

**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
53-36 (COR)	Tina Rose Muña Barnes	Relative to supporting the Republic of China (Taiwan)'s participation as Observer at the World Health Organization's 74th World Health Assembly.	3/30/21 11:53 a.m.			3/30/2021 2:30 p.m.	Author	4/6/21 9:00 a.m.	4/15/21 11:09 a.m. As amended by the Author	



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April 9, 2021

The Honorable Therese M. Terlaje

Speaker

I Mina'trentai Singko na Liheslaturan Guåhan

163 Chalan Santo Papa

Hagåtña, Guam 96910

VIA: The Honorable Tina Rose Muña Barnes 
Chairperson, Committee on Rules

Re: Author's Report on Resolution No. 53-36 (COR), As amended by the Author

Håfa Adai Speaker Terlaje:

Transmitted herewith is the Author's Report on Resolution No. 53-36 (COR) As amended by the Author – Tina Rose Muña Barnes - "Relative to supporting the Republic of China (Taiwan)'s participation as Observer at the World Health Organization's 74th World Health Assembly."

Si Yu'os Ma'åse',



TINA ROSE MUÑA BARNES

Chairperson

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April 9, 2021

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Revisions Rec'd:

April 12, 2021 @ 8:23 A.M.

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AUTHOR'S REPORT

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As amended by the Author

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Introduced by
Tina Rose Muña Barnes



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March 30, 2021

MEMO

To: **Rennae Meno**
Clerk of the Legislature

Attorney Ana Won Pat-Borja
Legislative Legal Counsel

From: **Vice Speaker Tina Rose Muña Barnes**
Chairperson, Committee on Rules

Re: **Referral of Resolution No. 53-36 (COR)**

Buenas yan Håfa adai,

As per my authority as Chairperson of the Committee on Rules, I am forwarding the referral of **Resolution No. 53-36 (COR)** – Tina Rose Muña Barnes – “Relative to supporting the Republic of China’s (Taiwan) participation as Observer at the World Health Organization’s 74th World Health Assembly.”

Please ensure that the subject resolution is referred to **Vice Speaker Tina Rose Muña Barnes, author of Resolution No. 53-36 (COR)**.

If you have any questions or concerns, please feel free to contact Mary Maravilla, Committee on Rules Director at 472-2461.

Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Respectfully,

Vice Speaker Tina Rose Muña Barnes
Chairperson, Committee on Rules



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FIRST NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING - Tuesday, April 6, 2021, at 9 a.m.

Vice Speaker Tina Rose Muña Barnes <senatormunabarnes@guamlegislature.org>
To: phnotice@guamlegislature.org

Tue, Mar 30, 2021 at 3:26 PM

March 30, 2021

MEMORANDUM

TO: All Senators, Media, and Stakeholders

FROM: Vice Speaker Tina Rose Muña Barnes

Chairperson, Committee on Public Accountability, Human Resources, Guam Buildup, *Hagåtña* Revitalization, Regional Affairs, Public Libraries, Telecommunications, and Technology

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March 30, 2021

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Fri, Apr 2, 2021 at 8:26 AM

April 2, 2021

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Chairperson, Committee on Public Accountability, Human Resources, Guam Buildup, *Hagåtña* Revitalization, Regional Affairs, Public Libraries, Telecommunications, and Technology

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April 2, 2021

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Invitation to Public Hearing - Tuesday, April 6, 2021, at 9 a.m.

Vice Speaker Tina Rose Muña Barnes <senatormunabarnes@guamlegislature.org>

Wed, Mar 31, 2021 at 10:19 AM

To: "Arthur U. San Agustin" <Arthur.SanAgustin@dphss.guam.gov>

March 31, 2021

MEMORANDUM

TO: Arthur San Agustin, Director – Department of Public Health and Social Services
FROM: Vice Speaker Tina Rose Muña Barnes
Chairperson, Committee on Public Accountability, Human Resources, Guam
Buildup, Hagåtña Revitalization, Regional Affairs, Public Libraries, Telecommunications,
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To: lillian.perez.posadas@gmha.org

March 31, 2021

MEMORANDUM

TO: Lillian Posadas, Administrator – Guam Memorial Hospital Authority

FROM: Vice Speaker Tina Rose Muña Barnes

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Authority

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Bill No. 86-36 (COR) - Sabina Flores Perez
AN ACT TO AMEND § 51A106(a)(2) AND TO ADD A NEW §
51A106(a)(3), BOTH OF CHAPTER 51A, TITLE 10, GUAM CODE
ANNOTATED, RELATIVE TO EXPANDING THE QUALIFICATION
REQUIREMENTS FOR GUAM SOLID WASTE AUTHORITY GENERAL
MANAGER POSITION.

Bill No. 94-36 (LS) - Sabina Flores Perez / Therese M. Terlaje / Tina Rose
Muña Barnes / V. Anthony Ada / Frank Blas Jr. / Joanne Brown / Christopher
M. Dueñas / James C. Moylan / Telen Cruz Nelson / Clynton E. Ridgell / Joe
S. San Agustin / Telo T. Taitague
AN ACT TO ADD A NEW § 15409(c) and AMEND § 15410; ALL FROM
ARTICLE 4 OF CHAPTER 15, TITLE 4, GUAM CODE ANNOTATED,
RELATIVE TO UPDATING THE ETHICS IN GOVERNMENT TRAINING
PROGRAM AND REQUIRING ETHICS TRAINING FOR ALL
GOVERNMENT OF GUAM EMPLOYEES.



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**Vice Speaker Tina Rose Muña Barnes, Author
Tuesday, April 6, 2021, 9:00 A.M.
Public Hearing Room, Guam Congress Building
Resolution No. 53-36 (COR)**

Name	Agency/ Organization	Oral Testimony	Written Testimony	Support	Not in Support	Contact Information

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Supporting Taiwan's participation as Observer at the World Health Organization's 74th World Health Assembly.

Taiwan and Guam have enjoyed a strong bond of friendship and commerce for over 45 years. Since April 2008, *I Liheslaturan Guåhan* has adopted Legislative Resolutions supporting observer status for Taiwan at the World Health Organization's annual World Health Assembly and will do so again in 2021 as introduced by Chairperson, Committee on Rules, Tina Rose Muña Barnes.

As the global coronavirus pandemic has demonstrated over the last year, good health is vitally important to every citizen of the world. Taiwan's inclusion in the World Health Organization during a time of international crisis would have made a positive difference to global public health and the COVID-19 response.

Access to high standards of health information and services is essential, as health and disease have no borders. It is in the best interests of humanity to afford Taiwan observership status in the WHO in order to participate meaningfully in global discussions that concern every citizen of the world.

Prior to the WHO's January 5th publication of the first Disease Outbreak News on Novel Coronavirus, Taiwan initiated a series of 124 actions to respond to the COVID-19 outbreak beginning on December 31, 2019. Due to this proactive response, Taiwan, with a population of 23.5 million, currently has 1,023 confirmed COVID-19 cases in total, and 10 deaths.

On March 19, 2020, President Tsai Ing-wen announced via Twitter that Taiwan is "willing to contribute capabilities to better protect human health around

the world;” and on April 1, 2020 Taiwan pledged to donate ten million masks to the United States, and 11 other countries and diplomatic allies.

In January of 2021, Taiwan demonstrated its commitment to improving health with a partnership between the Taipei Economic and Cultural Office in Guam and the Government of Guam to organize a joint humanitarian medical mission with charter flights to Taiwan via China Airlines. This endeavor assisted Guam residents seeking medical treatment off island but who have been prevented from traveling due to the COVID-19 pandemic and canceled direct flights. Taiwan has also facilitated direct donations to Guam of masks and medical supplies.

Commitment to their fellow nations during the COVID-19 pandemic is an example in which Taiwan has shown it can help and that Taiwan cares and wishes to participate in the WHO with financial and technical assistance. Decades of exclusion from the WHO system has required Taiwan to develop its own emergency response measures based on experience from dealing with the 2003 SARS outbreak. Taiwan’s rapid and ready response plan minimized the danger to its citizens and has received global praise for successfully managing COVID-19.

The government of Taiwan again calls on the WHO to put aside politics and restore Taiwan’s observer status in the World Health Assembly, for the health and wellbeing of the people of Taiwan and the world.

Paul Yin-Lien Chen

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Taipei Economic & Cultural Office in Guam



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You have my support!

Sincerely,

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Resolution No. 53-36 (COR) was introduced on March 30, 2021 by Vice Speaker Muña Barnes and was subsequently referred by the Committee on Rules to Vice Speaker Muña Barnes, Author, on March 30, 2021. The Author convened a public hearing on Tuesday, April 6, 2021 at 9:00 a.m. in the Public Hearing Room of the Guam Congress Building.

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Senators Present

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Senator Sabina Perez	Legislative Member
Senator Chris Duenas	Legislative Member
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Senator Joanne Brown	Legislative Member

II. SUMMARY OF TESTIMONY & DISCUSSION

The public hearing was called-to-order at 9:05 a.m.

Chairperson Tina Rose Muña Barnes: *Buenas yan Håfa Adai Todus Hamyo!* This hearing by the Committee on Public Accountability, Human Resources, the Guam Build up, *Hagåtña* Revitalization, Regional Affairs, Public Library, Telecommunications and Technology is called to order. The current time is 9:05. I do apologize for the little delay um we hope that audio has everything fixed now we'll go ahead and proceed for this. For the record and in accordance with 5 GCA Chapter 8, Subsections 8107. I want to say that public hearing notices were sent on Tuesday, March 30th, 2021, adhering to the five-day notice and a second public hearing notice was sent out on Friday, April 2nd for the 48 hours prior.

In addition to this hearing was noticed on the Legislature's website at www.guam.legislature.com and written testimonies to the listening audience may be submitted by emailing senatormunabarnes@guamlegislature.org or you may hand deliver to our offices here at the Guam Congress Building at 163 Chalan Santo Papa Hagåtña Guam.

Ladies and gentlemen, to my colleagues and to the listening audience, on the agenda this morning we have Resolution 53-36 (COR) is introduced by myself Vice Speaker Tina Rose Muña Barnes and it's "Relative to supporting the Republic of China's Taiwan's participation as an Observer at the World Health Organization's 74th World Health Assembly.

The second item on the agenda is Bill No. 86-36 (COR) as introduced by Senator Sabina Flores Perez which is "An Act to amend § 51A106(a)(2) and to add a new § 51A106(a)(3) both of Chapter 51, Title 10, Guam Code Annotated, it's relative to expanding the qualification requirements for Guam Solid Waste Authority General Manager Position."

Bill No. 94-36 (LS) as introduced by Senator Sabina Flores, Speaker Therese M. Terlaje, Vice Speaker Tina Rose Muña Barnes, Senator Tony Ada, Senators Frank Blas Jr., Senator Joanne Brown, Senator Chris Duenas, Senator James C. Moylan, Majority Leader Senator Telen Cruz Nelson, Senator Clynton Ridgell, Senator Joe San Agustin, and Senator Telo Taitague. This Bill 94-36 (LS) is "An Act to add a new § 15409(c) and amend section 15410; all from the Article 4 of Chapter 15, Title 4, Guam Code Annotated and this is relative to updating the ethics and government training program and requiring ethics training for all Government of Guam employees.

To the listening audience joining me this morning, thank you very much to my colleagues. I have with us Senator Sabina Perez and the Minority Leader that you Senator Chris Duenas? Good morning. *Manana Si Yu'us*.

The conduct of this public hearing shall be as follows: those testifying will be recognized in the order of sign up on the sign-in sheet. Written testimony may be read and in the interests of time I as testimonies to be summarized about five minutes. Written testimony shall be submitted to the committee. Please provide our legislative staff with your written testimony for photocopying. Testimony shall be confined to the substance of the bill. Persons will be allowed to present oral testimony only once. Once you are done, you may be asked to remain in the room for questions or for additional testimony as may be desired by members of the panel. Proper form and decorum shall be practiced by all present of the public hearing for the proceedings individuals who do not comply may be escorted from the public room public hearing room. When you speak please make sure that the microphone is on and that you speak into the microphone. Please state your name for the record and where you're from and if you support or don't support the measure during your testimony. Those who do not follow these rules of engagements will be asked to be removed from the public hearing room.

And with that being said uh on the first item on the agenda we'll entertain Resolution 53-36 (COR) is introduced by myself Tina Rose Muña Barnes and its "Relative to supporting the Republic of China's Taiwan's participation as observer of the World Health Organization 74th World Health Assembly for the listening audience. And for the record I will read the resolution:

“Relative to supporting the republic of china's taiwan's participation as observer of the world health organization's 74th world health assembly being resolved by the committee on rules of *Mina'trentai Sais Na Liheslaturan Guåhan*.

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WHEREAS, the freedom and democracy enjoyed by the people of the Republic of China (Taiwan) are clearly demonstrated in the progress and growth of the economy of this great country. In furthering its commitment to freedom and democracy, Taiwan continues to seek representation in international organizations; and

WHEREAS, since April 2008, I Liheslaturan Guåhan adopted Legislative Resolutions commending the efforts of the Republic of China (Taiwan) to promote World Health and had endorsed Taiwan's observer status in the World Health Assembly. The people of Guam maintained a special Sister-City relationship with the people of Taipei City since 1973, and believe that good health is important to every citizen of the world and believe that access to the highest standard of health information and services is necessary to improve the public health; and

WHEREAS, the preamble of the World Health Organization (WHO) Constitution states that “the enjoyment of the highest attainable standard of health is one of the fundamental rights of every human being without distinction of race, religion, political belief, economic or social condition.” Taiwan's twenty-three million five hundred thousand (23,500,000) people wish to attend the WHA as an observer; and have a population that is greater than three-fourths of member states already admitted into the WHO. Because health and disease have no borders, it is in the best interest of the human condition that Taiwan be afforded observership in the WHO in order to benefit from information regarding the prevention, monitoring and cure of epidemic diseases, prevention of terrorist bio-chemical attacks, and discussions of global health policies; and

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WHEREAS, Direct and unobstructed participation in international health cooperation forums and programs is beneficial for all parts of the world, especially with today's greater potential for cross-border spread of various infectious

diseases such as human immunodeficiency virus (HIV), tuberculosis, malaria, and COVID-19; and

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WHEREAS, in line with the Taiwan Relations Act of 1979, Asia Reassurance Initiative Act of 2018, Taiwan Travel Act of 2018, the recently enacted Taiwan Allies International Protection and Enhancement Initiative (TAIPEI) Act of 2019, in addition to the recently introduced H.R. 1145, Reassurance on Commitment Act of 2021 and Taiwan Symbols of Sovereignty Act, Guam intends to continue to maintain relationships with one of our closest democratic countries in the Pacific; and

WHEREAS, the Republic of China (Taiwan) demonstrated incredible assistance to Guam's health system over the years, especially during the pandemic, securing 200,000 masks, 900 Pandemic Readiness Kits, and four full-body temperature scanners with the assistance of the Taipei Economic and Cultural Office in Guam (TECO). Furthermore, in January of 2021, with the help of TECO in Guam and the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, flights were chartered with China Airlines as a joint humanitarian and medical mission for about 50 passengers each flight. This endeavor was especially beneficial to Guam residents seeking medical treatment off island but have been unable to do so because of the COVID-19 health crisis and canceled direct flights; and

WHEREAS, prior to the pandemic, patients in Guam received life-changing specialized care from hospitals in Taiwan. The China Medical University Hospital in Taichung and Yuan's General Hospital in Kaohsiung are just a few of several hospitals that care for Guam patients. Additionally, the Guam Memorial Hospital maintains a referral hospital relationship with Taiwan Adventist Hospital in Taipei with a memorandum of understanding signed in January 2020. Moreover, Taiwan sends many physicians to teach the physicians in Guam, reaching out to the medical community to offer their support; now, therefore be it

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the Republic of China’s (Taiwan) participation in the WHO can bring to the state of health not only in Taiwan, but also regionally and globally, Taiwan and its twenty-three million five hundred thousand (23,500,000) people should have appropriate and meaningful participation in the WHO. During the House Foreign Affairs Committee Hearing on the Biden Administration Foreign Policy Priorities in March 2021, Secretary of State Antony Blinken testified his commitment to working on including Taiwan at international conferences due to their immense contributions and invaluable technical expertise during the COVID-19 pandemic. Moreover, President Biden restated the United States support of Taiwan in the interim National Security Strategic Guidance issued by the White House on March 2021; and be it further

RESOLVED, that I Mina'trentai Sais Na Liheslaturan Guåhan, on behalf of the people of Guam, does hereby express its full support for the government and the people of Taiwan, that they deserve the same level of public health as citizens of every nation on earth, and that we support them in their efforts to achieve its objective to become an observer of the World Health Assembly to be held WHO; 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 the Honorable Tedros Adhanom Ghebreyesus, Director General, World Health Organization; to the Honorable Joseph R. Biden President of the United States of America; to the Honorable Anthony Blinken, Secretary of State, United States of America; to the Honorable Xavier Becerra, Secretary of Health and Human Services, United States of America; to Her Excellency Tsai Ing-wen, President, Republic of China (Taiwan); to His Excellency Jaushieh Joseph Wu, Minister, Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Republic of China (Taiwan); to the Honorable Chen Shih-Chung, Minister, Ministry of Health and Welfare, Republic of China (Taiwan); to the Honorable Paul Chen, Director General, Taiwan Economic and Cultural Office in Guam; to the Honorable António Guterres, Secretary General of the United Nations; to the United States Congressional Taiwan Caucus; to the Honorable Michael F.Q. San Nicolas, Guam's Delegate to the United States Congress; and to the Honorable Lourdes A. Leon Guerrero, I Maga'hågan Guåhan.”

Colleagues and the listening audience, the past year highlighted Taiwan's commitment to improving the health of the global population. Their quick response to COVID-19 and willingness to lend support and aid around the world proves they need to be at the health conference like the WHA the World Health Assembly.

The most important statistic in this resolution is that 23.5 million people living in Taiwan, there have only been a little over a thousand affected and 10 deaths to date. Compare that to Guam statistics and it is clear that Taiwan is doing something right in their health system. Hundreds of countries and parliamentarians stood behind Taiwan to participate

at the 2020 World Health Assembly hosted by the WHO. It's unfortunate that Taiwan was still not invited. I sponsored this resolution in support of Taiwan so that every country who has the capabilities to help fight this pandemic is given the opportunity to share their insights with the rest of the world. Taiwan's medical community has aided Guam many times during the pandemic as well as prior to the pandemic with residents being successfully treated at various referral hospital agreements and Taiwan's medical community helping the medical community on Guam.

With that being said, I asked my colleagues for their favorable support on this resolution. I hope to amend this resolution further to include some of my colleagues the skull sponsors on this resolution including uh Senator Frank Blas who asked to be a part of this resolution. We did receive an email from uh Dr. Shieh stating his support and TECO Guam's Director General Paul Chen has issued an Op/ed relating uh to this matter uh to this resolution.

At this time, I don't have anybody else here to speak but I will open it up to any comments from my colleagues. And before that, I'd like to acknowledge the presence of Senator Tello Taitague and Senator Joanne Brown who's also joined us. And my good brother, I apologize, I didn't see you earlier. Senator Frank Blas. Thank you for joining us this morning. I will start with Senator Sabina Perez. Do you have a comment?

Senator Sabina Perez: Thank you, Vice Speaker and thank you for hosting this hearing today. I just want to acknowledge the work that went into this resolution and the importance of you knowing the goodwill that comes from medical missions. And I think it's important to us to strengthen that relationship uh knowing their track record as being one of the best in preventing the spread of COVID in such a very difficult time. And then also, you know, they are noted to be one of the top medical care. They provide the top medical care in the world. And I think it's important to break down the barriers uh so that the knowledge that they hold um that the world can benefit from this knowledge. So I, you know, I thank you for sponsoring this. *Si Yu'os ma'åse.*

Chairperson Tina Rose Muña Barnes: *Buen Prubechu, Sinadora Perez.* At this time colleagues, I will go ahead and start with my uh again with my co-sponsor uh Senator Frank Blas and then work down from there. So Senator Frank Blas?

Senator Frank Blas Jr.: Thank you, Madam Vice Speaker. And I want to thank you for also introducing this resolution. In past terms, I was I recall being not just the co-author but the author of similar resolution that continues to ask that the World Health Organization and the World Health Association recognize Taiwan as a participant as an observer to these organizations continues to be key in that Taiwan is a, of course, a regional partner for us here in the Pacific. But more so is because in light of what has happened over the last year or so, Taiwan has actually played an integral and a major role in stemming the spread of the COVID-19 virus. And there's much to learn from what they've done and if we give them an opportunity to be able to participate in these organizations then maybe that we as the world can also learn as much as they can learn

to to make the processes better. So um once again, I want to thank you for this resolution. I also thank you for the opportunity to be able to co-sponsor this significant piece of what I consider because significant piece of legislation in light of what is happening in our world today. Thank you, Madam Vice Speaker.

Chairperson Tina Rose Muña Barnes: You're very welcome, Senator Blas. And at this time, I will go ahead and recognize the Minority Leader, Senator Chris Duenas. You're recognized.

Senator Chris Duenas: *Si Yu'os ma'āse*, Madam Chair Vice Speaker. And I think this resolution is very important, 53-36. You know Madam Chair, I don't think it's a secret to any one of us who have spent time most especially in the region through APIL (Association of Pacific Island Legislatures) and other organizations doing outreach regionally. To see also the influence that the ROC has in many of our sister islands. In fact, I believe one of our sister islands actually has almost exclusively some of their governmental programs for their health programs under universal health care that their partnerships with the ROC are very strongly tied together; and, you know, they have built that relationship over the years.

And so uh also in your reading of the resolution is very important to note uh the other regional uh not only islands but countries that have pushed for this effort as well. It almost seems ... it almost seems unthinkable that the ROC with their success over the you know containing the COVID-19 virus and there are many many significant health care breakthroughs would not be an observer, you know, at the WHO particularly with the upcoming Assembly. So I think that uh this is a very well written and very well intended. And I look forward to uh supporting this resolution going forward. And thank you for introducing it. I think it's something that, of course, from time to time there is a discussion on, you know, one China policy and all that of course. That's global politics and we'll leave it where it is; but the fact of the matter is recognizing the accomplishments and recognizing the regional responsibilities. I think this is proper.

Just in closing, uh Madam Vice Speaker, it is not only in the health areas it is in other areas that contribute to quality of life and health. Many things that we've done in conversations and working with the council office of the ROC is discussions on water quality, on waste management, on recycling, on issues with uh trying to preserve environmental uh you know uh in the environment, as they have been very forward in that as well so a lot of these things really are are tied together. And so I look forward to the discussion on this resolution and I think it's very important and very timely. So *Si Yu'os ma'āse*, Madam Chair.

Chairperson Tina Rose Muña Barnes: *Buen Prubechu* Minority Leader Duenas. Senator Telo Taitague, I will recognize you. Senator Joanne Brown, I will recognize you. Thank you.

Senator Joanne Brown: Thank you very much, Madam Chair. I mean I certainly have no objection to the resolution. I think we all recognize in the region the, you know, the work and the outreach and the expertise that the Taiwan Government has for the region and the world. And we certainly will be supportive of it. I don't know what the State Department will have to say, but; nevertheless, it certainly doesn't hurt for us on Guam to advocate our position with regards to providing Taiwan observer status with regards to the WHO. Thank you very much, Madam Chair, for the opportunity to comment on this resolution.

Chairperson Tina Rose Muña Barnes: You're very welcome, Senator Brown. With that being said again, we will go ahead and accept testimonies from the listening audience or those who want to provide this resolution to receive testimonies for this resolution will be open for at least 10 days. And if you wish to present please do so by sending to senatormunabarnes@guamlegislature.org or by delivering it to the Guam Congress Building at 163 Chalan Santos Papa. Next on the uh ... so we would have called Resolution 53-36 (COR) publicly heard.

The Hearing was adjourned at 10:54 a.m.

II. FINDINGS AND RECOMMENDATIONS

The author finds Resolution No. 53-36 (COR) received support by the President of the Guam Medical Association, Dr. Shieh, via email. Additionally, the Director General of the Taipei Economic & Cultural Office (TECO) in Guam, Mr. Paul Chen, submitted testimony.

The resolution was amended to correct the number of Pandemic Readiness Kits donated to Guam. The resolution stated 90 Pandemic Readiness Kits were donated, this was corrected to 900 kits. Another amendment was added to include the donation of PPE from Taiwan Adventist Hospital to the Guam Memorial Hospital.

Senator Frank Blas, Jr. expressed his support of the resolution and noted he had sponsored similar resolutions during prior terms of the legislature. At the request of Senator Frank Blas, Jr., the resolution was amended to add his name as cosponsor of the resolution. Technical amendments were made to the resolution.

Vice Speaker Muña Barnes hereby reports out Resolution No. 53-36 (COR), As amended by the Author, "Relative to supporting the Republic of China (Taiwan)'s participation as Observer at the World Health Organization's 74th World Health Assembly." with the recommendation **TO DO ADOPT.**

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Resolution No. 53-36 (COR)

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

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6 the commercial interests of the United States of America and the Republic of China
7 have developed into a strong partnership; and

8 **WHEREAS**, the freedom and democracy enjoyed by the people of the Republic
9 of China (Taiwan) are clearly demonstrated in the progress and growth of the economy
10 of this great country. In furthering its commitment to freedom and democracy, Taiwan
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12 **WHEREAS**, since April 2008, *I Liheslaturan Guåhan* adopted Legislative
13 Resolutions commending the efforts of the Republic of China (Taiwan) to promote
14 World Health and had endorsed Taiwan's observer status in the World Health
15 Assembly. The people of Guam maintained a special Sister-City relationship with the
16 people of Taipei City since 1973, and believe that good health is important to every

1 citizen of the world and believe that access to the highest standard of health information
2 and services is necessary to improve the public health; and

3 **WHEREAS**, the preamble of the World Health Organization (WHO)
4 Constitution states that “the enjoyment of the highest attainable standard of health is
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12 diseases, prevention of terrorist bio-chemical attacks, and discussions of global health
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23 **WHEREAS**, the COVID-19 pandemic that has ravaged the World, with more
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3 **WHEREAS**, On January 5, 2020, the WHO published their first Disease
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9 currently has one thousand and ~~twenty-two~~ fifty (1,02250) confirmed COVID-19 cases,
10 and ten (10) deaths out of a population of twenty-three million five hundred thousand
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13 protect human health around the world;” and on April 1, 2020 Taiwan pledged to donate
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15 well as their diplomatic allies. Taiwan fulfilled this pledge, donating well over fifty-one
16 million (51,000,000) masks to more than eighty (80) countries by the end of June 2020.
17 These strategies employed by Taiwan to combat COVID-19, known as the Taiwan
18 Model, has become an invaluable resource and tool other countries can use to contain
19 COVID-19. The Taiwan Model was recognized internationally, leading to President
20 Tsai Ing-wen recognized by Bloomberg News’s “50 Most Influential People in the
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22 **WHEREAS**, the Taiwan Model continued to be shared with medical
23 professionals around the world during the pandemic. Taiwan led more than one hundred
24 forty (140) online professional meetings with government officials and participated in
25 think tanks in over sixty (60) countries. In May 2020, delegates from Guam, which
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27 hosted by the Taiwan Adventist Hospital in partnership with the Ministry of Foreign

1 Affairs in Taiwan. The seminar highlighted steps that can be taken to curb the spread
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14 Taiwan's participation in international organizations, in particular the WHO; and

15 **WHEREAS**, During the World Health Assembly sessions in May and November
16 of 2020, Taiwan's inclusion at the World Health Assembly was supported by leaders in
17 the United States, Japan, Canada, Australia, New Zealand, France, the United Kingdom,
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20 **WHEREAS**, in line with the Taiwan Relations Act of 1979, Asia Reassurance
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22 International Protection and Enhancement Initiative (TAIPEI) Act of 2019, in addition
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24 Taiwan Symbols of Sovereignty Act, Guam intends to continue to maintain
25 relationships with one of our closest democratic countries in the Pacific; and

26 **WHEREAS**, the Republic of China (Taiwan) demonstrated incredible assistance
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1 200,000 masks, 900 Pandemic Readiness Kits, and four full-body temperature scanners
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7 to do so because of the COVID-19 health crisis and canceled direct flights; and

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18 **RESOLVED**, that the Committee on Rules of *I Mina'trentai Sais Na*
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26 on including Taiwan at international conferences due to their immense contributions
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