita Hocog Inos’ written work has been published, including
16 Research Review for Inclusive Practices—PREL; Synthesis of the Research on
17 Educational Change Part 4: The Teacher’s Role – PREL; and Synthesis of the Research
18 on Educational Change; various titles of Chamorro elementary grades reading books in
19 the PSS bilingual program; Chamorro Grammar Workbook for Grades 4 to 8 in the PSS
20 bilingual program; and

21 **WHEREAS**, Dr. Rita Hocog Inos held membership in many organizations
22 throughout her extensive career, including Pacific Resources for Education & Learning—
23 member, chair; CNMI Comprehensive Cancer Control Planning Group; CNMI Area
24 Health Education Center—advisory board member; National Association for Asian and
25 Pacific American Education – past executive council member; Pacific Islands Bilingual
26 Bicultural Association—historian, member, past secretary, past president; American
27 Educational Research Association – member; Association for Supervision and

1 Curriculum Development – member; Phi Delta Kappa – University of Southern
2 California – member; Hawaii School Leadership Academy – advisory board member;

3 **WHEREAS**, Dr. Rita Hocog Inos was successfully elected as a delegate
4 representing Rota at the 2nd Northern Marianas Constitutional Convention in which she
5 also served as vice-chair for the Committee on Finance and Other Matters;

6 **WHEREAS**, Dr. Rita Hocog Inos courageously battled cancer since being
7 diagnosed until her passing away on August 11, 2009;

8 **WHEREAS**, Dr. Rita Hocog Inos is survived by her husband, Mr. Cristobal
9 Songao Inos, daughters Denis Lorraine and Ana Blossom, siblings, in-laws and relatives
10 now, therefore,

11 **BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Senate, Sixteenth Northern Marianas
12 Commonwealth Legislature, hereby honors the memory of the late Dr. Rita Hocog Inos
13 and expresses gratitude for all her contributions to the CNMI community and abroad
14 representing the Commonwealth and deepest condolences to her family; and

15 **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the President of the Senate shall certify
16 and the Senate Legislative Secretary shall attest to the adoption of this resolution and
17 thereafter the Senate Clerk shall transmit a certified copies to the family of the late Dr.
18 Rita Hocog Inos; the Honorable Benigno R. Fitial, Governor, Commonwealth of the
19 Northern Mariana Islands; the Honorable Arnold I. Palacios, Speaker, House of
20 Representatives, 16th Northern Marianas Commonwealth Legislature; the Honorable
21 Joseph S. Inos, Mayor of Rota; and the Rota Municipal Council.

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Date: 08/14/09

Introduced by: /s/

Sen. Pete P. Reyes

/s/ Sen. Maria Frica T. Pangelinan

/s/ Sen. Luis P. Crisostimo

/s/ Sen. Felix T. Mendiola

/s/ Sen. Paul A. Manglona

/s/ Sen. Paterno S. Hocog

/s/ Sen. Henry H. San Nicolas

/s/ Sen. Joseph M. Mendiola

/s/ Sen. Jude U. Hofschneider