



**UNIVERSITY OF GUAM
UNIBETSEDAT GUAHAN
BOARD OF REGENTS**

Resolution No. 10-19

**RELATIVE TO EXPRESSING CONDOLENCES TO THE FAMILY OF
THE LATE DR. RICHARD G. TENNESSEN**

WHEREAS, on the passing of Dr. Richard G. Tennesen, the University of Guam community wishes to express its sincere condolences to his widow, his son, and his family members; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Richard G. Tennesen was a resident of Guam since 1955 and is married to the former Julia Martinez Taitano; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Richard G. Tennesen was awarded a purple heart for being wounded in action while serving in Korea, after he was called into the Army with his National Guard Unit in 1951; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Richard G. Tennesen earned a bachelor of science degree from Mankato State Teachers College, a master of arts degree from Colorado State University, and a doctor of education degree from Arizona State University; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Richard G. Tennesen was an educator, having taught in Madison, Minnesota, and at Wettengel School and George Washington High School on Guam; having served as Assistant Principal at Tumon Jr. Sr. High School; Principal at Barrigada Junior High and George Washington High School; and Superintendent of Schools for the Guam Department of Education; and having served as an Assistant Professor and Dean of the College of Education at the University of Guam and Assistant Headmaster at St. John's School; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Richard G. Tennesen was awarded the Ancient Order of the Chamorri for distinguished service in Guam Education by Governor Manuel F. L. Guerrero in 1969; was the sole recipient of the "For Distinguished Service to Education on Guam" award presented by the Guam Federation of Teachers in 1977; was presented the Award for distinguished service to St. John's School presented by Rev. Canon John T. Moore in 1986; was named as the Outstanding Community College Trustees for the Pacific Region by the National Association of Community College Trustees in 1995; and was inducted in the Guam Educators' Hall of Fame in 2001; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Richard G. Tennesen was a recognized public servant, having served as a member and Chairman of the Guam Community College Board of Trustees and as a member, Vice Chairman, and Chairman of the UOG Board of Regents; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Richard G. Tennesen represented the Board of Regents as a member of the Regent Nominating Council and as a Director of the UOG Endowment Foundation Board ; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Richard G. Tennesen, through his excellent leadership and acumen, provided the Board of Regents with the knowledge and stability needed to function effectively and played an instrumental role in the search for and selection of the tenth president of the University of Guam; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Richard G. Tennesen, during his tenure as Chairman and Vice Chairman, contributed significantly to the University's growth and development, having improved support of the institution's mission and programs directed at academic excellence and student success; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Richard G. Tennesen is highly regarded for his role in the development of Guam's education system, at all levels, having demonstrated perseverance and commitment to promoting institutional autonomy, sound leadership and financial stability.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Regents of the University of Guam, the administration, faculty, staff and students, convey to the family of the late Dr. Richard G. Tennesen their sincerest gratitude for his dedication to the University and the people of Guam, for his exemplary life of service, and for his devotion to the future growth and prosperity of our island; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that copies of this resolution be sent to the family of the late Dr. Richard G. Tennesen, to the Governor of Guam, and to the Speaker and members of the thirtieth (30th) Guam Legislature.

Adopted this 20th day of May, 2010.



P. Sonny Ada, Chairman

ATTESTED:



Dr. Robert A. Underwood, Executive Secretary