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Dionata “Dee” Quintanilla Honored for 40 Years of Service

Speaker Terlaje presents Nurse with a Legislative Resolution

(Monday, July 10, 2023; Tamuning, Guam) Speaker Therese Terlaje joined the Executive Team at Guam Memorial Hospital Authority (GMHA) on Friday, July 7, 2023, to honor Dionata “Dee” Quintanilla on her recent retirement after 40 years of service as a nurse at GMHA. The Speaker presented Ms. Quintanilla with a Legislative Resolution recognizing her for her many contributions to Guam’s healthcare industry, including her legacy at GMHA. The GMHA Executive Team presented Ms. Quintanilla with a special GMHA commemorative coin recognizing her 40 years of service to the people and GMHA. Ms. Quintanilla is the first GMHA employee to receive a commemorative coin in recognition of her 40 years of commitment and service.

During her 40-year career at GMHA, Ms. Quintanilla spent four years in the Obstetrics (OB) ward and 15 years as a valuable member of the GMHA Surgical Unit. The nursing dynamo then put in 21 years of dedicated service in the GMHA Emergency Room (ER) as a staff nurse and unit supervisor. In addition to caring for patients in the ER, Ms. Quintanilla has taken many fledgling nurses under her wing to train, guide, and encourage them to develop their skills and training to become excellent nurses.

Ms. Quintanilla has shared her experience and skills with the ER team, where she took the lead in training and developing the unit clerks, technicians, and staff nurses. She also put her heart into staff recruitment and retention to encourage nurses to stay in Guam, where there is an ongoing need for their service. GMHA was fortunate to have Ms. Quintanilla onboard during many of Guam’s worst natural disasters, including Typhoons Omar, Paka, and Pongsona. She was beginning her well-deserved retirement when Typhoon Mawar struck and rather than watch from the sidelines, she immediately jumped back in.

“I think Dee is amazing for all her years of service to GMHA and our Island community. After Typhoon Mawar, when GMHA needed her, she was there immediately, working and helping during our recovery,” said Christine Tuquero, Assistant Administrator of Nursing Services. “I appreciate Dee for her dedication and hard work on the front lines of healthcare.”

Ms. Quintanilla’s plans for her retirement are to return to GMHA on a part-time basis. She is the living embodiment of everything outstanding about nurses.



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“Dee has been an extraordinary member of the GMHA family. Her commitment to GMHA, our patients, and her coworkers has been an inspiration. Dee is a nursing dynamo and gladly shares her knowledge, skills, and expertise with other nurses. She has taken many new nurses under her wing and through her mentoring, has turned them into highly skilled, caring nurses,” said Hospital Administrator and CEO Lillian Posadas, “It has been a joy and a privilege to have her with us for 40 years. We look forward to many more years of her devotion and commitment to Guam and GMHA.”

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