

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
81-36 (COR)	Telena Cruz Nelson	Relative to recognizing the Charter Schools of Guam on the observance of "National Charter Schools Week" from May 9 through May 15, 2021, with the theme: "National Charter Schools Week 2021: 30 Years Strong"; and commending <i>Guahan</i> Academy Charter School, iLearn Academy Charter School, SIFA Learning Academy Charter School, and Career Tech High Academy Charter School for their innovative and imaginative efforts to ensure the well-rounded education of our students and our youth.	5/5/21 12:58 p.m.	5/11/21 9:30 a.m.	5/7/21 2:20 p.m.					

Resolution No. 81-36 (COR)

Introduced by:

Telena Cruz Nelson

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Relative to recognizing the Guam Academy Charter Schools Council on the observance of "National Charter Schools Week" from May 9 through May 15, 2021, with the theme: "National Charter Schools Week 2021: 30 Years Strong"; and commending *Guåhan* Academy Charter School, iLearn Academy Charter School, SiFA Learning Academy Charter School, and Career Tech High Academy Charter School for their innovative and imaginative efforts to ensure the well-rounded education of our students and our youth.

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COMMITTEE ON RULES OF I MINA TRENTAI SAIS NA LIHESLATURAN GUÅHAN:

WHEREAS, in 1991, the first charter school law in the nation passed; and, in 1992, the first charter school was established in Minnesota. By 1995, an additional eighteen (18) states passed charter school legislation; and as of this writing, there are approximately seven thousand five hundred (7,500) charter schools nationwide and four (4) on Guam; and

WHEREAS, this year, "National Charter Schools Week" is celebrated from May 9 to May 15, 2021, with the theme: "National Charter Schools Week 2021: 30 Years Strong"; and

WHEREAS, charter schools are tuition-free and independently-operated public schools open to all students regardless of location; and

WHEREAS, charter schools function as public schools and their operators receive charters from public agencies – state or local school boards; and charters are performance contracts that establish each school and contain provisions related to financial plans, curriculum, and governance; and

WHEREAS, the Guam Academy Charter School Act of 2009 was enacted to provide opportunities for teachers, students, and community members to establish and maintain schools that operate independently from the Guam Department of Education (GDOE). Our local charter schools receive funding from annual appropriations to the Guam Department of Education (GDOE) at a rate of about Six Thousand Five Hundred Dollars (\$6,500) per student who is enrolled in the respective charter school; and

WHEREAS, in 2013, the *Guåhan* Academy Charter School, Guam's first approved charter school, was established in *Tiyan*; and for the 2014-2015 school year, *Guåhan* Academy students achieved excellent results on the SAT-10 exams through their unique learning model that focuses on direct instruction approach; and

WHEREAS, in 2015, our island's second charter school, the iLearn Academy Charter School, opened in *Delelo*; and the school has a strong STEM emphasis with a particular focus on technology and robotics with iLearn Academy students receiving an innovative and technical education experience to help ensure their future success with technology; and

WHEREAS, in 2018, the SiFA Learning Academy Charter School was established in *Tiyan*, becoming Guam's third approved charter school. SiFA, a STEAM-based charter school, concentrates on Science, Technology, Engineering, Arts and Mathematics for middle school students; and

WHEREAS, in 2019, Guam's latest and fourth-approved charter school, the Career Tech High Academy Charter School, was established in *Agat*, and opened their doors in January 2021; and Career Tech is Guam's only trades-centered high school that provides students with the knowledge, experience and opportunity to achieve nationally-recognized certifications in their respective technical fields; and with a special emphasis in Career and Technical Education, their students can enter our local work industry with employable skills; and

WHEREAS, Guam's charter schools are accountable for improving our island students' achievements and meeting additional provisions of their charter; as well as visions of educational advancement that could not be realized in traditional public school settings; now therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that the Committee on Rules of *I Mina Trentai Sais Na Liheslaturan Guåhan* does hereby, on behalf of *I Liheslaturan Guåhan* and the people of Guam, recognize the Guam Academy Charter Schools Council on the observance of "National Charter Schools Week" from May 9 through May 15, 2021, with the theme: "National Charter Schools Week 2021: 30 Years Strong"; and does further commend *Guåhan* Academy Charter School, iLearn Academy Charter School, SiFA Learning Academy Charter School, and Career Tech High Academy Charter School for their innovative and imaginative efforts to ensure the well-rounded education of our students and our youth; and be it further

RESOLVED, that the Speaker and the Chairperson of the Committee on Rules certify, and the Legislative Secretary attest to, the adoption hereof, and that copies of the same be thereafter transmitted to Evangeline Cepeda, Chairwoman of the Guam Academy Charter Schools Council; to Dr. Judith Won Pat, Chief Academic Officer of *Guåhan* Academy Charter School; to Mary Mafnas, Dean of Elementary *Guåhan* Academy Charter School; to Lynda Hernandez-Avilla, Dean of Secondary *Guåhan* Academy Charter School; to Helen Nishihira, Chairman and Chief Operations Officer of iLearn Academy Charter School; to Argie Pamplona, Lower Elementary Principal of iLearn Academy Charter School; to Maria Dunn, Upper Elementary Principal of iLearn Academy Charter School; to Tamar Celis, Principal of Career Tech High Academy Charter School; to Sherrene Mantanona, Principal of SiFA Learning Academy Charter School; and to the Honorable Lourdes A. Leon Guerrero, *I Maga'hagan Guåhan*.

DULY AND REGULARLY ADOPTED BY THE COMMITTEE ON RULES OF I MINA TRENTAI SAIS NA LIHESLATURAN GUÅHAN ON THE 7TH DAY OF MAY 2021.

Therese M. Terlaje
 THERESE M. TERLAJE
 Speaker

Tina Rose Muña Barnes
 TINA ROSE MUÑA BARNES
 Chairperson, Committee on Rules

Amanda L. Shelton
 AMANDA L. SHELTON
 Legislative Secretary





THE OFFICE OF SENATOR TELENA CRUZ NELSON

I MINA'TRENTAI SAIS NA LIHESLATURAN GUÅHAN | 36th GUAM LEGISLATURE

COMMITTEE ON

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INFRASTRUCTURAL
ADVANCEMENT

BORDER
PROTECTION AND
MARITIME
TRANSPORTATION

GUÅHAN
PRESERVATION AND
SELF-DETERMINATION

FEDERAL AND
FOREIGN RELATIONS

May 07, 2021

MEMORANDUM

To: All Honorable Senators, Stakeholders and Media
From: Senator Telena Cruz Nelson
Subject: **RESCIND AND REPLACE Resolution Presentation Notice**

Buenas yan Håfa Adai! Please join us for the **virtual** presentation of the following:

Resolution No. 78-36 (COR) “Relative to observing the “2021 Click It or Ticket” National Enforcement Mobilization Campaign from May 17 through June 6, 2021, and recognizing its members for their community initiatives to ensure highway and occupant safety; and further commending the Guam Department of Public Works – Office of Highway Safety, together with its Partners for Highway Safety, the Guam Police Department - Highway Patrol Division; the Guam International Airport Authority - Airport Police Division; the Port Authority of Guam - Port Police Division; the Office of the Attorney General - DUI Prosecution; the Judiciary of Guam - DWI Court and DWI Enhancement Program; and the Guam Fire Department for promoting and encouraging safe driving by utilizing seatbelts and child restraint systems, and the awareness of seatbelt safety.”

Resolution No. 81-36 (COR) “Relative to recognizing the Guam Academy Charter Schools Council on the observance of “National Charter Schools Week” from May 9 through May 15, 2021, with the theme: “National Charter Schools Week 2021: 30 Years Strong”; and commending Guåhan Academy Charter School, iLearn Academy Charter School, SiFA Learning Academy Charter School, and Career Tech High Academy Charter School for their innovative and imaginative efforts to ensure the well-rounded education of our students and our youth.”

The presentation will take place on **Tuesday, May 11, 2021 at 9:30 a.m.**, in *I Liheslaturan Guåhan* Public Hearing Room.

The hearing will broadcast on local television, GTA Channel 21, Docomo Channel 117/112.4, and stream online via *I Liheslaturan Guåhan*'s live feed on YouTube. A recording of the hearing will be available online via Guam Legislature Media on YouTube after the hearing. We look forward to your participation!

Si Yu'os Ma'åse'

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

Resolution No. 81-36 (COR)

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2 ***MINA'TRENTAI SAIS NA LIHESLATURAN GUÅHAN*:**

3 **WHEREAS**, in 1991, the first charter school law in the nation passed; and, in
4 1992, the first charter school was established in Minnesota. By 1995, an additional
5 eighteen (18) states passed charter school legislation; and as of this writing, there are

1 approximately seven thousand five hundred (7,500) charter schools nationwide and four
2 (4) on Guam; and

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5 *Strong*”; and

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7 schools open to all students regardless of location; and

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10 performance contracts that establish each school and contain provisions related to
11 financial plans, curriculum, and governance; and

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13 provide opportunities for teachers, students, and community members to establish and
14 maintain schools that operate independently from the Guam Department of Education
15 (GDOE). Our local charter schools receive funding from annual appropriations to the
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17 Dollars (\$6,500) per student who is enrolled in the respective charter school; and

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19 approved charter school, was established in *Tiyan*; and for the 2014-2015 school year,
20 *Guahån* Academy students achieved excellent results on the SAT-10 exams through
21 their unique learning model that focuses on direct instruction approach; and

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23 Charter School, opened in *Dededo*; and the school has a strong STEM emphasis with a
24 particular focus on technology and robotics with iLearn Academy students receiving an
25 innovative and technical education experience to help ensure their future success with
26 technology; and

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2 established in Tiyan, becoming Guam’s third approved charter school. SiFA, a
3 STEAM-based charter school, concentrates on Science, Technology, Engineering, Arts
4 and Mathematics for middle school students; and

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6 Career Tech High Academy Charter School, was established in *Agat*, and opened their
7 doors in January 2021; and Career Tech is Guam’s only trades-centered high school
8 that provides students with the knowledge, experience and opportunity to achieve
9 nationally-recognized certifications in their respective technical fields; and with a
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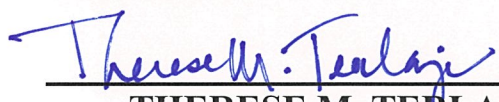
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16 **RESOLVED**, that the Committee on Rules of *I Mina'trentai Sais Na*
17 *Liheslaturan Guåhan* does hereby, on behalf of *I Liheslaturan Guåhan* and the people
18 of Guam, recognize the Guam Academy Charter Schools Council on the observance of
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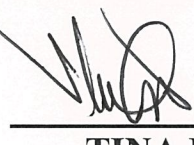
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6 of iLearn Academy Charter School; to Argie Pamplona, Lower Elementary Principal of
7 iLearn Academy Charter School; to Maria Dunn, Upper Elementary Principal of iLearn
8 Academy Charter School; to Tamar Celis, Principal of Career Teach High Academy
9 Charter School; to Sherrene Mantanona, Principal of SiFA Learning Academy Charter
10 School; and to the Honorable Lourdes A. Leon Guerrero, *I Maga'hågan Guåhan*.


**DULY AND REGULARLY ADOPTED BY THE COMMITTEE ON RULES OF
I MINA'TRENTAI SAIS NA LIHESLATURAN GUÅHAN ON THE 7TH DAY OF
MAY 2021.**



THERESE M. TERLAJE
Speaker



TINA ROSE MUÑA BARNES
Chairperson, Committee on Rules



AMANDA L. SHELTON
Legislative Secretary



COMMITTEE ON RULES

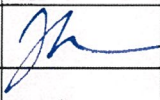

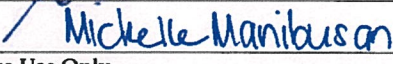
VICE SPEAKER TINA ROSE MUÑA BARNES, CHAIRPERSON

I Mina'trentai Sais Na Liheslaturan Guahan

36th Guam Legislature

COMMITTEE VOTE SHEET

Resolution No. 81-36 (COR) - Telen Cruz Nelson. - "Relative to recognizing the Guam Academy Charter Schools Council on the observance of "National Charter Schools Week" from May 9 through May 15, 2021, with the theme: "National Charter Schools Week 2021: 30 Years Strong"; and commending Guahan Academy Charter School, iLearn Academy Charter School, SiFA Learning Academy Charter School, and Career Tech High Academy Charter School for their innovative and imaginative efforts to ensure the well-rounded education of our students and our youth."

	SIGNATURE	DATE	TO ADOPT	TO NOT ADOPT	TO ABSTAIN
Vice Speaker Tina Rose Muña Barnes Chairperson					
Legislative Secretary Amanda L. Shelton Vice Chairperson	e-vote	5/7/21	✓		
Speaker Therese M. Terlaje Member					
Senator Telen Cruz Nelson Member		5/7/21	✓		
Senator Sabina Flores Perez Member	e-vote	5/7/21	✓		
Senator Clynton E. Ridgell Member	e-vote	5/7/21	✓		
Senator Joe S. San Agustin Member	e-vote	5/7/21	✓		
Senator Jose "Pedo" T. Terlaje Member					
Senator Frank F. Blas, Jr. Minority Member	e-vote	5/7/21	✓		
Senator Mary Camacho Torres Minority Member	e-vote	5/7/21	✓		
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Staff Contact Person:  Michelle Maribuson 671-989-7696					
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