

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
139-36 (LS)	Tina Rose Muña Barnes	Relative to posthumously recognizing the late Honorable Ivan James Alafanso Blanco for his dedication and accomplishments as a Member of the House of Representatives Twenty-Second (22nd) Northern Marianas Commonwealth Legislature; and expressing condolences to his family on his passing, on behalf of the people of Guam	8/5/21 9:16 a.m.	08/19/21	8/5/21					

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BE IT RESOLVED BY I MINA'TRENTAI SAIS NA LIHESLATURAN GUÁHAN:

WHEREAS, it is the sense of *I Liheslaturan Guåhan* to honor the life and accomplishments of those public servants of the Mariana Islands who have devoted themselves to faithfully serving the best interests of their community and the needs of its residents; and it is further the sense of *I Liheslaturan Guåhan* to posthumously honor the late Honorable Ivan James Alafanso Blanco, Member of the CNMI House of Representatives, for his extraordinary work and legacy which has inspired and empowered many to devote their lives to service; and

WHEREAS, the late Honorable Ivan James Alafanso Blanco, affectionately known as "Jimbo," was born on the island of Saipan on November 29, 1976, and is the son of Juan Diego Camacho Blanco and Rosalinda (Alin) Alafanso; and

WHEREAS, in 1994, the late Honorable Ivan James Alafanso Blanco graduated at the top of his class from Xavier High School; and in 1998, he earned his bachelor's degree in Communication and a minor in Business Management from Creighton University in Omaha, Nebraska; and

WHEREAS, in 2006, the late Honorable Ivan James Alafanso Blanco began his professional career in the Federated States of Micronesia (FSM) National Government serving as a Federal Grants Manager for the FSM Department of Finance and Administration; and in 2007, he served as an Auditor for the FSM Office of the National Public Auditor in Palikir, Pohnpei; and

WHEREAS, in 2008, the late Honorable Ivan James Alafanso Blanco enrolled in the Inaugural Cohort of the U.S. Department of the Interior's Executive Leadership Development Program, later graduating in 2009. In 2010, he served as the Director of the Central Statistics Division of the CNMI Department of Commerce; he later went on to eventually serve as Deputy Secretary of Commerce in 2012, and then transferred to the Office of the Governor where he served as a Grants Manager for the Office of Grants Management from 2013 to 2015; and

WHEREAS, in 2014, the late Honorable Ivan James Alafanso Blanco became a member of the Inaugural Cohort of the Marianas Chapter of the Pacific Century Fellows leadership program, graduating in January 2015; and from 2015 to 2017, he served as a Special Assistant for Communications and Protocol for the Office of the Governor; and

WHEREAS, in 2016, the late Honorable Ivan James Alafanso Blanco then began his political career when he was elected to serve in the 20th House of Representatives where he served as the Chairman of the Committee on Judiciary and Governmental Operations, Vice Chairman of the Standing Committee on Commerce and Tourism, and a member of the Association of Pacific Island Legislatures (APIL); and

WHEREAS, in 2018, the late Honorable Ivan James Alafanso Blanco was reelected to serve in the 21st House of Representatives where he served as Chairman of the Standing Committee on Ways and Means; in November 2018, he was elected to serve as Secretary of the APIL Board of Directors; and in 2020, he was reelected once again to serve in the 22nd House of Representatives where he served as the House Minority Leader, Vice Chairman of the Saipan and Northern Islands Legislative Delegation, and Vice Chairman of the Standing Committee on Ways and Means, and he retained his position as APIL Board Secretary; and

WHEREAS, as a legislator, the late Honorable Ivan James Alafanso Blanco authored and supported legislation promoting government efficiency, making the Commonwealth more environmentally-friendly, improving the CNMI's economic structure, and improving the quality of life for its citizens, while also spearheading and contributing to numerous community projects; his most notable contributions to his community include serving on the Developmental Disabilities Council's Board of Directors, assisting in reviving the ACH Chuuk-CNMI Association and serving as its Vice President, and organizing numerous community events and fundraising efforts to assist citizens of the Freely Associated States of Micronesia; and

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WHEREAS, the late Honorable Ivan James Alafanso Blanco was called to eternal rest on July 23, 2021, at the age of forty-five (45); and the island of Guam joins his wife Carmen Sablan Blanco and his five (5) children, Lily, Pierre, Ivan Jr. (JC), Kideichi, and Paige in mourning his passing; now therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that *I Mina'trentai Sais Na Liheslaturan Guåhan* does hereby, on behalf of the people of Guam, posthumously recognize the late Honorable Ivan James Alafanso Blanco for his dedication and accomplishments as a Member of the House of Representatives Twenty-Second (22nd) Northern Marianas Commonwealth Legislature; and express condolences to his family on his passing, on behalf of the people of Guam; 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 the family of the late Honorable Ivan James Alafanso Blanco; and to the Honorable Lourdes A. Leon Guerrero, *I Mago'hagan Guåhan*.

DULY AND REGULARLY ADOPTED BY I MINA'TRENTAI SAIS NA LIHESLATURAN GUÁHAN ON THE 5TH DAY OF AUGUST 2021.

THERESE M. TERLAJE
Speaker

AMANDA L. SHELTON
Legislative Secretary



8/19/21 @ 9:20



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August 17, 2021

MEMORANDUM

To: All Senators
36th Guam Legislature

From: Vice Speaker Tina Rose Muña Barnes

Subject: Presentation of Resolution No. 139-36 (LS)

Buenas yan Håfa Adai! Please be advised, **Resolution No. 139-36 (LS)** – *Introduced by Vice Speaker Tina Rose Muña Barnes.* – “Relative to posthumously recognizing the late Honorable Ivan James Alafonso Blanco, for his dedication and accomplishments as a Member of the House of Representatives Twenty-Second (22nd) Northern Marianas Commonwealth Legislature; and expressing condolences to his family on his passing, on the behalf of the people of Guam,” will be mailed off-island to the family of the late Honorable Ivan James Alafonso Blanco on **August 19, 2021.**

Si Yu'os Ma'åse'!

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2021 (FIRST) Regular Session

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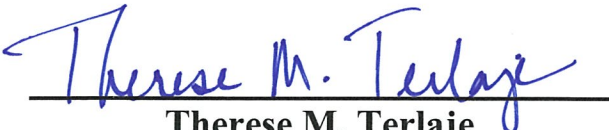
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Therese M. Terlaje
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