

I MINA'TRENTAI SIETTE NA LIHESLATURAN GUÅHAN
RESOLUTIONS

Resolution No.	Sponsor	Title	Date Intro	Date of Presentation	Date Adopted	Date Referred	Referred to	PUBLIC HEARING DATE	DATE AUTHORS REPORT FILED	NOTES
104-37 (LS)	Therese M. Terlaje Christopher M. Dueñas Sabina Flores Perez Telo T. Taitague William A. Parkinson Joanne Brown Frank Blas, Jr. Joe S. San Agustin Jesse A. Lujan Amanda L. Shelton Chris Barnett Tina Rose Muña Barnes Dwayne T. D. San Nicolas	Relative to commending the Gifted and Talented Education Visual and Performing Arts (GATE VPA) Theatre Program on their Thirtieth (30th) Anniversary; congratulating their members past and present for providing quality theatrical experiences and entertainment for the community and for promoting the arts in Guam.	5/1/23 8:00 a.m.	TBA						

I MINA'TRENTAI SIETTE NA LIHESLATURAN GUÅHAN
2023 (FIRST) Regular Session

Resolution No. 104-37 (LS)

Introduced by:

Therese M. Terlaje *TMT*
Christopher M. Duenas *CD*
Sabina F. Perez *SFP*
Telo T. Taitague *TT*
William A. Parkinson *WAP*
Joanne M. Brown *JMB*
Frank Blas, Jr. *FB*
Joe S. San Agustin *JS*
Jesse A. Lujan *JAL*
Amanda L. Shelton *ALS*
Chris Barnett *CB*
Tina Rose Muña Barnes *TRMB*
Dwayne T. D. San Nicolas *DTDSN*

Relative to commending the Gifted and Talented Education Visual and Performing Arts (GATE VPA) Theatre Program on their Thirtieth (30th) Anniversary; congratulating their members past and present for providing quality theatrical experiences and entertainment for the community and for promoting the arts in Guam.

1 **BE IT RESOLVED BY *I MINA'TRENTAI SIETTE NA LIHESLATURAN***
2 ***GUÅHAN*:**

3 **WHEREAS,** the Gifted and Talented Education Visual and Performing Arts
4 (GATE VPA) Theatre Program provides Broadway-level theatrical productions for
5 students of the Guam Department of Education and other private, non-public schools,
6 as well as the island community as a whole; and

1 **WHEREAS**, the GATE VPA Theatre Program was founded in 1993 by Mr. Ray
2 Twenter and Ms. Anne Gorby who passed the torch to Ms. Kim Korenko until their
3 return, a few years later, when they were joined by Mr. Emmanuel “Chito” Santos.
4 Together, they provided theatrical guidance for many young leaders and prominent
5 members of Guam’s community; and

6 **WHEREAS**, in 2015, Mr. Ernest Ochoco, one of the program’s first students in
7 1993, was called on to serve as Artistic Director to continue the tradition of producing
8 high-quality productions presented by the GATE VPA Theatre Program. Mr. Ochoco
9 earned a degree in Theater Arts and was offered an internship as an Assistant Stage
10 Director at the Metropolitan Opera House in New York City. Along with his many other
11 accomplishments, Mr. Ochoco has performed, directed, and produced over three
12 hundred (300) productions locally and abroad; and

13 **WHEREAS**, over the past nine (9) years, Mr. Ochoco, along with the GATE
14 VPA Theatre Program administration, which includes Mr. Joseph L.M. Sanchez,
15 GDOE Deputy Superintendent of Curriculum and Instruction, Ms. Sylvia Calvo, School
16 Program Consultant, Mr. Leon P.C. Bamba, Project Lead for College, Career, Civic
17 Engagement and Life Readiness (CCCLR), Mr. David Camacho, Program Coordinator
18 III, Ms. Virginia Manglona, Program Coordinator III, Eileen Quitugua, Program
19 Coordinator II, GATE students and their families, Guam’s theatrical community, and
20 various organizations and institutions, have brought GATE into a new level of
21 community awareness and connectivity; and

22 **WHEREAS**, for the past thirty (30) years, the GATE VPA Theatre Program has
23 provided creative inspiration to Guam’s students and the island community and
24 continues to provide the foundation for GATE VPA students to develop, excel, and
25 emerge into the highest levels of government, community, and the fine arts; and

26 **WHEREAS**, through the vision of Mr. Ernest Ochoco, the GATE VPA Theatre
27 Program celebrates the creativity of island youth by staging Broadway-level

1 productions, such as, *Miss Saigon*, *Shrek, the Musical*, Roger's and Hammerstein's
2 *Cinderella*, *MAMMA MIA!*, and *Little Shop of Horrors*; now therefore, be it

3 **RESOLVED**, that *I Mina'trentai Siette na Liheslaturan Guåhan* does hereby, on
4 behalf of the people of Guam, commends the Gifted and Talented Education Visual and
5 Performing Arts (GATE VPA) Theatre Program on their Thirtieth (30th) Anniversary;
6 congratulating their members past and present for providing quality theatrical
7 experiences and entertainment for the community and for promoting the arts in Guam;
8 and be it further

9 **RESOLVED**, that the Speaker certify, and the Legislative Secretary attest to, the
10 adoption hereof, and that copies of the same be thereafter transmitted to the Guam
11 Department of Education GATE VPA Theatre Program; to Acting Superintendent,
12 Judith T. Won Pat, Ed.D., Guam Department of Education; to Mr. Joseph L.M. Sanchez,
13 Deputy Superintendent of Curriculum and Instruction, Guam Department of Education;
14 to Mr. Ernest Ochoco; and to the Honorable Lourdes A. Leon Guerrero, *I Maga'hågan*
15 *Guåhan*.

DULY AND REGULARLY ADOPTED BY *I MINA'TRENTAI SIETTE NA LIHESLATURAN GUÅHAN* ON THE DAY OF APRIL 2023.

THERESE M. TERLAJE
Speaker

AMANDA L. SHELTON
Legislative Secretary