

TWENTY-FOURTH NORTHERN MARIANAS COMMONWEALTH
LEGISLATURE
IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

SESSION, 2026

H. Res. 24-29

A HOUSE RESOLUTION

Commending and Honoring Gloria Worswick Hunter for her historic two decades of cabinet leadership as Special Assistant for Programs and Legislative Review, her lifelong devotion to public service, and her enduring legacy as a cultural matriarch of the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands.

1 **WHEREAS**, the Legislature proudly honors and recognizes those
2 exemplary individuals whose dedicated public service, outstanding achievements
3 and altruism enhance the quality of life within the Commonwealth; and

4 **WHEREAS**, Gloria Worswick Hunter came to the Marianas in the early
5 1960s, carrying rich heritage from Angaur, Palau, and Yap, Federated States of
6 Micronesia, graduated from Mount Carmel High School on Saipan in 1967, and
7 chose Saipan as her permanent home, successfully building bridges of
8 understanding, inclusivity, and camaraderie among diverse Pacific communities;
9 and

10 **WHEREAS**, prior to her career in public administration, Gloria Worswick
11 Hunter was recruited by Abed Younis and served as a reporter for the island's main
12 newspaper, the Marianas Variety, starting in 1978, contributing to local journalism

1 and community reporting during a pivotal period in the Commonwealth's early
2 political development; and

3 **WHEREAS**, prior to her appointment to the Governor's cabinet, Gloria
4 Worswick Hunter demonstrated early administrative leadership, beginning her
5 legislative service as a clerk during the First Northern Marianas Commonwealth
6 Legislature and subsequently serving as Legislative Affairs Officer (LAO) during
7 the Second Northern Marianas Commonwealth Legislature (1980–1981), in which
8 she managed official legislative communications, acknowledged Senate
9 resolutions, and coordinated liaison affairs between administrative offices and
10 lawmakers; and

11 **WHEREAS**, Gloria Worswick Hunter subsequently dedicated her life to
12 exemplary executive public service within the Commonwealth of the Northern
13 Mariana Islands (CNMI), serving with distinction as the Special Assistant for
14 Programs and Legislative Review (SAPLR) in the Office of the Governor across a
15 remarkable period of five consecutive four-year terms from January 1982 to
16 January 2002; and

17 **WHEREAS**, as the longest-serving cabinet-level official in CNMI
18 administrative history, Gloria Worswick Hunter demonstrated unparalleled
19 professional neutrality, administrative skill, and institutional dedication, seamlessly
20 bridging executive policy across three distinct gubernatorial administrations under
21 both major political parties; and

1 **WHEREAS**, in her capacity as Special Assistant for Programs and
2 Legislative Review, Gloria Worswick Hunter served as the essential liaison
3 between the Executive Branch and the CNMI Legislature, meticulously managing
4 statutory reviews, executive policy comments, public hearing notifications, and
5 gubernatorial communications that shaped foundational legislation for the
6 Commonwealth; and

7 **WHEREAS**, she is a devoted matriarch who raised four accomplished
8 children (Robert Hunter, former Senior Policy Advisor and premier Micronesian
9 artist; Tamara Hunter, Special Assistant to the Secretary of Public Lands; William
10 Hunter, Northern Marianas College Distance Learning Education Coordinator; and
11 Glen Hunter, Special Assistant to the Governor for Broadband Policy
12 Development) instilling in them her core values of integrity, public service, and
13 devotion to the Marianas; and

14 **WHEREAS**, Gloria Worswick Hunter has been widely celebrated as a
15 regional "Cultural Beauty Icon" and a leading advocate for cultural preservation,
16 serving as a vital repository of Micronesian traditional craftwork, culinary
17 knowledge, indigenous wisdom, and regional history, thereby enriching the cultural
18 tapestry of the CNMI; and

19 **WHEREAS**, affectionately known as "Mom" or "Auntie" throughout the
20 islands, Gloria Worswick Hunter embodies the spirit of maternal leadership,
21 hospitality, and civic unity, fostering a welcoming environment for all who reside
22 in the Commonwealth; and

1 **WHEREAS**, Gloria Worswick Hunter's journey from her early life in
2 Palau to the highest echelons of administrative governance in the CNMI stands as
3 an inspiring testament to resilience, public duty, and regional leadership; and

4 **WHEREAS**, it is fitting and proper that the CNMI House of
5 Representatives recognizes and commends individuals whose lifetime
6 achievements have permanently enriched the administrative, cultural, and civic
7 foundation of our islands;

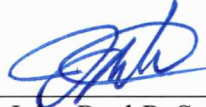
8 **NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, by the House of
9 Representatives of the Twenty-Fourth Northern Marianas Commonwealth
10 Legislature, that the House hereby expresses its profound gratitude, highest
11 commendation, and heartfelt appreciation to GLORIA WORSWICK HUNTER for
12 her extraordinary twenty years of continuous service as Special Assistant for
13 Programs and Legislative Review, her early contributions as a reporter for the
14 Marianas Variety, her service as a clerk during the First CNMI Legislature and
15 Legislative Affairs Officer during the Second, her lifelong advocacy for cultural
16 preservation, and her irreplaceable legacy as a matriarch of the Northern Mariana
17 Islands; and

18 **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the Speaker of the House of
19 Representatives shall certify, and the House Clerk shall attest to the adoption of this
20 resolution and thereafter the House Clerk shall transmit a certified copy to Gloria
21 Worswick Hunter; the Honorable David M. Apatang, Governor, Commonwealth of
22 the Northern Mariana Islands; the Honorable Kimberlyn K. King-Hinds, CNMI

- 1 Delegate to the U.S. House of Representatives, 119th United States Congress; and
2 the Honorable Karl King-Nabors, Senate President, 24th Northern Marianas
3 Commonwealth Legislature.

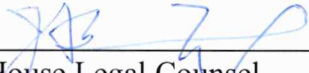
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