

**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 AUTHOR/ COMMITTEE REPORT FILED	NOTES
16-37 (COR)	Therese M. Terlaje	Relative to recognizing and commending David "Mataga" Lujan Sablan for his contributions as a visual artist, illustrator, ceramist, and wood carver for, among other work, depicting <i>lina'la manaotaomo'na</i> (the lifeways of <i>CHamoru</i> ancestors), thereby enlightening all the richness and beauty of ancestral <i>CHamoru</i> life, people, and accomplishments; the public display of which has deeply empowered the <i>CHamoru</i> people and played a notable role in the renaissance of <i>CHamoru</i> culture; and for further expressing <i>Un Dângkolo Na Si Yu'os Ma'åse'</i> to him for his commitment to promoting knowledge and understanding of the legacy of <i>i manaotaomo'na</i> for the benefit of future generations.	1/26/23 9:28 a.m.	1/27/23 1:00 p.m.	1/27/23 11:48 a.m.					

Resolution No. 16-37 (COR)

Introduced by:

Chris Barnett	William A. Parkinson
Frank Blas, Jr.	Sabina Flores Perez
Joanne Brown	Roy Anthony Benavente Quinata
Christopher M. Duenas	Jose S. San Agustin
Thomas J. Fisher	DeWayne T. D. San Nicolas
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BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COMMITTEE ON RULES OF I MINA'TRENTAI SIETTE NA LIHESLATURAN GUAHAN:

WHEREAS, it is the sense of I Liheslaturan Guahan to recognize the life and accomplishments of those distinguished citizens of this great island who have devoted themselves to faithfully serving the best interests of our community and the needs of our people; and

WHEREAS, attendant to such concern, and in full accord with its long-standing traditions, I Liheslaturan Guahan is justly proud to honor *Sinot* David "Mataga" Lujan Sablan for his lifelong service to our island and his dedication to *Tantán Guahan* and the *CHamoru* people; and

WHEREAS, *Sinot* Sablan was born on December 19, 1947 as the second of five children; and, is the son of Concepcion Cruz Lujan (Chong Kapili) and Vicente Benavente Sablan (Ben Donggat). He was raised in *sonqong Yegé* - working family farmlands, speaking *CHamoru* as his mother tongue, and learning about *CHamoru* customs and traditions from his parents; and

WHEREAS, *Sinot* Sablan joined the U.S. Army military service and served in the Vietnam War. He quickly rose to the rank of U.S. Army Specialist Four E-4 and was awarded the U.S. Army's Bronze Star Medal for heroism in connection with military operations against a hostile force; and

WHEREAS, upon *Sinot* Sablan's return to Guam after serving honorably in the Vietnam war, he began to paint as a self-taught artist. Inspired by his great friendship with archaeologist Alejandro Tedoro Blas Lizama, by visiting ancestral sites, and by talking with elders, *Sinot* Sablan was one of the first *CHamoru* artists since ancestral times to depict *i lina'la' manaotaomo'na* (the lifeways of *CHamoru* ancestors); and

WHEREAS, *Sinot* Sablan's artwork has for decades ranked among the most prominent, sought after, inspirational, and appreciated regarding *i lina'la' manaotaomo'na* and other artistic themes. Art produced by *Sinot* Sablan is highly prized; and

WHEREAS, over the years, both in *Guahan* as well as abroad, *Sinot* Sablan has earned recognition for the quality and nature of the art he produces, including earning public awards. As an example, on August 13, 1981, out of more than one hundred (100) entries, three of his paintings were unanimously selected for display at the A.B. Won Pat International Airport - *Tiempo Niha, Tula'i Gi Kantán Tái*, and *Tala'le'le Falls*. Further, for that competition, he was the only artist to have more than one painting selected; and

WHEREAS, *Sinot* David "Mataga" Lujan Sablan's ground-breaking art has allowed several generations to grow up surrounded by his inspirational and empowering depictions of thriving, robust ancestral *CHamoru* villages enveloped by native flora and fauna, of *i manaotaomo'na* (*CHamoru* ancestors) performing daily tasks as well as carrying out monumental accomplishments like building latte, and so much more. As such, *Sinot* Sablan's art has been recognized as an important force in the revitalization of and source of pride in the *CHamoru* culture; and

WHEREAS, *Sinot* Sablan has attributed his work to his persistence, faith, and pride in being *CHamoru*. Some have ascribed his artistic talent as coming from his ancestors, especially his uncle, the late Jess Sablan who was considered a very good painter; and

WHEREAS, *Sinot* Sablan has for over four decades, produced art depicting the *CHamoru* people, homeland, and lifeways as a form of preserving *CHamoru* culture on canvas; and

WHEREAS, *Sinot* David "Mataga" Lujan Sablan's commitment to his *CHamoru* heritage extends beyond producing art. He is a founding member of *Nasion CHamoru*, within which he has held key leadership positions. *Nasion CHamoru* was formed to empower *CHamorus*, promote the continuation of *CHamoru* values, advocate for *CHamoru* rights, address unjust issues such as World War II and other land takings and the lack of *CHamoru* self-determination. It was during this early time and these activities that *Sinot* Sablan became known as *Mataga'*, a name which reflects his fighting spirit and strength; and

WHEREAS, *Mataga'* takes strong public stances for the betterment of the *CHamoru* people. He participated in numerous *Nasion CHamoru* peaceful public protests such as occupying the lawn at the Governor's offices in Adelup as a means to call on the Government of Guam to finally, after decades of delay, implement the *CHamoru* Land Trust Act - a land restoration program meant to provide residential and agricultural land to those whose land had been unjustly taken by the U.S. federal government between 1898 and 1968. His participation helped ensure that the cause of the *CHamoru* people did not fall by the wayside and that the Act was finally implemented. Indeed, the *CHamoru* Land Trust is today widely accepted and recognized for its restorative justice; and

WHEREAS, it is the senses of I Liheslaturan Guahan that when individuals of such noble aims and accomplishments, such as *Sinot* David "Mataga" Lujan Sablan, are brought to its attention, they should be celebrated and recognized throughout the island; now therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that I *Mina'trentai Siette Na I Liheslaturan Guahan* does hereby, on behalf of the people of Guam, recognize and commend *Sinot* David "Mataga" Lujan Sablan for his contributions as a visual artist, illustrator, ceramist, and wood carver for, among other work, depicting *lina'la' manaotaomo'na* (the lifeways of *CHamoru* ancestors), thereby enlightening all of the richness and beauty of ancestral *CHamoru* life, people, and accomplishments; the public display of which has deeply empowered the *CHamoru* people and played notable role in the renaissance of *CHamoru* culture; and for further expressing *Un Dangkolo Na Si Yu'os Ma'ase'* to him for his commitment to promoting knowledge and understanding of the legacy of *i manaotaomo'na* for the benefit of future generations; 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 *Sinot* David "Mataga" Lujan Sablan; and to the Honorable Lourdes A. Leon Guerrero, *I Mags'hagan Guahan*.

DULY AND REGULARLY ADOPTED BY THE COMMITTEE ON RULES OF I MINA'TRENTAI SIETTE NA LIHESLATURAN GUAHAN ON THE 27TH DAY OF JANUARY 2023.

Therese M. Terlaje
 THERESE M. PERLAJE
 Speaker

Chris Barnett
 CHRIS BARNETT
 Chairperson, Committee on Rules

Amanda L. Shelton
 AMANDA L. SHELTON
 Legislative Secretary



Marie Cruz
 MARIE CRUZ
 1/27/23, 12:46 p.m.

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

Resolution No. 16-37 (COR)

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3 **WHEREAS**, it is the sense of *I Liheslaturan Guåhan* to recognize the life and
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7 **WHEREAS**, attendant to such concern, and in full accord with its long-standing
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11 **WHEREAS**, *Siñot* Sablan was born on December 19, 1947 as the second of five
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19 military operations against a hostile force; and

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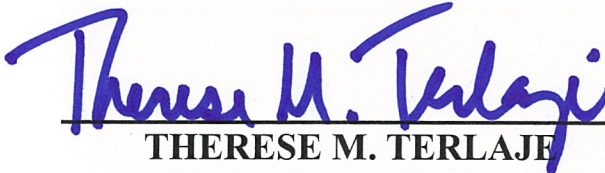
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I MINA'TRENTAI SIETTE NA LIHESLATURAN GUÅHAN ON THE 27TH DAY
OF JANUARY 2023.**



THERESE M. TERLAJE
Speaker



CHRIS BARNETT
Chairperson, Committee on Rules



AMANDA L. SHELTON
Legislative Secretary



COMMITTEE ON RULES

Chris Barnett, Chairperson, Committee on Rules
I Mina'trentai Siette Na Liheslaturan Guåhan
 37th Guam Legislature

COMMITTEE VOTE SHEET

Resolution No. 16-37 (COR) - Therese M. Terlaje - "Relative to recognizing and commending David "Mataga" Lujan Sablan for his contributions as a visual artist, illustrator, ceramist, and wood carver for, among other work, depicting *lina'la manaotaomo'na* (the lifeways of CHamoru ancestors), thereby enlightening all the richness and beauty of ancestral CHamoru life, people, and accomplishments; the public display of which has deeply empowered the CHamoru people and played a notable role in the renaissance of CHamoru culture; and for further expressing *Un Dångkolo Na Si Yu'os Ma'åse'* to him for his commitment to promoting knowledge and understanding of the legacy of *i manaotaomo'na* for the benefit of future generations."

	INITIAL	DATE	TO ADOPT	TO NOT ADOPT	TO ABSTAIN
Senator Chris Barnett Chairperson	E-Vote	1/27/23	X		
Senator Sabina Flores Perez Vice Chairperson	E-Vote	1/27/23	X		
Speaker Therese M. Terlaje Member	<i>Tmt</i>	1/27/23	X		
Vice Speaker Tina Rose Muña Barnes Member					
Legislative Secretary Amanda L. Shelton Vice Chairperson	E-Vote	1/27/23	X		
Senator William Mark Parkinson Member	E-Vote	1/27/23	X		
Senator Roy Anthony Benavente Quinata Member	E-Vote	1/27/23	X		
Senator Joe S. San Agustin Member					
Senator Dwayne Thomas Diaz San Nicolas Member					
Senator Christopher M. Dueñas Minority Member	E-Vote	1/27/23	X		
Senator Joanne Brown Minority Member	E-Vote	1/27/23	X		
Senator Thomas J. Fisher Minority Member					
Senator Telo T. Taitague Minority Member	E-Vote	1/27/23	X		
For Sponsor's Office Use Only					
Sponsor Signature: <i>Therese M. Terlaje</i>					
Staff Contact Person: Marie Cruz					
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9 Certified _____ Returned					
Name: Marie Crisostomo					
Date: 1/27/23 11:48 a.m.					
Notes:					



Office of the Speaker
THERESE M. TERLAJE

I Mina'trentai Siette na Liheslaturan Guåhan | 37th Guam Legislature
Committee on Health, Land, Justice and Culture

January 26, 2023

MEMORANDUM

To: All Senators, Stakeholders

From: Speaker Therese M. Terlaje *Tmt*

Subject: **Notice of Presentation - Resolution No. 16-37 (COR) and Resolution No. 18-37 (COR)**

Buenas yan Håfa Adai!

Please join us for the presentations of legislative resolutions on **Friday, January 27, 2023:**

1:00 PM

- **Resolution No. 16-37 (COR)** - Therese M. Terlaje "Relative to recognizing and commending David "Mataga" Lujan Sablan for his contributions as a visual artist, illustrator, ceramist, and wood carver for, among other work, depicting *lina'la manaotaomo'na* (the lifeways of *CHamoru* ancestors), thereby enlightening all the richness and beauty of ancestral *CHamoru* life, people, and accomplishments; the public display of which has deeply empowered the *CHamoru* people and played a notable role in the renaissance of *CHamoru* culture; and for further expressing *Un Dangkolo Na Si Yu'os Ma'ase* to him for his commitment to promoting knowledge and understanding of the legacy of *i manaotaomo'na* for the benefit of future generations."

4:00 PM

- **Resolution No. 18-37 (COR)** - Therese M. Terlaje / Sabina F. Perez / William A. Parkinson / Joe S. San Agustin / Telo T. Taitague / Frank F. Blas, Jr. / Roy A.B. Quinata / Amanda L. Shelton / Jesse A. Lujan / Joanne M. Brown / Christopher M. Duenas / Dwayne San Nicolas / Tina Rose Muna Barnes / Darrel C. Barnett "Relative to recognizing January 27, 2023, as National Downwinders Day of Remembrance, for all Americans who worked and lived downwind from nuclear testing sites and were adversely affected by radiation exposure and to commend the Pacific Association of Radiation Survivors for persevering in their support and advocacy for those afflicted with cancers on Guam and to include the people of Guam for RECA compensation"

The presentation will be held at the **Guam Congress Building, Public Hearing Room.**

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