

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
123-36 (LS)	Jose "Pedo" Terlaje	Relative to honoring the Navy Mortuary and Navy morticians Hospital Corpsman First Class Jonathan J. Shewchuk and Hospital Corpsman Second Class Brian T. Beale for their service to the people of Guam by assisting with the Guam Medical Examiner's Office, the ensuring of entitlements owed to deceased veterans who lay unclaimed, above and beyond their call of duty.	7/6/21 8:00 a.m.	7/9/21 9:00 a.m.	7/6/21					

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WHEREAS, the Navy Mortuary Branch within the Navy Casualty Assistance Division ensures prompt and uniform death benefits are provided to all Navy beneficiaries worldwide. Included as beneficiaries are those missing or killed in previous conflicts such as in Southeast Asia, Korea, WWII and Vietnam whose remains have been recovered and identified. In addition, the Navy Mortuary staff coordinates the Navy's Burial-At-Sea program. Morticians coordinate funeral preparations via the Navy contracting officers and funeral directors worldwide. Together, they negotiate funeral arrangements and contract charges in order to expedite the shipment of remains. The Navy Mortuary Service has the only enlisted morticians in the U.S. military while other branches employ civilian morticians. There are currently only fifteen (15) morticians in the entire Navy, two (2) of which are on Guam - Hospital Corpsman First Class Jonathan J. Shewchuk and Hospital Corpsman Second Class Brian T. Beale; and

WHEREAS, Navy morticians possess a level of education, training and experience beyond those of most sailors in the fleet; and all Navy morticians are fully licensed embalmers and funeral directors before they are recruited by the Navy. All Navy morticians are rated as hospital corpsmen; and there are seven (7) duty stations for Navy morticians: Millington, Tennessee; Quantico, Virginia; Dover, Delaware; Rota, Spain; Naples, Italy; Honolulu, Hawaii; and Guam; and

WHEREAS, Hospital Corpsman First Class Jonathan J. Shewchuk and Hospital Corpsman Second Class Brian T. Beale are the only nationally licensed funeral directors on Guam and their knowledge, skillset and leadership abilities have proven to be invaluable to the military as well as civilians on Guam. During the COVID-19 emergency management planning, Hospital Corpsman First Class Jonathan J. Shewchuk and Hospital Corpsman Second Class Brian T. Beale were instrumental in the education of local funeral homes staff on guidance from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), the World Health Organization (WHO), and the National Funeral Directors Association on the proper management of the deceased who were infected with COVID-19; and

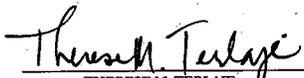
WHEREAS, Hospital Corpsman First Class Jonathan J. Shewchuk and Hospital Corpsman Second Class Brian T. Beale of the Navy Mortuary have assisted the Guam Medical Examiner's Office in managing overflow cases with storage and transportation and have offered their technical expertise in embalming and restoration of particularly mutilated civilian remains. These services have helped present a more peaceful appearance and dignity for the family's deceased loved one and helped to facilitate closure in their grieving process; and

WHEREAS, Hospital Corpsman First Class Jonathan J. Shewchuk and Hospital Corpsman Second Class Brian T. Beale of the Navy Mortuary have also sought and secured entitlements for deceased veterans whose remains lay unclaimed, ensuring their proper disposition and interment in a veteran's cemetery with full military honors, going above and beyond the call of duty to ensure that veterans are given the dignity that they deserve; now therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that *I Mina'trentai Sais Na Liheslaturan Guåhan* does hereby, on behalf of the people of Guam, recognize Hospital Corpsman First Class Jonathan J. Shewchuk and Hospital Corpsman Second Class Brian T. Beale of the Navy Mortuary for their service and support to the Guam Medical Examiner's Office and the island community of Guam; and commend them for the ensuring of entitlements owed to deceased military veterans who lay unclaimed; and be it further

RESOLVED, that the Speaker certify, and the Legislative Secretary attest to, the adoption hereof, and that copies of the same be thereafter transmitted to Hospital Corpsman First Class Jonathan J. Shewchuk and Hospital Corpsman Second Class Brian T. Beale of the Navy Mortuary; and to the Honorable Lourdes A. Leon Guerrero, *I Mega'hagan Guåhan*.

DULY AND REGULARLY ADOPTED BY I MINA TRENTAI SAIS NA LIHESLATURAN GUÅHAN ON THE 2ND DAY OF JULY 2021.


THERESE M. TERLAJE
Speaker


AMANDA L. SHELTON
Legislative Secretary



 7/8/21

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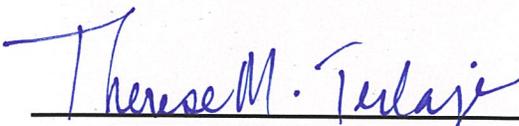
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SENATOR JOSE "PEDO" TOVES TERLAJE

36th Guam Legislature

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Chairman - Committee on Public Safety,
Emergency Response, Military and Veteran Affairs,
Mayors Council, and Public Transit

July 7, 2021

MEMORANDUM

TO: All Members
36th Guam Legislature

FROM: Senator Jose "Pedo" Terlaje

SUBJECT: Presentation of Resolution No. 123-36 (LS)

Hafa Adai,

Please be advised that **Resolution No. 123-36 (LS)** – “Relative to recognizing Hospital Corpsman First Class Jonathan J. Shewchuk and Hospital Corpsman Second Class Brian T. Beale of the Navy Mortuary for their service and support to the Guam Medical Examiner’s Office and the island community of Guam; and commending them for the ensuring of entitlements owed to deceased military veterans who lay unclaimed,” will be presented on **Friday, July 9, 2021, at 9:00 AM at Naval Hospital Guam.**

Please contact my office at 989-5301 or via e-mail at senatorpedo@senatorjpterlaje.com if you would like to attend.

Si Yu'os Ma'ase'