

**I MINA'TRENTAI SAIS NA LIHESLATURAN GUÁHAN
RESOLUTIONS**

| Resolution No. | Sponsor | Title | Date Intro | Date of Presentation | Date Adopted | Date Referred | Referred to | PUBLIC HEARING DATE | DATE AUTHOR REPORT FILED | NOTES |
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| 244-36 (COR) | Amanda L. Shelton | Relative to recognizing and commending Mr. Joe Blas for his immeasurable contributions to the development and growth of Guam's tourism industry, and for helping to share Guam's <i>Håfa Adai Spirit</i> and culture with the world; and to further extend our sincerest <i>Dångkulo na si Yu'os ma'åse'</i> to his family after thirty-three (33) years of outstanding service to the people of Guam. | 1/18/22 1:49 p.m. | 1/27/22 1:30 p.m. | | | | | | |

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2022 (SECOND) Regular Session

Resolution No. 244-36 (COR)

Introduced by:

Amanda L. Shelton 

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

3 **WHEREAS**, Mr. Joe Blas served 20 years in the U. S. military retiring from the
4 U.S. Navy as a Command Senior Chief and then served in Guam's tourism industry for
5 over 33 years as Assistant General Manager of the Hotel Nikko Guam; and

6 **WHEREAS**, Mr. Blas was the first employee of the Hotel Nikko Guam and was
7 hired in September 1990 before the hotel officially opened in February 1992; and

8 **WHEREAS**, Mr. Blas was the first local CHamoru to achieve the level of
9 Executive Hotelier at the Hotel Nikko Guam and coined the hotel's phrase "The Resort
10 in Paradise" to share his passion about Guam and the CHamoru culture; and

11 **WHEREAS**, Mr. Blas has ensured that the CHamoru culture is ubiquitous within

1 the Hotel Nikko Guam’s corporate culture and included in their uniform design, logo,
2 food, and music; and

3 **WHEREAS**, Mr. Blas influenced Hotel Nikko Guam to become one of the first
4 companies to take the “Håfa Adai Pledge” and recite their pledge in CHamoru;

5 **WHEREAS**, Mr. Blas has been instrumental in Hotel Nikko Guam’s support of
6 the community by participating, hosting, and sponsoring local events such as “Maila Ta
7 Fan Boka”, “Guam Ko’ko’ Road Race”, “A Taste of Guam”, “Na Bonita Guam” clean
8 up, and Guam Micronesia Island Fair; and

9 **WHEREAS**, Mr. Blas served as the first CHamoru chairman on the board of the
10 Guam Hotel and Restaurant Association; and

11 **WHEREAS**, Mr. Blas has active affiliations as a member of the FBI Citizen’s
12 Academy, SKAL Executive Tourism Club, 4th Degree Knights of Columbus – St.
13 Francis of Assissi Parish, 4th Degree Assembly Knights of Columbus – Santa Marian
14 Kamalin, Island-Wide Color Corps – Knights of Columbus, Legends Guam Motorcycle
15 Club, Harley Owners Group, and a committed volunteer for the Special Olympics; and

16 **WHEREAS**, Mr. Blas received prestigious awards to include the Golden Latte
17 Award for Excellence in Tourism, Governor’s Cup Golf Champion, and Cha Cha dance
18 contest winner; and

19 **WHEREAS**, after thirty-three (33) years Mr. Blas will retire from the tourism
20 industry; now therefore be it

21 **RESOLVED**, that the I Mina’trentai Sais Na Liheslaturan Guåhan does hereby,
22 on behalf of the people of Guam, recognize and give Guam’s very best wishes on his

1 retirement from the island's tourism and business industry; and to further extend Un
2 Dangkulo na si Yu'os ma'åse' to Mr. Joe Blas for his dedication and commitment to
3 the tourism industry and the people of Guam; and be it further

4 **RESOLVED**, that the Speaker and the Legislative Secretary attest to, the
5 adoption hereof, and that copies of the same be thereafter transmitted to Mr. Joe Blas
6 the Guam Visitors Bureau; and to the Honorable Lourdes A. Leon Guerrero, I
7 Maga'hågan Guåhan.

DULY AND REGULARLY ADOPTED BY *I MINA'TRENTAI SAIS NA LIHESLATURAN GUÅHAN* ON THE DAY OF JANUARY 2022.

THERESE M. TERLAJE
Speaker

AMANDA L. SHELTON
Legislative Secretary