



Association of Pacific Island Legislatures

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Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands
FSM, State of Chuuk
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Island of Guam
Republic of Kiribati
Republic of the Marshall Islands
Republic of Nauru
Republic of Palau
State of Hawaii

RESOLUTION

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.”

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

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

7 **WHEREAS**, the late Honorable Herminia Duenas Dierking was born on August
8 17,1939, in *Hagatna* to the former Maria Pangelinan Guzman and Jose Cruz Duenas and married
9 Attorney John Clifton Dierking II in 1964; they were blessed with five (5) children, John Clifton
10 III, Kurt, Steven, Ana Maria, and John Paul, and nine (9) grandchildren, Vittoria, Gianna, Kurt
11 II, Christopher, Brittany, Lucas, Mikaylee Mina, Nathan, and Morgan; and

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

16 **WHEREAS**, Senator Dierking, began public service as an educator, teaching at the John
17 F. Kennedy High School in Tamuning, and then as an Associate Professor and Chairperson of
18 the Accounting Department at the University of Guam. In 1983, she assumed the position of
19 Director for the Bureau of Budget and Management Research and was Chairperson of the Fiscal

1 peoples joined together in an Association structured with sufficient capability and permanence to
2 address, in depth, the substantive regional and international issues facing the emerging Pacific
3 governments; and

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

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

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

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

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


SABINO SAUCHOMAL
APIL PRESIDENT


WILLIAM NGIRAI KELAU
APIL SECRETARY

