

A RESOLUTION

Expressing the sincere gratitude and appreciation of the Congress of the Federated States of Micronesia to Sister Maria Perez-Caballero for her lifetime of dedication to improving the quality of education in the Federated States of Micronesia.

1 WHEREAS, Sister Maria Perez-Caballero is a Sister of the
2 Mercedarian Order in Bilbao City, Basque County, Spain, having
3 three sisters, one of whom is also in the Mercedarian Order and a
4 brother who is a priest in the Jesuit Order; and

5 WHEREAS, Sister Maria entered the Mercedarian Order while in
6 Kansas City, then attended the College of Santa Teresa in
7 Minnesota and took her final vows in December 1973, in Bilbao
8 City, Spain; and

9 WHEREAS, Sister Maria arrived in Pohnpei in January 1974,
10 where she began to study Pohnpeian and taught at Our Lady of Mercy
11 Elementary School until it closed in 1975; and

12 WHEREAS, Sister Maria along with Father Joseph Cavanaugh
13 started Our Lady of Mercy Vocational School, which consisted of
14 five students in the first class; and

15 WHEREAS, Our Lady of Mercy Vocational School received its
16 Charter in 1976 and had approximately thirty students at that
17 time; and

18 WHEREAS, from 1980 to 1986, Sister Maria Perez-Cabellero
19 taught at Pohnpei Island Central School, transferring to St. Julia
20 Catholic School in Tol, Chuuk, in 1988, and St. Cecilia Catholic
21 School in Weno, Chuuk, in 1989; and

1 WHEREAS, in 1990 Sister Maria returned to Pohnpei to resume
2 work as a teacher at Our Lady of Mercy Vocational School, where
3 she also took over as Principal in 1992; and

4 WHEREAS, Sister Maria has been instrumental in securing many
5 grants for building, improving and maintaining Our Lady of Mercy
6 Vocation School; and

7 WHEREAS, in 2009 Our Lady of Mercy Vocational School became
8 Our Lady of Mercy Catholic High School, with one hundred and
9 twenty six students, whose first graduating class graduates May
10 18, 2013; now, therefore,

11 BE IT RESOLVED by the Eighteenth Congress of the Federated
12 States of Micronesia, First Regular Session, 2013, that Congress
13 hereby expresses its sincere gratitude and appreciation to Sister
14 Maria Perez-Caballero for her lifetime of dedication to improving
15 the quality of education in the Federated States of Micronesia;
16 and

17 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a certified copy of this
18 resolution be transmitted to Sister Maria Perez-Caballero.

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20 Date: 5/15/13

Introduced by: /s/ David W. Panuelo
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