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(TRUSTEESHIP COUNCIL REAFFIRMS POSITION)

UNITED NATIONS, JULY 26 (MNS)---THE U.N. TRUSTEESHIP COUNCIL RECENTLY REAFFIRMED THE RIGHT OF THE PEOPLE OF THE TRUST TERRITORY OF THE PACIFIC ISLANDS, MICRONESIA, TO SELF-DETERMINATION, INCLUDING INDEPENDENCE. HOWEVER, THE COUNCIL AFFIRMED ITS CONVICTION THAT THE POLITICAL UNITY OF THE CAROLINE AND MARSHALL ISLANDS SHOULD BE MAINTAINED, ACCORDING TO A U.N., PRESS RELEASE.

MICRONESIA IS THE ONLY TERRITORY REMAINING UNDER THE UNITED NATIONS TRUSTEESHIP SYSTEM.

THE COUNCIL RECOGNIZED THAT THE PEOPLE OF THE NORTHERN MARIANAS, "IN THE FREE EXERCISE OF THEIR RIGHT TO SELF-DETERMINATION", HAD BY A LARGE MAJORITY APPROVED A COVENANT TO ESTABLISH A COMMONWEALTH IN POLITICAL UNION WITH THE UNITED STATES. THE COUNCIL FURTHER TOOK NOTE OF U.S. ASSURANCES THAT CERTAIN PROVISIONS OF THE COVENANT WOULD NOT TAKE EFFECT UNTIL AFTER THE TERMINATION OF THE TRUSTEESHIP AGREEMENT, AND THAT IT WAS THE INTENTION OF THE U.S. THAT THE AGREEMENT BE TERMINATED SIMULTANEOUSLY FOR BOTH THE NORTHERN MARIANAS AND THE REMAINING DISTRICTS.

(NINE RECEIVES INCENTIVE AWARDS)

SAIPAN, JULY 26 (MNS)---NINE EMPLOYEES OF THE TRUST TERRITORY GOVERNMENT, BOTH AT HEADQUARTERS AND DISTRICTS, RECENTLY RECEIVED INCENTIVE AWARDS FOR THEIR OUTSTANDING SERVICES AND EXCELLENT PERFORMANCE. FOUR OF THE RECIPIENTS ARE FROM PALAU DISTRICT AND THE REST ARE EMPLOYED AT HEADQUARTERS.

ACCORDING TO ALONZO IGISOMAR, ASSISTANT CHIEF OF EMPLOYMENT/EMPLOYEE RELATIONS DIVISION AND WHO ALSO SERVES AS ADVISOR TO HEADQUARTERS INCENTIVE AWARDS COMMITTEE, SAID THE COMMITTEE MADE ITS FINAL RECOMMENDATION ON JUNE 23, 1976 TO THE OFFICE OF THE HIGH COMMISSIONER. JUAN A. SABLAN, THEN ACTING DEPUTY HIGH COMMISSIONER, APPROVED THE NAMES OF THE NINE RECIPIENTS JULY 1.

IGISOMAR SAID THAT THE USUAL PROCEDURE FOR INCENTIVE AWARDS IS FOR EACH DEPARTMENT TO MAKE THE RECOMMENDATIONS FOR ITS EMPLOYEES TO THE DISTRICT INCENTIVE AWARDS COMMITTEE. THE DISTRICT COMMITTEE THEN MAKES SELECTIONS AND FORWARD ITS RECOMMENDATIONS TO THE HEADQUARTERS INCENTIVE AWARDS COMMITTEE. THE HEADQUARTERS COMMITTEE MAKES THE FINAL SCREENING AND RECOMMENDATION TO THE HIGH COMMISSIONER.

THE NINE RECIPIENTS ARE: SUMOR ALBIS (PUBLIC HEALTH, PALAU), \$200.00; CELESTINE TANGELBAD (PUBLIC HEALTH, PALAU) \$100.00; HARUZI NSIRAKED (PUBLIC HEALTH, PALAU) \$100.00; ABELIANO SUZUKY (PUBLIC AFFAIRS, PALAU) \$300.00; BARBARA Y. HIGA (HQ, DEPARTMENT OF PERSONNEL) \$300.00; JESUS I. SABLAN (HQ, DEPARTMENT OF FINANCE) \$200.00; JOAQUIN S. QUITUGUA (HQ, DEPT OF FINANCE) \$200.00; RICARDO A. BABAUTA (HQ, DEPT. OF FINANCE) \$200.00 AND MARIA T. PANGELINAN (HQ/ DEPT. OF FINANCE) \$300.00.

(MRS. MARTIN LEAVES T.T. HEALTH SERVICES)

SAIPAN, JULY 26 (MNS)---AFTER TWENTY ONE YEARS OF DEDICATED AND PROFESSIONAL SERVICES FOR THE PEOPLE OF MICRONESIA, MRS. RUTH Y. MARTIN LEFT MICRONESIA JULY 16 FOR HOME IN THE U.S.

BOTH ACTING HIGH COMMISSIONER PETER T. COLEMAN AND DIRECTOR OF HEALTH SERVICES DEPARTMENT DR. MASAO KUMANGAI HIGHLY COMMENDED MRS. MARTIN FOR HER "MANY YEARS OF LOYAL AND FAITHFUL SERVICE AS CHIEF OF NURSING SERVICES IN THE TRUST TERRITORY GOVERNMENT.

COLEMAN'S LETTER OF COMMENDATION SAYS IN PART, "MEMORABLE TO THE MANY WHO KNOW YOUR WORK IS THE WAY YOU NEVER FAILED TO INSIST THAT THE NURSES UNDER YOUR JURISDICTION CULTIVATE A DEDICATION TO THEIR DUTIES AND TO THEIR PATIENTS. YOU MOTIVATED THEM BY YOUR PERSONAL EFFORTS TO DO THEIR BEST. THIS SET AN EXAMPLE, NOT ONLY TO NURSES, BUT ALSO TO OTHER PARAMEDICS THROUGHOUT MICRONESIA. IN THIS MANNER," THE LETTER CONTINUES, "YOU DEMONSTRATED THE QUALITIES OF LEADERSHIP NEEDED TO MEET THE EXACTING DEMANDS OF YOUR PROFESSION."

KUMANGAI POINTED OUT IN HIS LETTER THAT, "YOUR LONG DEDICATION AND UNSELFISH PROFESSIONAL SERVICE IN MICRONESIA, DATING AS FAR BACK AS 1955, IS WELL RECOGNIZED AND HIGHLY

APPRECIATED BY THE MICRONESIANS. YOU HAVE BEEN AN INSTRUMENT IN BUILDING UP THE NURSING PROFESSION FROM ALMOST NOTHING TO WHERE IT IS HIGHLY RECOGNIZED TODAY AS A PUBLICLY CHARTERED ASSOCIATION. YOU DESERVE THE HIGHEST COMMENDATION FOR THIS PROFESSIONAL COMMITMENT."

MRS. MARTIN IS ORIGINALLY FROM THE STATE OF HAWAII.

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