

***I MINA'TRENTAI SAIS NA LIHESLATURAN GUÅHAN***  
**RESOLUTIONS**

Resolution No.	Sponsor	Title	Date Intro	Date of Presentation	Date Adopted	Date Referred	Referred to	PUBLIC HEARING DATE	DATE COMMITTEE REPORT FILED	NOTES
115-36 (COR)	Amanda L. Shelton	Relative to recognizing the observance of "War Survivor Remembrance Day" on June 28, 2021, as part of the celebration of the Seventy-seventh (77th) Year Anniversary of Guam's Liberation, to pay tribute and commemorate all the survivors of Guam's wartime occupation for their immense courage and perseverance; and commending the Guam War Survivors Memorial Foundation for their dedication and service in perpetuating the stories and accounts of the hardships of all those affected during the Japanese occupation of Guam during World War II.	6/21/21 3:54 p.m.	06/28/21	6/25/21 3:02 p.m.					

Resolution No. 115-36 (COR)

Introduced by:

Amanda L. Shelton	
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Frank Blas Jr.	Clynton E. Ridgoll
Josanne Brown	Joe S. San Agustin
Christopher M. Ducass	Yelo T. Taitague
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**BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COMMITTEE ON RULES OF I MINA TRENTAI SAIS NA LIHESLATURAN GUAHAN:**

**WHEREAS**, one of the most tragic and horrific events in our island's history occurred during World War II, from December 8, 1941 to August 10, 1944; and the atrocities that the enemy forces inflicted upon the people of Guam have left scars that will never heal. CHamoros were enslaved and forced to work for little to no compensation, and many families suffered the loss of personal property and their livelihoods. The rape of women was rampant, and children were unjustly robbed of their innocence. Thousands of CHamoros were subjected to physical abuse, detention, and torture, and more than a thousand residents were killed by the Japanese Imperial Army. The heinous actions that resulted in the deaths of many of our native inhabitants were truly devastating and traumatic; and in the end, the peaceful way of life that the CHamoros had cherished before the war was lost forever; and

**WHEREAS**, on November 15, 1945, the U.S. Congress passed Public Law 79-225, the "Meritorious Claims Act of 1945." This Act authorized the Secretary of the Navy to adjudicate and settle claims "for the purpose of granting immediate relief to the residents of Guam by the prompt settlement of meritorious claims." Although Guam had a surviving population of about twenty-one thousand (21,000) residents, only six thousand six hundred forty-six (6,646) claims were filed. The number was significantly lower than expected considering that almost every individual who was on Guam during the occupation was subject to humiliation, beatings, and/or loss of property; and

**WHEREAS**, as Guam continues to fight for appropriate recognition of those who suffered during the war from the U.S. Congress, we must do everything we can here on Guam to honor the memories and the stories of those who endured permanent sufferings. The legacy and heritage of our war survivors, known as our Greatest Generation, should be recognized by all the people of Guam; and War Survivor Remembrance Day is an appropriate day to honor the war survivors who have gone before us, to celebrate the lives of those still with us, and to remind all future generations that they must never forget the Greatest Generation in our island's history; and

**WHEREAS**, on June 26, 2015, Guam Public Law 33-56 was enacted declaring that June 28 of each year be recognized as War Survivor Remembrance Day. June 28 marks an important date in Guam's history, as it was the date that President Harry S. Truman transmitted a request to the U.S. House of Representatives for consideration of an appropriation for the Navy Department to pay claims for death or personal injury to residents on Guam for suffering through the war, and in recognition of the CHamoru people who endured one of the most tragic and horrific enemy occupations; and

**WHEREAS**, to help ensure that the sacrifice and legacy of Guam's war survivors is truly perpetuated for years to come, the Guam War Survivors Memorial Foundation organizes events that cater to all age groups and walks of life. These events include a Memorial Mass that is held every year at the Dulce Nombre de Maria Cathedral Basilica and a concert series dedicated to the survivors of World War II, featuring the music from that era; and the Foundation has published books featuring the inspiring and heart-wrenching stories of the war survivors and their families; and

**WHEREAS**, the Guam War Survivors Memorial Foundation also developed a website that is dedicated to allowing survivors or their families with an outlet to share the hardships they faced during the Japanese Occupation. Before the website was created, Senator Frank Blas Jr., President of the Guam War Survivors Memorial Foundation, his senatorial staff, their friends from Expressions Studio, and companies who kindly offered their help, started a weekly series in the Guam edition of the Marianas Variety newspaper called "Real People. Real Stories." They provided transcribed testimonies from the war survivors who spoke before the Guam War Claims Review Commission in December of 2003. "Real People. Real Stories" was created to educate the community about the horrendous experiences of the CHamoru people during the war and to remind the U.S. government of its obligation to compensate those who survived the war, and the heirs of those who were killed; and

**WHEREAS**, the Guam War Survivors Memorial Foundation, in collaboration with the Guam Economic Development Authority, PBS Guam, KUAM Communications, and Shooting Star Productions, presented tributes to Guam's World War II survivors through various productions, such as "Sentimental Journey: Guam Songs Remembered" in 2020 which featured songs that were popular during the Japanese occupation of Guam in World War II, and "Let Your Spirit Dance" in War Survivor Remembrance Day 2021 which features Guam's young generation paying tribute to war survivors through their joy in dancing and nostalgia; now therefore, be it

**RESOLVED**, that the Committee on Rules of I Mina Trentai Sais Na Liheslaturan Guahan does hereby, on behalf of I Liheslaturan Guahan and the people of Guam, recognize the observance of *War Survivor Remembrance Day* on June 28, 2021, as part of the celebration of the Seventy-seventh (77<sup>th</sup>) Year Anniversary of Guam's Liberation, to pay tribute and commemorate all the survivors of Guam's wartime occupation for their immense courage and perseverance; and commend the Guam War Survivors Memorial Foundation for their dedication and service in perpetuating the stories and accounts of the hardships of all those affected during the Japanese occupation of Guam during World War II; and be it further

**RESOLVED**, that the Speaker and the Chairperson of the Committee on Rules certify, and the Legislative Secretary attest to, the adoption hereof, and that copies of the same be thereafter transmitted to Senator Frank Blas Jr., President of the Guam War Survivors Memorial Foundation; and to the Honorable Lourdes A. Leon Guerrero, *I Magsa'haigan Guahan*.

DULY AND REGULARLY ADOPTED BY THE COMMITTEE ON RULES OF I MINA TRENTAI SAIS NA LIHESLATURAN GUAHAN ON THE 25<sup>TH</sup> DAY OF JUNE 2021.

*Therese M. Terlaje*  
THERESE M. TERLAJE  
Speaker

*Tina Rose Muna Barnes*  
TINA ROSE MUNA BARNES  
Chairperson, Committee on Rules

*Amanda L. Shelton*  
AMANDA L. SHELTON  
Legislative Secretary



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**To:** phmaterials@guamlegislature.org  
**Cc:** Clerks; Committee on Rules 36GL; Rennae Meno  
**Subject:** Presentation of Resolution No. 115-36 (COR)

June 25, 2021

**MEMORANDUM**

**To:** All Senators  
36<sup>th</sup> Guam Legislature

**From:** Senator Amanda L. Shelton

**Re:** Presentation of Resolution No. 115-36 (COR)

*Buenas yan Håfa Adai!*

Please join me in presenting the following Legislative Resolution:

**Resolution No. 115-36 (COR)** - *Introduced by Senator Amanda L. Shelton* - Relative to recognizing the observance of War Survivor Remembrance Day on June 28, 2021, as part of the celebration of the Seventy-seventh (77<sup>th</sup>) Year Anniversary of Guam's Liberation, to pay tribute and commemorate all the survivors of Guam's wartime occupation for their immense courage and perseverance; and commending the Guam War Survivors Memorial Foundation for their dedication and service in perpetuating the stories and accounts of the hardships of all those affected during the Japanese occupation of Guam during World War II.

The presentation will take place on **Monday, June 28, 2021 at 8:00 a.m. in the Large Conference Room, Ricardo J. Bordallo Governor's Complex, Adelup.**

We look forward to your attendance and participation.

*Si Yu'os Ma'åse'!*

***I MINA'TRENTAI SAIS NA LIHESLATURAN GUÁHAN***  
**2021 (FIRST) Regular Session**

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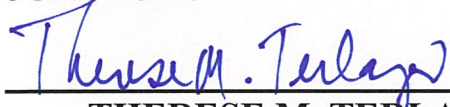
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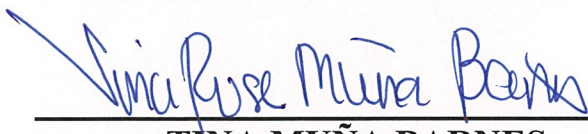
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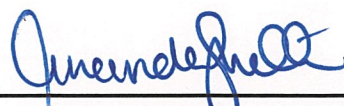
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Speaker

  
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**TINA MUÑA BARNES**  
Chairperson, Committee on Rules

  
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**AMANDA L. SHELTON**  
Legislative Secretary



# COMMITTEE ON RULES

VICE SPEAKER TINA ROSE MUÑA BARNES, CHAIRPERSON

*I Mina'trentai Sais Na Liheslaturan Guåhan*

36<sup>th</sup> Guam Legislature

## COMMITTEE VOTE SHEET

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	SIGNATURE	DATE	TO ADOPT	TO NOT ADOPT	TO ABSTAIN
Vice Speaker Tina Rose Muña Barnes Chairperson	E-vote	6/24/21	✓		
Legislative Secretary Amanda L. Shelton Vice Chairperson	A. Shelton	6/24/21	✓		
Speaker Therese M. Terlaje Member					
Senator Telena Cruz Nelson Member					
Senator Sabina Flores Perez Member	E-vote	6/24/21	✓		
Senator Clynton E. Ridgell Member					
Senator Joe S. San Agustin Member	E-vote	6/24/21	✓		
Senator Jose "Pedro" T. Terlaje Member	E-vote	6/24/21	✓		
Senator Frank F. Blas, Jr. Minority Member	E-vote	6/24/21	✓		
Senator Mary Camacho Torres Minority Member	E-vote	6/24/21	✓		
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Sponsor Signature: A. Shelton					
Staff Contact Person: Christian F. Valencia					
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Name: Marie Crisostomo					
Date: 6/25/21 3:02 p.m.					
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