

***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
154-36 (LS)	Joanne Brown Therese M. Terlaje Joe S. San Agustin Frank Blas Jr.	Relative to recognizing, honoring, and celebrating posthumously the life of the late Honorable Speaker William "Don" Parkinson for his dedication and selflessness to the people of Guam, and for his tireless efforts advocating for the rights of all people; and to further expressing deepest condolences and appreciation of his life to his family.	8/25/21 4:39 p.m.	9/1/21 3:00 p.m.						

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2021 (FIRST) Regular Session

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1           **BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COMMITTEE ON RULES OF I**  
2 ***MINA'TRENTAI SAIS NA LIHESLATURAN GUÁHAN:***

3           **WHEREAS**, Speaker William D. “**Don**” Parkinson, affectionately known as  
4 “**Don**” to the people of Guam, was born on December 25, 1942 in Boise, Idaho; and is  
5 the proud son of Warren Lee and Katherine Parkinson; brother to Warren “Bill”  
6 Parkinson and great grandson to his paternal Grandmother, Lydia Parkinson.

7           **WHEREAS, Don** enlisted in the United States Army in 1966, where he was later  
8 deployed to Vietnam. After the completion of his military service, Don attended the  
9 University of Idaho, where he earned his Juris Doctorates Degree in 1972; and

10           **WHEREAS, Don** was admitted to the State Bar of California on November 25,  
11 1974 and went on to serve as a prosecuting attorney for Colfax, Washington. He then  
12 moved to Mexico when he was selected for a position in Saipan, where he served as a  
13 Micronesian Constitutional Convention Staff Attorney in 1975. He continued his

1 adventures in the Marianas and moved to Guam where he continued to practice law and  
2 where he would fulfill his greatest works and proudest accomplishments; and

3 **WHEREAS, Don** married Marina A. Parkinson in February 18, 1990 and they  
4 have seven children: William Mark, Clarissa Nicole, Brian Joshua, Katherine Angelina,  
5 Alex, William Don Jr., and Wilson Parkinson. He was later blessed with the “pride and  
6 joys” of his life, his five grandchildren: Seth Antonio Parkinson, Chloe Victorious,  
7 Winchester Don, Addison Joy and Angelina Katherine Borja. He was also a beloved  
8 Uncle to Warren Lee and Orlando Lander Parkinson; and

9 **WHEREAS,** living a life committed to public service, **Don** ran and was elected  
10 by the people of Guam in 1983 to serve as a member of the Seventeenth (17<sup>th</sup>) Guam  
11 Legislature and went on to serve an impressive seven (7) consecutive terms to include  
12 the 18<sup>th</sup>, 19<sup>th</sup>, 20<sup>th</sup>, 21<sup>st</sup>, 22<sup>nd</sup> and 23<sup>rd</sup> Guam Legislatures. As a member of the Guam  
13 Legislature, he also served as the Democrat majority leader and was ultimately elected  
14 in 1995 to serve as Speaker of the Twenty-Third (23<sup>rd</sup>) Guam Legislature; and

15 **WHEREAS,** in carrying his values and convictions in everything he did, **Don**  
16 fought tirelessly for consumer advocacy rights; pursued alternative energy solutions,  
17 advocated for the implementation of an Unemployment Insurance for Guam; believed  
18 and supported the CHamoru people’s right to Self-Determination; and stood up for  
19 those who had no voice; and

20 **WHEREAS, Don** was also a businessman and along with his brother Warren  
21 “Bill” Parkinson in 1985 established Bill’s Fast Loans; and

22 **WHEREAS, Don** was a known as a kind, intelligent, and funny man who wore  
23 many hats throughout his lifetime – a coin dealer, a Vietnam Veteran, a carnival  
24 concessionaire, a world traveler and explorer, a Micronesian Constitutional Convention  
25 Staff Attorney, a pawn broker, a Senator and Speaker of the Guam Legislature, a son,  
26 husband, brother, friend, and his most meaningful hat, Dad and Papa; and

1 **WHEREAS, Don's** dedicated years of public service to the people of Guam will  
2 forever be remembered and celebrated as a man whose passion for life, love for his  
3 country, and tireless efforts fighting for the rights of all people; now, therefore, be it

4 **RESOLVED,** that the Committee on Rules of *I Mina'Trentai Sais Na*  
5 *Liheslaturan Guåhan* does hereby, on behalf of *I Liheslaturan Guåhan* and the people  
6 of Guam, recognize, honor, and celebrate posthumously the life of the late Honorable  
7 Speaker William "**Don**" Parkinson for his dedication and selflessness to the people of  
8 Guam, and for his tireless efforts advocating for the rights of all people; and does further  
9 extend its deepest condolences and appreciation of his life to his family; and be it further

10 **RESOLVED,** that the Speaker and the Chairperson of the Committee on Rules  
11 certifies, and the Legislative Secretary attest to, the adoption hereof, and that copies of  
12 the same be thereafter transmitted to Mrs. Marina A. Parkinson, wife of the late  
13 Honorable Speaker William "Don" Parkinson, and family; and to the Honorable Lou  
14 Leon Guerrero, *I Maga'hågan Guåhan*.

**DULY AND REGULARLY ADOPTED BY I MINA'TRENTAI SAIS NA  
LIHESLATURAN GUÅHAN ON THE \_\_\_\_\_<sup>TH</sup> DAY OF \_\_\_\_\_.**