

Resolution No. 126-36 (COR)

Introduced by:
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Relative to posthumously recognizing the late Elmore "Moe" Cotton for his invaluable service and contributions to the island of Guam; and expressing condolences to his family on his passing on behalf of the people of Guam.

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COMMITTEE ON RULES OF I MIMA TRENTAI SAIS NA LHESLATURAN GUAHAN:

WHEREAS, Elmore Cotton, fondly known as "Moe," was born on December 20, 1935, in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, and is the son of Reverend Jarvis Madison Cotton and Elsie Jarvis Cotton; and

WHEREAS, Moe Cotton passed away on July 21, 2020, and is survived by his wife Hanako "Mae" Tokashiki Cotton; their three (3) children, June Cotton Larkin, Patty Cotton, and Akemi Cotton; and grandchildren, Asia Larkin, Haley Larkin, Kaiti Larkin, and John Patrick Elmore Larkin; and

WHEREAS, prior to arriving in Guam, Moe Cotton joined the United States Marine Corps in 1958 and served as an Officer where he was assigned legal officer duty. Moe Cotton was then stationed in Okinawa, where he met his wife and together raised their family; and

WHEREAS, in 1977, Moe Cotton and his family moved to the island and made Guam their home for the next forty (40) years; and the Cottons played an active role in Guam's community by fostering economic growth as well as engaging in philanthropic activities in Guam to include, diabetes awareness; the humane treatment of animals; Harvest House; and playing Santa Claus every Christmas for different organizations; and

WHEREAS, Moe Cotton had a prolific professional career; in investments, as owner of UNIVAL; in insurance, as owner of Financial House of America; in real estate, as owner of Century 21 Commonwealth Realty; as a developer and as the first person to successfully accomplish condominium conversions on Guam; in fast-food, as one of the original Wendy's franchisees on Guam; and in education, as the founder of the National Institute of Education, Guam; and

WHEREAS, additionally, Moe Cotton had served as a former President and Director of the Guam Association of Realtors, a former President of the Rotary Club of Guam, Sunrise, and a past President of the Tennis Association of Guam; and

WHEREAS, Moe Cotton enjoyed art and painting. In elementary school, Moe Cotton would often draw caricatures of his teachers. During his time in the U.S. Marine Corps when he was stationed at Camp Lejeune, North Carolina, Moe Cotton drew portraits to make pocket change; and after building a successful career in real estate and battling cancer, Moe Cotton returned to painting and further developing his style, referred to as Objective Abstract; and

WHEREAS, as an artist in Guam, Moe Cotton exhibited in many art shows including the University of Guam's Isla Art Center, family and friends' exhibits at the Council of Arts and Humanities Agency at both The Gallery at Two Lover's Point and the CAHA Gallery in Hagåtña, as well as holding a solo art show at the Guam Hilton Resort; and

WHEREAS, in 2004, Moe Cotton was selected to represent Guam at the Ninth (9th) Festival of the Pacific Arts held in Koror, Republic of Palau; and during the Festival several of his paintings were displayed in the National Museum of Palau; and

WHEREAS, after the Ninth (9th) Festival of Pacific Arts in Koror, Moe Cotton was invited to become a member of the Chamorro art association and was honored with the adoptive name, ATGDON; and

WHEREAS, Moe Cotton promoted appreciation of Guam when he invited and hosted his friends, Mr. Rogers and Mark Spitz to witness the beauty and hospitality of the island and its people; and

WHEREAS, Moe Cotton was a well-respected member of our community whose contributions shaped Guam's economy as well as the artist community, now therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that the Committee on Rules of I Mima Trentai Sais Na LheSLaturan Guahan does hereby, on behalf of I LheSLaturan Guahan and the people of Guam, posthumously recognize the late Elmore "Moe" Cotton for his invaluable service and contributions to the island of Guam; and express condolences to his family on his passing on behalf of the people of Guam; and be it further

RESOLVED, that the Speaker certify, 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 hereafter transmitted to the family of the late Elmore "Moe" Cotton; and to the Honorable Lourdes A. Leon Guerrero, *I Mäge'ndigm Guahan*.

DULY AND REGULARLY ADOPTED BY THE COMMITTEE ON RULES OF I MIMA TRENTAI SAIS NA LHESLATURAN GUAHAN ON THE 28TH DAY OF JULY 2021.

Theresa M. Terlaje
THERESA M. TERLAJE
Speaker

Amanda L. Shelton
AMANDA L. SHELTON
Acting Chairperson, Committee on Rules

Amanda L. Shelton
AMANDA L. SHELTON
Legislative Secretary



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7/29/21 @ 10:10 am



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July 28, 2021

MEMORANDUM

COMMITTEE ON
PUBLIC ACCOUNTABILITY
HUMAN RESOURCES
GUAM BUILDUP
HAGÁTNA REVITALIZATION
REGIONAL AFFAIRS
PUBLIC LIBRARIES
TELECOMMUNICATIONS
TECHNOLOGY

To: All Senators
36th Guam Legislature

From: Vice Speaker Tina Rose Muña Barnes

Subject: Presentation of Resolution No. 126-36 (COR)

Buenas yan Håfa Adai!

On my behalf, Senator James C. Moylan will be presenting the following Legislative Resolution:

Resolution No. 126-36 (COR) - *Introduced by Vice Speaker Tina Rose Muña Barnes/ Amanda L. Shelton/ James C. Moylan* - "Relative to posthumously recognizing the late Elmore "Moe" Cotton for his invaluable service and contributions to the island of Guam; and expressing condolences to his family on his passing on behalf of the people of Guam."

The presentation will take place on **Thursday, July 29, 2021 at 1:00 p.m. at the Public Hearing Room of the Guam Congress Building.**

We look forward to your attendance and participation.

Si Yu'os Ma'åse'!

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

Resolution No. 126-36 (COR)

Introduced by:

Tina Rose Muña Barnes
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2 ***MINA'TRENTAI SAIS NA LIHESLATURAN GUÅHAN:***

3 **WHEREAS,** Elmore Cotton, fondly known as “Moe,” was born on December
4 20, 1935, in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania; and is the son of Reverend Jarvis Madison Cotton
5 and Elsie Jarvis Cotton; and

1 **WHEREAS**, Moe Cotton passed away on July 21, 2020, and is survived by his
2 wife Haruko “Mae” Tokashiki Cotton; their three (3) children, June Cotton Larkin,
3 Patty Cotton, and Akemi Cotton; and grandchildren, Asia Larkin, Haley Larkin, Kaili
4 Larkin, and John Patrick Elmore Larkin; and

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8 raised their family; and

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10 Guam their home for the next forty (40) years; and the Cottons played an active role in
11 Guam’s community by fostering economic growth as well as engaging in philanthropic
12 activities in Guam to include, diabetes awareness; the humane treatment of animals;
13 Harvest House; and playing Santa Claus every Christmas for different organizations;
14 and

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18 person to successfully accomplish condominium conversions on Guam; in fast-food, as
19 one of the original Wendy's franchisees on Guam; and in education, as the founder of
20 the National Institute of Education, Guam; and

21 **WHEREAS**, additionally, Moe Cotton had served as a former President and
22 Director of the Guam Association of Realtors, a former President of the Rotary Club of
23 Guam Sunrise, and a past President of the Tennis Association of Guam; and

24 **WHEREAS**, Moe Cotton enjoyed art and painting. In elementary school, Moe
25 Cotton would often draw caricatures of his teachers. During his time in the U.S. Marine
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13 was invited to become a member of the Chamorro art association and was honored with
14 the adoptive name, ATGIDON; and

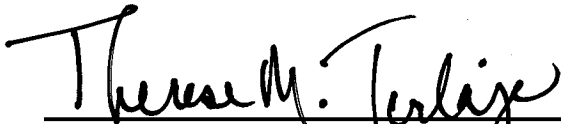
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16 hosted his friends, Mr. Rogers and Mark Spitz to witness the beauty and hospitality of
17 the island and its people; and

18 **WHEREAS**, Moe Cotton was a well-respected member of our community
19 whose contributions shaped Guam's economy as well as the artist community; now
20 therefore, be it


21 **RESOLVED**, that the Committee on Rules of *I Mina'trentai Sais Na*
22 *Liheslaturan Guåhan* does hereby, on behalf of *I Liheslaturan Guåhan* and the people
23 of Guam, posthumously recognize the late Elmore "Moe" Cotton for his invaluable
24 service and contributions to the island of Guam; and express condolences to his family
25 on his passing on behalf of the people of Guam; and be it further

1 **RESOLVED**, that the Speaker certify, and the Chairperson of the Committee on
2 Rules certify, and the Legislative Secretary attest to, the adoption hereof, and that copies
3 of the same be thereafter transmitted to the family of the late Elmore “Moe” Cotton;
4 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 28TH DAY OF
JULY.**



THERESE M. TERLAJE
Speaker



AMANDA L. SHELTON
Acting 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 Guåhan
36th Guam Legislature

COMMITTEE VOTE SHEET

Resolution No. 126-36 (COR) - Tina Rose Muña Barnes and Amanda L. Shelton. - "Relative to posthumously recognizing the late Elmore "Moe" Cotton for his invaluable service and contributions to the island of 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		07/19/21	✓		
Legislative Secretary Amanda L. Shelton Vice Chairperson	e-vote	07/19/21	✓		
Speaker Therese M. Terlaje Member					
Senator Telen Cruz Nelson Member	e-vote	07/19/21	✓		
Senator Sabina Flores Perez Member	e-vote	07/19/21	✓		
Senator Clynton E. Ridgell Member	e-vote	07/19/21	✓		
Senator Joe S. San Agustin Member	e-vote	07/19/21	✓		
Senator Jose "Pedo" T. Terlaje Member	e-vote	07/19/21	✓		
Senator Frank F. Blas, Jr. Minority Member	e-vote	07/20/21	✓		
Senator Mary Camacho Torres Minority Member	e-vote	07/19/21	✓		
For Sponsor's Office Use Only					
Sponsor Signature:					
Staff Contact Person: Alan Cepeda					
For COR/Clerk's Office Use Only					
___ 9 ___ Certified _____ Returned Name: Marie Crisostomo Date: 7/28/21 8:21 a.m.					
Notes:					