

TWENTY-FOURTH NORTHERN MARIANAS COMMONWEALTH LEGISLATURE

SECOND REGULAR SESSION, 2025

S.R. NO. 24-12

A SENATE RESOLUTION

To commend and congratulate Jacqueline Ayuyu Quitugua for her exemplary service, leadership, and dedication for more than four decades to education, student well-being, and youth development in the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands.

1 **WHEREAS**, this Legislative Body is pleased to acknowledge stewards of our
2 community who have played a critical role in strengthening the educational system of our
3 islands with an unwavering dedication, innovative efforts, and commitment to the growth
4 and success of the youth of the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands; and

5 **WHEREAS**, Jacqueline Ayuyu Quitugua was born on the beautiful, pristine island
6 of Rota to proud parents, †Juan Crisostimo and †Maria Manglona Ayuyu, and together
7 with her siblings: †Vicente Ayuyu, †Barbara Ayuyu Barcinas, †Frederick Ayuyu, Rosita
8 Ayuyu Hocog, George Ayuyu, Luis Ayuyu, Juan Ayuyu, were raised with humility, faith,
9 and a deep passion to serve their beloved community; and

10 **WHEREAS**, Jacqueline Ayuyu Quitugua began her education deeply rooted in
11 faith as an elementary student at Mount Carmel School in Guam, a middle school student
12 at Bishop Baumgartner Memorial Catholic School in Guam, and earned her high school
13 diploma from Notre Dame High School in Talafofo, Guam in 1972; and

14 **WHEREAS**, Jacqueline Ayuyu Quitugua would follow a journey that led her to
15 obtain a Bachelor of Arts in Education from the University of Guam, in 1979, and after
16 much experience in the education system, she obtained a Masters of Education in
17 Administration and Supervision from the University of Guam, in 1991. Through her
18 determination and focus on her academics, Jacqueline Ayuyu Quitugua, a Phi Delta Kappa
19 member, graduated Cum Laude from the University of Guam; and

1 **WHEREAS**, Jacqueline Ayuyu Quitugua has devoted over forty years of
2 distinguished service to the education system of the Commonwealth of the Northern
3 Mariana Islands (CNMI), beginning her career as a classroom teacher in 1978 and rising
4 through the ranks to become one of the CNMI Public School System’s (PSS) most
5 respected senior leaders; and

6 **WHEREAS**, Jacqueline Ayuyu Quitugua currently serves as the Senior Director
7 for Student Support and Services of the CNMI Public School System, where she oversees,
8 coordinates, and facilitates a comprehensive portfolio of student-centered programs
9 including, but not limited to, AmeriCorps, Athletics, Early Intervention, Counseling,
10 Mental Health, Cooperative Education, JROTC, Leadership Corps, PREP, and services for
11 incarcerated youth; and

12 **WHEREAS**, in this role, Jacqueline Ayuyu Quitugua provides visionary
13 leadership to ensure alignment of all programs with the PSS Strategic Plan, the CNMI
14 Profile of a Graduate, and college and career readiness goals, while promoting equitable
15 access to supportive services that foster academic success, personal growth, and student
16 well-being; and

17 **WHEREAS**, Jacqueline Ayuyu Quitugua works collaboratively with the
18 Commissioner of Education, the Board of Education, school administrators, program
19 managers, teachers, parents, youth, and community partners, as well as interagency
20 partners including the Departments of Public Health, Youth Services, and Youth Affairs,
21 the Northern Marianas College, and regional Pacific entities; and

22 **WHEREAS**, Jacqueline Ayuyu Quitugua has demonstrated exceptional expertise
23 in grant writing, fiscal stewardship, and program evaluation, successfully overseeing the
24 proposal, management, implementation, monitoring, and evaluation of numerous federally
25 funded programs that have strengthened instructional quality, student supports, health and
26 wellness initiatives, and youth development services across the CNMI; and

27 **WHEREAS**, from 2017 to 2024, Jacqueline Ayuyu Quitugua served as Senior
28 Director for Curriculum and Instruction, formerly Associate Commissioner for Curriculum
29 and Instruction, where she led the development, implementation, and assessment of
30 standards-based curriculum and instruction across all core content areas, including

1 Language Arts, Mathematics, Science, Social Studies, Career and Technical Education,
2 Chamorro Carolinian Language Heritage Studies, Health, Physical Education, Special
3 Education, Head Start, and JROTC; and

4 **WHEREAS**, during her tenure in curriculum leadership, Jacqueline Ayuyu
5 Quitugua guided major initiatives funded through Earmark Grants, ARPA programs,
6 Comprehensive Literacy State Development grants, and consolidated federal programs,
7 expanding literacy, numeracy, tutoring, extended learning, socio-emotional learning,
8 digital resources, and professional development opportunities for educators and students
9 throughout the Commonwealth; and

10 **WHEREAS**, from 2006 to 2017, Jacqueline Ayuyu Quitugua served as Associate
11 Commissioner for Curriculum and Instruction, continuing her steadfast commitment to
12 instructional excellence, standards-based education, data-informed decision-making, and
13 professional learning communities, while supporting accreditation, assessment, and
14 accountability efforts systemwide; and

15 **WHEREAS**, earlier in her career, Jacqueline Ayuyu Quitugua served the CNMI
16 Public School System as a Coordinator and Specialist in Social Studies, Fine Arts, Physical
17 Education, Science, Health, HIV Education, and Drug-Free Schools programs, where she
18 developed curriculum, coordinated policy and assessment, trained educators, and led youth
19 health and prevention initiatives at the local, Pacific regional, and national levels; and

20 **WHEREAS**, Jacqueline Ayuyu Quitugua also served as the CNMI’s Drug-Free
21 Schools Coordinator, advocating for safe, supportive, and substance-free learning
22 environments while strengthening prevention education, community outreach, and youth
23 development programs; and

24 **WHEREAS**, as a classroom teacher, Jacqueline Ayuyu Quitugua taught science,
25 health, language arts, and composition in CNMI public schools and private schools in both
26 the CNMI and Guam, shaping generations of students through her commitment to high
27 standards, compassion, and meaningful learning experiences; and

28 **WHEREAS**, Jacqueline Ayuyu Quitugua’s professional influence extends beyond
29 the classroom through her active participation in numerous trainings, seminars, and
30 workshops to further her knowledge and management of educational policies and strategies

1 that have resulted in an extensive coordination and facilitation of professional
2 development, leadership training, standards development, curriculum mapping, assessment
3 design, and interagency collaboration throughout the CNMI, the Pacific region, and the
4 nation; and

5 **WHEREAS**, her dedication to education, health, and youth advocacy is further
6 reflected in her service on numerous boards, councils, task forces, and community planning
7 groups, including regional and national initiatives addressing health disparities, school
8 health, curriculum leadership, and youth wellness, such as the: CNMI Tobacco Advisory
9 Board; Pacific Council for Curriculum and Instruction; CDC National Task Force on
10 Health Disparities, Co-Chair; Pacific Math/Science Leadership Team, PREL &
11 Math/Science Consortium; NSTA, ASCD, ASHA, CDC Pacific Trainer; Community
12 Planning Group for CNMI DPH & PSS; Virtues Coordinating Team for CNMI and
13 International Virtues Master Facilitator; Mt. Carmel Board of Directors; CNMI Governor’s
14 Food and Nutrition Council; and CNMI Hinemlo’ Familia (NGO); and

15 **WHEREAS**, Jacqueline Ayuyu Quitugua has been recognized with numerous
16 honors and awards, including a twice recipient of the Employee of the Year by the CNMI
17 Public School System, Outstanding Woman by her beloved island of Rota, the 2022
18 University of Guam Distinguished Alumni Award, and commendations for outstanding
19 grant project performance; and

20 **WHEREAS**, outside of her professional achievements, Jacqueline Ayuyu
21 Quitugua has cherished many of life’s unforgettable moments with her husband, Justo
22 Songao Quitugua. Together, they have been blessed with five children: John Quitugua,
23 Joylyne Quitugua-Ogo, Justise Quitugua, Justo Quitugua, and Jaclyn Quitugua, and with
24 blessings on blessings is the proud grandmother of Devereux, Ryker, Kieron, Oriana Ogo;
25 Justo Jeremiah Quitugua, Jordan Camacho, Athena Feger; Jacqueline Iris Quitugua,
26 Juliana Cruz; Mariana Quitugua; and

27 **WHEREAS**, throughout her career, Jacqueline Ayuyu Quitugua has exemplified
28 integrity, professionalism, cultural respect, and unwavering dedication to empowering
29 educators, uplifting students, and strengthening families and communities across the
30 Commonwealth;

1 **NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, by the Senate of the Twenty-Fourth
2 Northern Marianas Commonwealth Legislature that the Senate hereby commends and
3 congratulates Jacqueline Ayuyu Quitugua for her exceptional career in public education
4 and her enduring contributions to the academic success, health, and well-being of the y
5 outh of the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands; and

6 **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the Senate extends its deepest gratitude and
7 appreciation to Jacqueline Ayuyu Quitugua for her decades of dedicated service,
8 exemplary leadership, and unwavering commitment to educational excellence, and wishes
9 her continued success, fulfillment, and good health in her well-deserved retirement; and

10 **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the President of the Senate shall certify, and
11 the Senate Legislative Secretary shall attest to the adoption of this resolution and thereafter
12 the Senate Clerk shall transmit a certified copy to Jacqueline Ayuyu Quitugua; the
13 Honorable David M. Apatang, Governor of the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana
14 Islands; the Honorable Edmund S. Villagomez, Speaker of the House of Representatives,
15 Twenty-Fourth Northern Marianas Commonwealth Legislature; the Honorable Kimberlyn
16 King-Hinds, CNMI Delegate to the House of Representatives Washington, 119th United
17 States Congress; the Honorable Mayor Aubry M. Hocog, Mayor of the Municipality of
18 Rota; the Honorable Edwin P. Aldan, Mayor of Tinian & Aguiguan; the Honorable Ramon
19 B. Camacho, Mayor of the Municipality of Saipan; the Honorable Valentino N. Taisacan,
20 Jr., Mayor of the Northern Islands; Aschumar Kodep Ogumoro-Uludong, Chairperson, 19th
21 CNMI State Board of Education; and Lawrence F. Camacho, ED. D, Commissioner of
22 Education, CNMI Public School System.

Date: 12/22/2025

Introduced By: /s/ _____
Senator Donald M. Manglona