

**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
82-36 (COR)	Therese M. Terlaje	Relative to posthumously recognizing the late Honorable Peter Charles Siguenza, Jr., former Chief Justice of <i>I Kotten Mas Takheho Guåhan</i> , for his devotion to serving the public and improving the administration of justice and commemorating his lifetime of service to Guam; and to further expressing condolences to his family on his passing, on behalf of the people of Guam.	5/6/21 3:57 p.m.	5/13/21 10:00 a.m.	5/10/21 3:51 p.m.					

Resolution No. 82-36 (COR)

Introduced by:

Therese M. Terlaje	Sabana Flores Perez
V. Anthony Ada	Clyston E. Radgell
Frank Blas Jr.	Joe S. San Agustín
Joanne Brown	Amanda L. Shelton
Christopher M. Duenas	Telo T. Tamagoe
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BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COMMITTEE ON RULES OF *I MINA'TRENTAI SAIS NA LIHESLATURAN GUÅHAN*:

WHEREAS, the late Honorable Chief Justice Peter Charles Siguenza, Jr. was born on Guam in 1951. He is the son of Captain Peter C. Siguenza, Sr. (USMC-RET) and Barbara Louise Bordallo; and he was married to the late Joleen Taitano Rios Siguenza, and has a daughter Dawn Siguenza Blaz, four (4) grandchildren and a great-grandchild; and in 2017, he married Kathy Fokas Siguenza; and

WHEREAS, the Honorable Chief Justice Peter Charles Siguenza, Jr. graduated from Father Dueñas Memorial School (FDMS) before earning his Bachelor of Arts degree in Government in 1976 from California State University, where he was a member of Phi Sigma Alpha, the National Political Science Honor Society; and four (4) years later, he obtained his Juris Doctor degree from McGeorge School of Law at the University of Pacific in Sacramento, California; and

WHEREAS, the Honorable Chief Justice Peter Charles Siguenza, Jr. served as a judge of the Superior Court of Guam from 1984 to 1996 until he was appointed to serve in the Supreme Court of Guam, which was established in 1996 by the Organic Act of Guam, becoming its first Chief Justice from 1996 to 1999, and from 2001 until his retirement on January 23, 2003; and he continued his service as an Associate Professor in Legal Studies at the University of Guam; and

WHEREAS, the Honorable Chief Justice Peter Charles Siguenza, Jr. served as a Designated Judge of the U.S. District Court of Guam and a Designated Justice of the Supreme Court of the Federated States of Micronesia; and

WHEREAS, the Honorable Chief Justice Peter Charles Siguenza, Jr. was active in the Guam bar, the CNMI bar and the California bar, as well as other community and civic organizations, for most of his life, including Chair of the Supreme Court of Guam Rules Commission in 1993 and Chair of the FDMS Board of Trustees in 1991; and

WHEREAS, the Honorable Chief Justice Peter Charles Siguenza, Jr. served his term on the Supreme Court of Guam during some very tumultuous times, with the challenges of re-establishing the Supreme Court of Guam and forging a Unified Judiciary; and

WHEREAS, the Honorable Chief Justice Peter Charles Siguenza, Jr. served the people of Guam as a judicial officer for nearly nineteen (19) years and unwaveringly dedicated the latter part of his career to ensuring the unification of the Superior and Supreme Courts of Guam, establishing the Judiciary in the framework of the Organic Act, and reorganizing the Judiciary as the third co-equal and independent branch of the Government of Guam; and although he retired before the judicial unification, the Unified Judiciary is a credit to his efforts; and

WHEREAS, on June 18, 2020, the Honorable Chief Justice Peter Charles Siguenza, Jr. was awarded with the "2020 Hustisia Award," recognizing his outstanding contributions to strengthening the rule of law throughout our island; 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, posthumously recognize the late Honorable Peter Charles Siguenza, Jr., former Chief Justice of *I Kotten Mas Takhelo Guåhan*, for his devotion to serving the public and improving the administration of justice, and commemorate his lifetime of service to Guam and its people; and further express condolences to his family on his passing, on behalf of the people of Guam; 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 Kathy Fokas Siguenza and the family of the late Honorable Peter Charles Siguenza, Jr., former Chief Justice of Guam; 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 10TH 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
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 Legislative Secretary



Noted for
 05/12/21



Office of the Speaker
THERESE M. TERLAJE

I Mina'trentai Sais na Liheslaturan Guåhan | 36th Guam Legislature
Committee on Health, Land, Justice and Culture

May 10, 2021

To: All Senators, Stakeholders

From: Speaker Therese M. Terlaje TM

Subject: **Notice of Presentation—Resolution No. 82-36 (COR)**

Buenas yan Håfa Adai!

Please join us in presenting **Resolution No. 82-36 (COR)**—introduced by Speaker Therese M. Terlaje- “Relative to posthumously recognizing the late Honorable Peter Charles Siguenza, Jr., former Chief Justice of *I Kotten Mas Takhelo Guåhan*, for his devotion to serving the public and improving the administration of justice and commemorating his lifetime of service to Guam; and expressing condolences to his family on his passing, on behalf of the people of Guam.”

The presentation will take place on **Thursday, May 13, 2021, 10:00 a.m.** at the Judiciary of Guam’s Route 4 building.

We look forward to your attendance and participation. *Si Yu 'os Ma 'åse '!*

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

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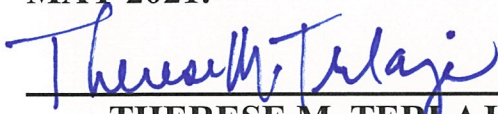
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**DULY AND REGULARLY ADOPTED BY THE COMMITTEE ON RULES OF
I MINA'TRENTAI SAIS NA LIHESLATURAN GUÅHAN ON THE 10TH DAY OF
MAY 2021.**



THERESE M. TERLAJE
Speaker



TINA ROSE MUÑA BARNES
Chair, Committee on Rules



AMANDA L. SHELTON
Legislative Secretary



COMMITTEE ON RULES

VICE SPEAKER TINA ROSE MUÑA BARNES, CHAIRPERSON

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36th Guam Legislature

COMMITTEE VOTE SHEET

Resolution No. 82-36 (COR) - Therese M. Terlaje. - "Relative to posthumously recognizing the late Honorable Peter Charles Siguenza, Jr., former Chief Justice of *I Kotten Mas Takhelo Guåhan*, for his devotion to serving the public and improving the administration of justice and commemorating his lifetime of service to Guam; and expressing condolences to his family on his passing, on behalf of the people of Guam."

	SIGNATURE	DATE	TO ADOPT	TO NOT ADOPT	TO ABSTAIN
Vice Speaker Tina Rose Muña Barnes Chairperson	E-VOTE	05/10/2021	X		
Legislative Secretary Amanda L. Shelton Vice Chairperson	E-VOTE	05/10/2021	X		
Speaker Therese M. Terlaje Member	<i>Therese M. Terlaje</i>	05/10/2021	X		
Senator Telena Cruz Nelson Member					
Senator Sabina Flores Perez Member					
Senator Clynton E. Ridgell Member	E-VOTE	05/10/2021	X		
Senator Joe S. San Agustin Member	E-VOTE	05/10/2021	X		
Senator Jose "Pedo" T. Terlaje Member	E-VOTE	05/10/2021	X		
Senator Frank F. Blas, Jr. Minority Member	E-VOTE	05/10/2021	X		
Senator Mary Camacho Torres Minority Member	E-VOTE	05/10/2021	X		
For Sponsor's Office Use Only					
Sponsor Signature: <i>Therese M. Terlaje</i>					
Staff Contact Person: Natasha Charfauros					
For COR/Clerk's Office Use Only					
<u>8</u> Certified _____ Returned					
Name: Marie Crisostomo					
Date: 5/10/21 3:51 p.m.					
Notes:					