

I MINA'TRENTAI SIETTE NA LIHESLATURAN GUÁHAN
RESOLUTIONS

Resolution No.	Sponsor	Title	Date Intro	Date of Presentation	Date Adopted	Date Referred	Referred to	PUBLIC HEARING DATE	DATE AUTHORS REPORT FILED	NOTES
190-37 (COR)	Roy A. B. Quinata	Relative to recognizing Captain Joaquin Cruz and Deckhand Don Pedro Cruz for their invaluable contributions and efforts to our island community; and commending "Shut Up and Fish" for promoting the <i>Hâfa Adai</i> spirit and elevating the <i>peskadot</i> lifestyle.	9/13/23 2:05 p.m.	9/26/23 10:00 a.m.	9/18/23 3:01 p.m.					

Resolution No. 190-37 (COR)

Introduced by:

Rep. A. B. Quinata

Chris Barnett	William A. Parkinson
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BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COMMITTEE ON RULES I MINA'TRENTAI SIETTE NA LIHESLATURAN GUÅHAN:

WHEREAS, it is the sense of the *I Liheslatura* to commend members of the community whose diligent service has considerably contributed to the well-being of the public; and

WHEREAS, in 2008, after returning home from attending college in Hawaii, Joaquin Cruz and his wife, Christina, returned to enjoying a favorite family hobby, fishing; and

WHEREAS, Christina began documenting Joaquin's fishing trips, uploading the family videos to the social media YouTube platform. As the YouTube Channel continued to amass viewership, the couple began expanding across other social media outlets, sealing the now infamous line of Joaquin, "Shut Up and Fish", which he often used when fishermen would fill the social media platforms with comments. Currently, with forty thousand (40,000) followers on Facebook, eighteen thousand (18,000) followers on Instagram, and upwards of five hundred thousand (500,000) views on YouTube, the Cruz Family have elevated the fishing lifestyle on Guam; and

WHEREAS, in 2012, the "Shut Up and Fish" company was established after Joaquin obtained United States Coast Guard Merchant Mariner Credentials, allowing him to charter passengers. Alongside the charter start-up, "Shut Up and Fish" launched a retail merchandise brand catering to local residents, military members, and tourists; and they began teaching the *peskadot* lifestyle with a storefront in *Hagåtña* and the goal of growing the company outside of Guam, while sharing the *Håfa Adai* spirit with the rest of the world; and

WHEREAS, "Shut Up and Fish" has been recognized as Guam's Best Boat /Charter Company by Pika's Best for three (3) years in a row since the start of the category. Captain Joaquin Cruz, along with his deckhand and son, eleven (11)-year-old Don Pedro Cruz, have hosted numerous charters, while offering a specialty service of "Catch, Clean, Cook" which allows constituents to create a local *kelaguen* dish using their fresh catch, infusing the *CHamoru* cuisine into the business and providing an ocean to table experience; and "Shut Up and Fish" has serviced travelers from all over the world who come to Guam to gain a fishing experience with Captain Joaquin Cruz and the young deckhand assisting him, Don Pedro Cruz; and

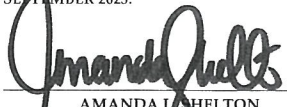
WHEREAS, through "Shut Up and Fish," the father-son duo have continuously given back to the community through a hands-on approach, such as: hosting fishing tournaments and youth fishing summer camps; teaching the fundamentals of the sport and the local tradition of providing from the land and sea; participating in the bi-annual coastal clean-up of *Hagåtña*, working directly with Lieutenant Governor Joshua Tenorio and the Islandwide Beautification Task Force; and in the wake of the devastation caused by a typhoon on the islands of Saipan and Rota, Captain Joaquin traveled by boat to deliver much-needed supplies to aid in the islands' recovery; and

WHEREAS, after a decade of conducting business and extending services to the island, Captain Joaquin Cruz, Deckhand Don Pedro Cruz, and the rest of the Cruz family have decided to step away from the charter business to focus on health and family; and "Shut Up and Fish" will continue in its legacy of elevating the *peskadot* lifestyle through the *Hagåtña* storefront and online merchandise; now therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that the Committee on Rules of *I Mina'trentai Siette Na Liheslaturan Guåhan* does hereby, on behalf of *I Liheslaturan Guåhan* and the people of Guam, recognize Captain Joaquin Cruz and Deckhand Don Pedro Cruz for their invaluable contributions and efforts to our island community; and commend "Shut Up and Fish" for promoting the *Håfa Adai* spirit and elevating the *peskadot* lifestyle; 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 Captain Joaquin Cruz and Deckhand Don Pedro Cruz; 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 SIETTE NA LIHESLATURAN GUÅHAN ON THE 18TH DAY OF SEPTEMBER 2023.


AMANDA L. SHELTON
Acting Speaker


CHRIS BARNETT
Chairperson, Committee on Rules


CHRIS BARNETT
Acting Legislative Secretary



Carlo Granillo 12:43 9/22/23


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

Resolution No. 190-37 (COR)

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2 Joaquin Cruz and his wife, Christina, returned to enjoying a favorite family hobby,
3 fishing; and

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5 family videos to the social media YouTube platform. As the YouTube Channel
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17 of growing the company outside of Guam, while sharing the *Håfa Adai* spirit with the
18 rest of the world; and

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22 Don Pedro Cruz, have hosted numerous charters, while offering a specialty service of
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**DULY AND REGULARLY ADOPTED BY THE COMMITTEE ON RULES OF
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OF SEPTEMBER 2023.**



AMANDA L. SHELTON
Acting Speaker



CHRIS BARNETT
Chairperson, Committee on Rules



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Acting 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. 190-37 (COR) - Roy A. B. Quinata. - "Relative to recognizing Captain Joaquin Cruz and Deckhand Don Pedro Cruz for their invaluable contributions and efforts to our island community; and commending "Shut Up and Fish" for promoting the *Håfa Adai* spirit and elevating the *peskadot* lifestyle."

	INITIAL	DATE	TO ADOPT	TO NOT ADOPT	TO ABSTAIN
Senator Chris Barnett Chairperson	E-VOTE	09/14/23	✓		
Senator Sabina Flores Perez Vice Chairperson	E-VOTE	09/14/23	✓		
Speaker Therese M. Terlaje Member					
Vice Speaker Tina Rose Muña Barnes Member					
Legislative Secretary Amanda L. Shelton Member	E-VOTE	09/14/23	✓		
Senator William A. Parkinson Member	E-VOTE	09/14/23	✓		
Senator Roy A. B. Quinata Member	<i>RQ</i>	09/14/23	✓		
Senator Joe S. San Agustin Member	E-VOTE	09/15/23	✓		
Senator Dwayne T. D. San Nicolas Member	E-VOTE	09/14/23	✓		
Senator Joanne Brown Minority Member	E-VOTE	09/15/23	✓		
Senator Christopher M. Dueñas Minority Member	E-VOTE	09/15/23	✓		
Senator Thomas J. Fisher Minority Member	E-VOTE	09/15/23	✓		
Senator Telo T. Taitague Minority Member	E-VOTE	09/14/23	✓		
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Sponsor Signature: <i>Roy A. B. Quinata</i>					
Staff Contact Person: Genese Morrison					
For COR/Clerk's Office Use Only					
<u>11</u> Certified _____ Returned					
Name: Joaquin 'Quin' P. Taitague					
Date: September 18, 2023 at 3:01 p.m.					
Notes:					



OFFICE OF SENATOR
ROY A. B. QUINATA

I Mina' trentai Siette na Liheslaturan Guåhan | 37th Guam Legislature
Committee on Infrastructure, Economic Development, Simon Sanchez High School, Disabilities Services,
Self-Determination and Historic Preservation, Housing, Public Accountability, and the Guam Buildup

September 21, 2023

MEMORANDUM

To: All Members of *I Mina'trentai Siette Na Liheslaturan Guåhan*

From: Senator Roy A. B. Quinata 

Subject: Notice of Presentation - Resolution No. 190-37 (COR)

Buenas yan Håfa Adai!

Please join me in presenting Resolution No. 190-37 (COR) - "Relative to recognizing Captain Joaquin Cruz and Deckhand Don Pedro Cruz for their invaluable contributions and efforts to our island community; and commending Shut Up and Fish for promoting the *Håfa Adai* spirit and elevating the *peskadot* lifestyle."

The presentation will occur on Tuesday, September 26, 2023, at 10:00 a.m. via Google Meet using the following video call link: <https://meet.google.com/dbd-mbbe-cjb>.

I look forward to your attendance and participation.

Si Yu'os Ma'åse'