

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 |
|----------------|--------------------|--|----------------------|----------------------|-----------------------|---------------|-------------|---------------------|-----------------------------|-------|
| 133-36 (COR) | Therese M. Terlaje | Relative to posthumously recognizing the late Joseph "Joe" Blas Peredo, also known as Saina Hu Gua, for perpetuating the CHamoru culture and heritage as a CHamoru language teacher, writer and composer of original music and chants; and expressing condolences to his family on his passing, on behalf of the people of Guam. | 7/23/21 5:34 p.m. | 7/30/21 2:00 p.m. | 7/29/21 10:41 a.m. | | | | | |

Resolution No. 133-36 (COR)

Introduced by:

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| Therese M. Terlaje | |
| V. Anthony Ada | Sabina Flores Perez |
| Frank Blas Jr. | Clynton E. Radjell |
| Joanne Brown | Joe S. San Agustin |
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BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COMMITTEE ON RULES OF I MINA'TRENTAI SAIS NA LIHESLATURAN GUÅHAN:

WHEREAS, the late Joseph "Joe" Blas Peredo, also known as *Saina Hu Gua* (familian Alejo [White]), was born on April 2, 1954, and raised in *Mangilao*, Guam; and

WHEREAS, as a student, Joseph "Joe" Blas Peredo was fluent in the CHamoru language but was forbidden to speak his own language in school. Punishments for speaking his native tongue included being spanked, being forced to eat chalk, and writing "I will not speak CHamoru" one hundred (100) times; and his past experiences fueled his growing desire to keep his CHamoru language and culture alive; and

WHEREAS, Joseph "Joe" Blas Peredo became a CHamoru teacher in 1986 to promote and perpetuate the CHamoru language and culture through future generations. In 1990, he was the music choreographer for the CHamoru dance group, "Paraisu"; and by 1991, he had released two (2) CHamoru albums, entitled: "*Ayuda I Famagu'on-la*" and "*Ta Fandanña*"; and

WHEREAS, Joseph "Joe" Blas Peredo was closely involved with "*Nasion CHamoru*," a well-known CHamoru organization who were advocates for land return, decolonization, and CHamoru rights; and

WHEREAS, in 2002, Joseph "Joe" Blas Peredo and his wife, Mary Manibusan, had their child, a beautiful daughter they named Pulani; and with his mission to carry on the CHamoru language and culture, he ensured that his daughter learned the language and shared with her his knowledge of the CHamoru culture; and

WHEREAS, in 2005, Joseph "Joe" Blas Peredo, in concert with Ann Marie Arceo, helped in the opening of the first CHamoru summer camp in *Sinajana* that was called "*Huraa Inc.*" and later known as "*Huraa Academy.*" In 2013, he retired from the Guam Department of Education and began his work at the Our Lady of Mount Carmel Catholic School; and

WHEREAS, under Joe's leadership and guidance, Mount Carmel School was the undefeated champion in the CHamoru language competitions that were held at the University of Guam from 2013 to 2015; and since then, he had also gained a reputation for writing his own original music and chants; and

WHEREAS, Joseph "Joe" Blas Peredo passed away on July 30, 2018, at the age of sixty-four (64), and before his death, he was preparing for the "Freedom of Songs Concert" that was held at *Adelup*; and he is survived by his wife, Mary Manibusan, and their daughter, Pulani Peredo; now therefore, be it

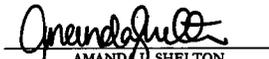
RESOLVED, that the Committee on Rules of I Mina'trentai Sais Na Liheslaturan Guåhan does hereby, on behalf of I Liheslaturan Guåhan and the people of Guam, posthumously recognize the late Joseph "Joe" Blas Peredo, also known as *Saina Hu Gua*, for perpetuating the CHamoru culture and heritage as a CHamoru language teacher, writer, and composer of original music and chants; and express condolences to his family on his passing, on behalf of the people of Guam; 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 the family of the late Joseph Blas Peredo; and to the Honorable Lourdes A. Leon Guerrero, *I Maga'hågan Guåhan*.

DULY AND REGULARLY ADOPTED BY THE COMMITTEE ON RULES OF I MINA'TRENTAI SAIS NA LIHESLATURAN GUÅHAN ON THE 29TH DAY OF JULY 2021.


THERESE M. TERLAJE
Speaker


AMANDA L. SHELTON
Acting Chairperson, Committee on Rules


AMANDA L. SHELTON
Legislative Secretary



 7/30/21



COMMITTEE ON RULES

VICE SPEAKER TINA ROSE MUÑA BARNES, CHAIRPERSON

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36th Guam Legislature

COMMITTEE VOTE SHEET

Resolution No. 133-36 (COR) - Therese M. Terlaje. - "Relative to posthumously recognizing the late Joseph "Joe" Blas Peredo, also known as Saina Hu Gua, for perpetuating the CHamoru culture and heritage as a CHamoru language teacher, writer, and composer of original music and chants; and expressing condolences to his family on his passing, on behalf of the people of Guam."

| | SIGNATURE | DATE | TO ADOPT | TO NOT ADOPT | TO ABSTAIN |
|---|---------------------------|---------|----------|--------------|------------|
| Vice Speaker Tina Rose Muña Barnes Chairperson | E-VOTE | 7/28/21 | X | | |
| Legislative Secretary Amanda L. Shelton Vice Chairperson | E-VOTE | 7/29/21 | X | | |
| Speaker Therese M. Terlaje Member | <i>Therese M. Terlaje</i> | 7/29/21 | X | | |
| Senator Telena Cruz Nelson Member | | | | | |
| Senator Sabina Flores Perez Member | E-VOTE | 7/29/21 | X | | |
| Senator Clynton E. Ridgell Member | E-VOTE | 7/29/21 | X | | |
| Senator Joe S. San Agustin Member | | | | | |
| Senator Jose "Pedo" T. Terlaje Member | E-VOTE | 7/28/21 | X | | |
| Senator Frank F. Blas, Jr. Minority Member | E-VOTE | 7/28/21 | X | | |
| Senator Mary Camacho Torres Minority Member | E-VOTE | 7/29/21 | X | | |
| For Sponsor's Office Use Only | | | | | |
| Sponsor Signature: <i>Therese M. Terlaje</i> | | | | | |
| Staff Contact Person: MARIA ABANTE | | | | | |
| For COR/Clerk's Office Use Only | | | | | |
| <u>8</u> Certified _____ Returned | | | | | |
| Name: Ryan Babauta | | | | | |
| Date: 07/29/21 10:41 a.m. | | | | | |
| Notes: | | | | | |



Office of the Speaker
THERESE M. TERLAJE

I Mina'trentai Sais na Liheslaturan Guåhan | 36th Guam Legislature
Committee on Health, Land, Justice and Culture

July 29, 2021

To: All Senators, Stakeholders

From: Speaker Therese M. Terlaje *Tmt*

Subject: **Notice of Presentation – Resolution No. 133-36 (COR)**

Buenas yan Håfa Adai!

Please join us for the presentation of **Resolution No. 133-36 (COR) – Therese M. Terlaje** - “Relative to posthumously recognizing the late Joseph “Joe” Blas Peredo, also known as Saina Hu Gua, for perpetuating the CHamoru culture and heritage as a CHamoru language teacher, writer, and composer of original music and chants; and expressing condolences to his family on his passing, on behalf of the people of Guam.”

The presentation will take place on **Friday, July 30, 2021 at 5:00 pm** in the Public Hearing Room, *I Liheslaturan Guåhan*.

Si Yu'os Ma'åse'

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

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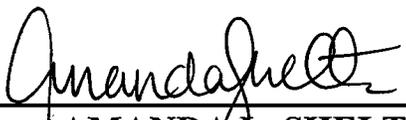
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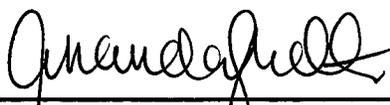
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