

I MINA'TRENTAI SAIS NA LIHESLATURAN GUÅHAN
RESOLUTIONS

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140-36 (LS)	Telena Cruz Nelson	Relative to posthumously recognizing the late Ernie Sombrero for his services and contributions to the island community of Guam; and expressing condolences to his family on his passing, on behalf of the people of Guam.	8/5/21 9:53 a.m.	08/11/21	8/5/21					



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MEMORANDUM

To: All Honorable Senators, Stakeholders and Media
 From: Senator Telena Cruz Nelson
 Subject: **Res. No. 140-36 (LS) Presentation Notice**

Buenas yan Håfa Adai! Please be advised of **Resolution No. 140-36 (LS)** - Telena Cruz Nelson, “Relative to posthumously recognizing the late Ernie Sombrero for his services and contributions to the island community of Guam; and expressing condolences to his family on his passing, on behalf of the people of Guam..” will be mailed off-island to the Sombrero family on **Wednesday, August 11, 2021**.

Si Yu'os Ma'åse'!



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

WHEREAS, Mr. Ernie Sombrero was born in 1924 in Iloilo, Philippines; and is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Perfecto Penaflor Sombrero and Valeriana Cruz Chavez. Ernie was the eldest son of nine (9) children, and his surviving sibling Conception and her spouse, Alfonso Lumbad, still reside in the Philippines; and

WHEREAS, Ernie was a Filipino-American World War II veteran and a Congressional Gold Medal recipient; and he passed away peacefully at his home in Honolulu, Hawaii on April 20, 2021, at the age of ninety-six (96), surrounded by loving family members; and he is survived by his lovely bride of over seventy (70) years, Mrs. Fumiko Kishaba Sombrero, whom he met in Okinawa, Japan; and

WHEREAS, Ernie is dearly missed by his children and their spouses: Harumi Rose Cruz and Resty; Linda Eguchi and Kevin; Jimmy Sombrero and Yasuko; and Steve Sombrero and Takako. He is also survived by his grandchildren and their spouses: Cathy Cruz-George and Justin George; Vanessa and Stan Liu; Christine and Brian Samson; Kyle Sombrero; Candice Sombrero and Yusuke Ishikawa; Iris Sombrero; and Sergio Sombrero and Brandee; and his great-grandchildren: Ethan and Kaia Liu, Crystal George and Zachary Samson; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Ernie Sombrero was a member of the Hunters ROTC guerrilla unit, a group of young Filipino soldiers that supported the United States military in its efforts against the Japanese occupation of World War II in the Philippines from 1941 to 1945. He was a squadron leader and a member of the Guerilla Hunters Company A, Third Platoon, Third Squad; and he was later attached to the 188th Paraglider Infantry, 11th Air Division, and partook in various missions in the Philippine Campaign of World War II, which included providing support for the historic Raid on Los Baños; and

WHEREAS, after the war had ended, Ernie Sombrero started his career as a highly skilled mechanic who had an in-depth knowledge of his work. He worked at the Philippine Army Air Base Unit 1553rd before moving to Guam to work as an aircraft mechanic at Andersen Air Force Base; and he eventually moved to Okinawa, Japan where he worked as an auto and heavy equipment mechanic foreman at Kadena Air Force Base for four (4) decades; and

WHEREAS, Ernie Sombrero relocated back to Guam in 1972 and resided in *Dededo* for the next thirty (30) years; and he served as a faithful and steadfast servant of his community and our island, as he was active in the Guam Philippine Scouts, the Okinawa International Association of Guam, the American Legion, and the Veterans of Foreign Wars-Guam Post until he moved to Hawaii in 2007 with his wife and children; and

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RESOLVED, that *I Mina'trentai Sais Na Liheslaturan Guåhan* does hereby, on behalf of the people of Guam, posthumously recognize the late Ernie Sombrero for his service and contributions to the island of Guam; 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 his wife Fumiko Kishaba Sombrero and the family of the late Ernie Sombrero; and to the Honorable Lourdes A. Leon Guerrero, *I Maga'hågan Guåhan*.

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


THERESE M. TERLAJE
Speaker


AMANDA L. SHELTON
Legislative Secretary



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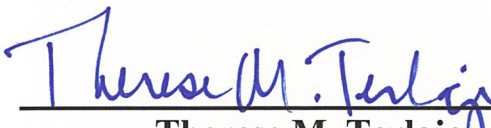
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