

**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 AUTHOR REPORT FILED	NOTES
223-36 (LS)	Mary Camacho Torres Tina Rose Muña Barnes Amanda L. Shelton V. Anthony Ada	Relative to posthumously recognizing the late Amparo Gumataotao Garcia, as a public servant, a community advocate, and a beloved mother, grandmother, and great-grandmother, and commemorating her devotion and faithfulness to God and her tireless efforts to make Guam a stronger, more just place to live; and to further expressing condolences to her family on her passing, on behalf of the people of Guam.	12/10/21 4:51 p.m.	12/15/21	12/10/21					

Resolution No. 223-36 (LS)

Introduced by:

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

WHEREAS, it is the sense of I Liheslaturan Guahan to honor the life and accomplishments of those distinguished citizens of this great island; and
WHEREAS, it is the custom of I Liheslaturan Guahan to pay tribute to those individuals whose professional lives and civic endeavors have enhanced the stature of Guam society, the dignity of its residents, and the basic humanity among us all; and
WHEREAS, attendant to such concern, and in full accord with its long-standing traditions, I Liheslaturan Guahan is justly proud to honor the legacy of the late Mrs. Amparo Gumataotao Garcia; and
WHEREAS, Amparo Gumataotao Garcia, affectionately known as "Paning" or "GG," was born on July 1, 1931, and was the daughter of Leon Diaz and Josefina Diaz Gumataotao of the village of Toto, Guam; and
WHEREAS, at just ten (10) years of age, Amparo's childhood was interrupted by one of the most tragic and horrific events in our island's history, the Japanese invasion of Guam during World War II; and
WHEREAS, despite enduring the unspeakable atrocities that the enemy forces inflicted upon Guam, Amparo persevered, survived, and spent her life lifting up our community in the wake of the war; and
WHEREAS, in June of 1953, Amparo helped to rebuild our island's financial infrastructure by serving at what was then the Department of Finance; and
WHEREAS, Amparo began her public service career at the Department working as a Storekeeper in the Office of Procurement & Supply; and with her keen sense of duty, her diligence and understanding she was quickly elevated to the position of an Accounting Clerk I in the Office of Procurement & Supply; and
WHEREAS, Amparo was then promoted to the position of Accounting Clerk II in the Department's Fiscal Division in 1957, before becoming an Internal Revenue Agent II in the Revenue and Taxation Division in 1958, where she served for ten (10) years; and
WHEREAS, beginning in 1968, Amparo rose within the ranks of the Accounting Division at the Department of Administration; and in this capacity, she worked even harder, and with zeal, passion, and persistence, serving the Department and the public faithfully until her retirement in May of 1976; and
WHEREAS, Amparo's formal retirement from the government of Guam did not diminish her public service, as she remained an important voice in the community for several decades thereafter; and
WHEREAS, Amparo's desire to ensure that our government worked for the people of Guam led her to take an active role in local politics, serving as a Legislative Aide in the Guam Legislature for the Honorable Pilar Lujan, former Senator and the Honorable Joanne Brown Senator, and worked with the political campaigns of some of Guam's most esteemed candidates, including her son-in-law, the Honorable Felix P. Camacho, who would become the seventh (7th) Governor of Guam; and
WHEREAS, in addition to her strong sense of civic duty, Amparo was a devout member of the Catholic Church and faithfully served the community as an active volunteer for numerous organizations, such as the Catholic Daughters of the Americas, which has worked to aid children with disabilities, the disenfranchised, and those in need, the Christian Mothers of Toto, and the Guam Memorial Hospital Volunteers Association; and
WHEREAS, Amparo and her husband Jesse were further well-known for opening their hearts and homes to individuals relocating to Guam, helping families find jobs on island and settle in the community; and
WHEREAS, throughout Amparo's esteemed career and exemplary service to the community have been the love of her life, Jesse Siasat Garcia; her siblings and their spouses, Oliva "Bebang" and Juan Mendiola, Sergio "Sid" and Maria Leon Guerrero, Adela "Del" and Antonio Peredo, Celina "Celing" Gonzales, Vicente "Ben" and Antonia Gumataotao, Permira "Meming" and Frank Shimizu, Angustia "Ama" and Dem Hechanova, Guadalupe "Lupe" and Jesus Perez, Jose "Inky" and Marie Gumataotao, Carmen "Babyling" and Manuel Cruz, Ramona "Terry" Perez, Fe and Luciano Oppus, her four (4) children and their partners, Joann Garcia Camacho and Felix P. Camacho, Albert and Lola Garcia, Jesse and Christina Garcia, and Anthony "Nini" and Margie Garcia; her eleven (11) grandchildren and their spouses: Jessica C. and Raymond J. Blas, Felix "Champ" Camacho, Maria C. and Rick San Nicolas, Jo-D Garcia, Jesse Jose Garcia, Kimberly G. and Jerick Leon Guerrero, Josefina "Fina" Garcia, Christopher John Garcia, and Tahila Garcia, John Anthony Garcia, and Norgie Abbas; and her seventeen (17) great-grandchildren: Scott and Keley, Colin, Raymond, Mason, Lucas, Misa, Tasi-Jo, Alexi, Abiana, Jeremiah, Hanna, Olivia, Grayson, Sidney Mae, and Cyantal - all of whom Amparo has provided security, stability, and love; and
WHEREAS, Amparo was called to her eternal rest on December 3, 2021, at ninety (90) years of age and our island joins her family in mourning her passing; and
WHEREAS, rare indeed is the impressive dedication shown by an individual for the benefit of others which Amparo has displayed throughout her life; and
WHEREAS, sincerely loved and greatly respected by all those with whom she worked and knew, Amparo will be remembered for her compassion, integrity, keen sense of duty, and ability to support those who needed her most; and
WHEREAS, it is the sense of I Liheslaturan Guahan that when individuals of such noble aims and accomplishments are brought to their attention, they should be celebrated and recognized by all the citizens of this great island; now therefore, be it
RESOLVED, that I Mina'trentai Sais Na Liheslaturan Guahan does hereby, on behalf of the people of Guam, posthumously recognize the late Amparo Gumataotao Garcia, as a public servant, a community advocate, and a beloved mother, grandmother, and great-grandmother, and commemorate her devotion and faithfulness to God and her tireless efforts to make Guam a stronger, more just place to live; and does further express condolences to her family on her 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 Amparo Gumataotao Garcia; and to the Honorable Lourdes A. Leon Guerrero, I Maga'niagan Guahan.

DULY AND REGULARLY ADOPTED BY I MINA'TRENTAI SAIS NA LIHESLATURAN GUÁHAM ON THE 10TH DAY OF DECEMBER 2021.

Therese M. Terlaje
THERESE M. TERLAJE
Speaker

Amanda L. Shelton
AMANDA L. SHELTON
Legislative Secretary



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12/14/21

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

Resolution No. 223-36 (LS)

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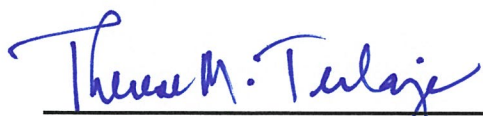
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Speaker



AMANDA L. SHELTON
Legislative Secretary



SENATOR MARY CAMACHO TORRES

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MEMORANDUM

To: All Honorable Senators

From: Senator Mary Camacho Torres

Subject: **Notice of Presentation – Resolution No. 223-36 (LS)**

Buenas yan Håfa adai!

Please be advised that the following resolution will be hand-delivered to the Garcia Family on Wednesday, December 15, 2021:

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Si Yu'os Ma'åse'!