

*I MINA'TRENTAI DOS NA LIHESLATURAN GUÅHAN*  
2013 (FIRST) Regular Session

Resolution No. 64-32 (WR)

Introduced by:

Dennis G. Rodriguez, Jr. *dy*

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Relative to commending and congratulating Ms. Karen Carpenter for being named the 2013 National Association of Social Workers (NASW), Guam Chapter “Public Citizen” and extending a warm and sincere *Un Dangkolo Na Si Yu’us Ma’ase* for her hard work and dedication in assisting the needs of the most vulnerable population in our island community.

1 **BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COMMITTEE ON RULES OF**

2 *I MINA'TRENTAI DOS NA LIHESLATURAN GUÅHAN:*

3 **WHEREAS**, Mrs. Karen Carpenter has been a part of our island community  
4 for the past forty (40) years to which she has dedicated her valuable time in  
5 providing service to the people of Guam; and

6 **WHEREAS**, throughout her years in Guam, Mrs. Carpenter took part in  
7 various educational avenues in Guam. She committed almost twenty five (25)  
8 years of service at the University of Guam as a Professor Emeritus. For twenty

1 years, she worked for the Cooperative Extension Service where she held numerous  
2 workshops and parenting education classes in the villages of Guam. At the same  
3 time, she taught parent education once a week for 9 years, in each of the 5 public  
4 high schools of Guam to pregnant and parenting teens. Also, she served as a field  
5 instructor for social work students. In 1996, Mrs. Carpenter retired from the  
6 University of Guam after; and

7 **WHEREAS**, upon her retirement in 1996, she began her community work  
8 as a volunteer in the area of Family Violence, Sexual Assault, and Parent  
9 Education. Mrs. Carpenter has taught parent education classes for thirty one (31)  
10 years, to which twenty one (21) years was a service as a volunteer. Mrs. Carpenter  
11 has helped numerous parents learn skills for better interaction with their children.  
12 In 1997, she joined the Family Violence Task Force and the Planning Committee  
13 for Erica's House, which subsequently opened in November 15, 2000; and

14 **WHEREAS**, Since Erica's House opening, Mrs. Carpenter has served on  
15 the Erica's House Board of Directors, and has been an active volunteer as a grants  
16 coordinator and a representative of Erica's House in numerous outreach events.  
17 Erica's House is a project of the Soroptimist International of Guam and  
18 Soroptimist International of the Marianas, to which Ms. Carpenter is a member  
19 from 1997-1998. In addition to her involvement in various community outreach  
20 events, she also served on the committee that drafted the 1998 Guam Family  
21 Violence Law. This law was a revision for the previous family violence law,  
22 increasing safety for victims and more clearly delineating victim's rights; and

23 **WHEREAS**, Mrs. Carpenter has also been an active support volunteer with  
24 Victims Advocates Reaching Out (VARO), currently serves as Treasurer on their  
25 Board. Karen also acts as bookkeeper for VARO and assists with administrative  
26 duties and outreach activities, as well as assisting with training. Karen is a  
27 member and past treasurer of the Guam Coalition Against Sexual Assault and

1 Family Violence. She is a vocal advocate for survivors of Family Violence and  
2 Sexual Assault , and continues to speak out for survivors rights to government and  
3 non-profit officials; and

4 **WHEREAS**, aside from her commitments, she also participates in  
5 membership and leadership roles in various organizations in the community. Karen  
6 served on the Guam Symphony Society Board of Directors for fifteen (15) years  
7 serving as a general member, treasurer, and president. She is currently a member of  
8 Soroptimist International of Guam and the Guam Women’s Club. Karen is a  
9 member of the Guam United Methodist Church and serves as the church choir  
10 director as well as chair of the outreach committee; and

11 **WHEREAS**, Mrs. Karen Carpenter has shown great interest, commitment  
12 and dedication striving for the betterment of the community. Her family and  
13 friends describes her to have a wonderful and lovable personality and that her  
14 efforts are appreciated by the community. Mrs. Carpenter continues to be a  
15 dedicated volunteer for many causes and serves a role model for the members of  
16 our community in helping the needs of our people and our island; and now, be it  
17 further

18 **RESOLVED**, *I Liheslaturan Guåhan* and the people of Guam, commends  
19 and congratulates Mrs. Karen Carpenter for being named the 2013 National  
20 Association of Social Workers (NASW), Guam Chapter “Public Citizen” and  
21 extend a warm *Un Dangkolo Na Si Yu’os Ma’ase’* for her hard work and  
22 dedication in assisting the needs of the most vulnerable population in our island  
23 communitiy; and be it further

24 **RESOLVED**, that the Speaker and the Chairperson of the Committee on  
25 Rules certify, and the Secretary of the Legislature attest to, the adoption hereof,  
26 and that copies of the same be thereafter transmitted to Mrs. Karen Carpenter;

- 1 National Association of Social Workers (NASW) Guam Chapter; and to the
- 2 Honorable Edward J.B. Calvo, *I Maga'lahaen Guåhan*.

**DULY AND REGULARLY ADOPTED BY THE COMMITTEE ON RULES  
OF *I MINA'TRENTAI DOS NA LIHESLATURAN GUÅHAN* ON THE 15<sup>TH</sup>  
DAY OF MARCH, 2013.**

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**JUDITH T. WON PAT, Ed.D**

**Speaker**

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**Chairman, Committee on Rules**

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**TINA ROSE MUÑA BARNES**

**Legislative Secretary**