Resolution No. 27-GA-06

"Relative to recognizing the numerous outstanding accomplishments and celebrating the life of the late Honorable Herminia Duenas Dierking, former Senator of the Guam Legislature and President of the Association of Pacific Island Legislatures, and to extending sincere condolences to her family and the people of Guam."

WHEREAS, our Pacific Islands have suffered the loss of one of our most prominent daughters and island citizens with the passing of the late Honorable Herminia Duenas Dierking, affectionately known as "Mina" to family and friends; and

WHEREAS, the late Honorable Herminia Duenas Dierking, former Senator of the Guam Legislature, was a pioneer for women of Guam, an educator, and a dedicated public servant to her island and people; and

WHEREAS, the late Honorable Herminia Duenas Dierking was born on August 17, 1939, in Hagatna to the former Maria Pangelinan Guzman and Jose Cruz Duenas and married Attorney John Clifton Dierking II in 1964; they were blessed with five (5) children, John Clifton III, Kurt, Steven, Ana Maria, and John Paul, and nine (9) grandchildren, Vittoria, Gianna, Kurt II, Christopher, Brittany, Lucas, Mikaylee Mina, Nathan, and Morgan; and

WHEREAS, Senator Dierking attended the Academy of Our Lady of Guam as part of the Class of 1958, the University of Missouri at Kansas City, the University of Guam, and the Emporia State University in Kansas and holds a Bachelor of Arts Degree and a Master of Science Degree in Business Administration; and

WHEREAS, Senator Dierking, began public service as an educator, teaching at the John F. Kennedy High School in Tamuning, and then as an Associate Professor and Chairperson of the Accounting Department at the University of Guam. In 1983, she assumed the position of Director for the Bureau of Budget and Management Research and was Chairperson of the Fiscal
peoples joined together in an Association structured with sufficient capability and permanence to
address, in depth, the substantive regional and international issues facing the emerging Pacific
governments; and

WHEREAS, by setting a standard of selfless devotion to serving the people of Guam,
and the APIL region, the late Honorable Herminia Duenas Dierking, former Senator of the Guam
Legislature, has earned the respect and admiration of all who knew her, not just on her island of
Guam, but throughout the Pacific; and

WHEREAS, it is altogether proper and fitting that the Association of Pacific Island
Legislatures recognize and honor the late Senator Herminia Duenas Dierking and her valuable
service as a public servant of Guam and Micronesia, and recognize her as an individual of
remarkable character and exceptional leadership; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED by the Association of Pacific Island Legislatures, 27th General
Assembly, Island of Guam, May 5-7, 2008, that the Association of Pacific Island Legislatures
hereby commends the late Senator Herminia Duenas Dierking on her numerous outstanding
accomplishments and contributions to the island and people of Guam, and does celebrate her life
as one of Pacific Islands’ most distinguished daughters and prominent island citizens, and does
extend its most sincere condolences to her family and the people of Guam; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the President of the Association of Pacific Island
Legislatures certifies, and the Secretary attests to, the adoption hereof and that copies of the same
shall be thereafter transmitted to the to her husband, Attorney John Clifton Dierking and family;
to the Honorable Madeleine Z. Bordallo, Guam's Delegate to the United States Congress and to
the Presiding Legislative Officers and Chief Executives of each of the APIL member
jurisdictions.

DULY AND REGULARLY ADOPTED ON THE 7TH DAY OF MAY, 2008.

SABINO SAUCHOMAL
APIL PRESIDENT

WILLIAM NGIRAIKELAU
APIL SECRETARY