

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
50-36 (LS)	Mary Camacho Torres Tina Rose Muña Barnes Frank Blas Jr. V. Anthony Ada	Relative to posthumously recognizing the late former First Lady Rosanne Santos Ada for her dedication and accomplishments to benefit the people of Guam, and commemorating her for her commitment and unrelenting advocacy to serve our people and to enhance the welfare of this island; and to further expressing condolences to the Honorable Joseph F. Ada, former Governor of Guam, and the Ada family on her passing, on behalf of the people of Guam.	3/26/21 4:49 p.m.	4/8/21 9:00 a.m.	3/26/21					

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

WHEREAS, it is the sense of *Liheslaturan Guahan* to honor the life and accomplishments of those distinguished citizens of this great island, and is the custom of *Liheslaturan* to pay tribute to those public servants who have devoted themselves to faithfully serving the best interests of this community and the needs of its residents; and

WHEREAS, attendant to such concern, and in full accord with its long-standing traditions, it is further the intent of *Liheslaturan Guahan* to posthumously honor the late former First Lady Rosanne Santos Ada for her extraordinary work and legacy which has inspired and empowered many to devote their lives in service to Guam's most vulnerable populations; and

WHEREAS, the late Rosanne Santos Ada was born on June 28, 1944, and is the daughter of Mariano B. and Ana B. Santos from the village of *Samay*, Guam; and

WHEREAS, Rosanne was called to her eternal rest on March 18, 2021, at the age of seventy-six (76), and is survived by her loving husband of fifty-four (54) years, the Honorable Joseph F. Ada, the fifth (5th) elected Governor of Guam, their three (3) children, Eric, Tricia, and Ester, and five (5) grandchildren, Olivia, Nathan, Joseph, Sofia, and Caleb; and

WHEREAS, Rosanne attended and graduated from George Washington High School prior to studying at the College of Guam from 1963 to 1964. She later transferred to the University of Arizona where she received a Bachelor's Degree in Elementary and Special Education in August of 1967; and a year later, in August of 1968, Rosanne earned a Master of Education degree at the University of Portland; and

WHEREAS, demonstrating her passion for students with disabilities, Rosanne served as a teacher at Chief Brodie Memorial Elementary School, as well as a specialist for the deaf and blind, where she made significant contributions to the curriculum for the blind and visually impaired and the integration and inclusion of deaf and hard of hearing students; and

WHEREAS, not long after, Rosanne became the Administrator of the Life Skill Center at the Department of Vocational Rehabilitation (DVR) where she served from 1976 to 1978; and along with the late Felix Leon Guerrero Perez, she developed a training center for adults with disabilities, which was established through the Developmental Disabilities Office. Rosanne continued to serve in various capacities within the Department until her retirement from her position as Director in 1987; and

WHEREAS, recognizing that no services existed to meet the residential and case management needs of individuals with disabilities, in the early 1980s Rosanne co-founded *Guma'Mami* Incorporated, a private nonprofit organization whose mission is to facilitate the full inclusion and integration of adults with disabilities into their communities through individual and family support; and

WHEREAS, upon her husband's inauguration into the Office of the Governor, Rosanne assumed the role of the First Lady of Guam from 1987 to 1995. During this time, she organized and founded the nonprofit organization Goodwill Industries of Guam. Rosanne continued in her service to the community through the First Lady's Committee for Special Projects, *Komitea Para Y Mimatnag Guahan*, where she raised funds to benefit victims of fire and natural disasters; financial assistance for off-island medical treatment; flowers for hospital patients; gifts for underprivileged children, various youth sports teams, and children of inmates; the Girl Scouts of America, Guam Chapter; the Guam Memorial Hospital Authority Volunteers Association; the American Cancer Society; the American Red Cross; Seventh Day Adventist Academy; St. Dominic's Home for Elderly; the Senior Citizen Centers; Evangelical Christian Academy; Father Dueñas Memorial School; St. Anthony's Honor Choir; Goodwill Industries of Guam, Incorporated; Guam Rehabilitation and Workshop Center; Life Skills Center; the American Association of University Women; the Catholic Daughters of the Americas; Banda Filipino Society of Guam; Guamanians United for Life; Alee Shelter; *Guma'Mami*, Incorporated; *Guma San Jose* Center for the Homeless; Crisis Pregnancy Center; the Guam Association of the Deaf; the Guam Community College Hearing Impaired Club; the Dededo Drug-Free Organization; and numerous other organizations; and

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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 Honorable Joseph F. Ada and the family of the late Rosanne Santos Ada; to the Board of Directors of *Guma'Mami*, Incorporated; and to the Honorable Lourdes A. Leon Guerrero, *I Maga'hagan Guahan*.

DULY AND REGULARLY ADOPTED BY I MINA'TRENTAI SAIS NA LIHESLATURAN GUÁHAN ON THE 26TH DAY OF MARCH 2021.

Therese M. Terlaje
THERESE M. TERLAJE
Speaker

Amanda L. Shelton
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2021 (FIRST) Regular Session

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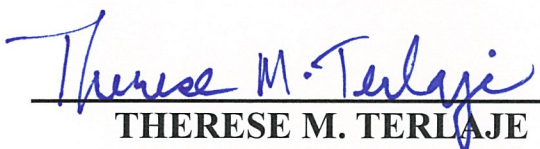
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SENATOR MARY CAMACHO TORRES

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April 6, 2021

MEMORANDUM

To: All Honorable Senators, Stakeholders and Media
From: Senator Mary Camacho Torres
Subject: **Notice of Presentation - Resolution No. 50-36 (LS)**

Buenas yan Håfa adai!

Please join me in presenting the following Legislative Resolution:

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The presentation will take place on **Thursday, April 8, 2021 at 10:00 a.m., at the Life in the Son Christian Fellowship** located at 134 Tun Vicente Leon Guerrero Street off Marine Corps Drive, Tamuning.

We look forward to your attendance and participation.

Si Yu'os Ma'åse'!

CC: Clerks
Sergeant at Arms
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