

**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
192-37 (COR)	Sabina Flores Perez Amanda L. Shelton Chris Barnett Therese M. Terlaje Tina Rose Muña Barnes Frank Blas, Jr. Dwayne T. D. San Nicolas Joe S. San Agustin	Relative to posthumously honoring Guam son, activist, and author Chris Perez Howard for his legacy of empowering the people of Guam to find continual connection to, and an appreciation for, the humanity, experience, and perseverance of the <i>CHamoru</i> people; and further expressing condolences to his family on his passing, on behalf of the people of Guam.	9/15/23 12:07 p.m.	9/22/23 3:00 p.m.	9/19/23 3:24 p.m.					

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09/21/23

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Relative to posthumously honoring Guam son, activist, and author Chris Perez Howard for his legacy of empowering the people of Guam to find continual connection to, and an appreciation for, the humanity, experience, and perseverance of the *CHamoru* people; and further expressing condolences to his family on his passing, on behalf of the people of Guam.

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COMMITTEE ON RULES I MINA'TRENTAI SIETTE NA LIHESLATURAN GUÅHAN:

WHEREAS, the late Chris Perez Howard was born in Guam in 1940, prior to the Japanese invasion of World War II, and embarked on a lifelong journey of creating ways for people to reconnect with and embrace the island and the *CHamoru* culture through his literature, the remembrance of his mother and others lost during the War, and his own experience of the fluid nature of how identities are shaped in Guam; and

WHEREAS, Chris Perez Howard was a pioneer of *CHamoru* literature whose work is featured in numerous educational and literary publications, and in 1982, he authored the novel, *Mariquita*, the most widely read novel about the *CHamoru* World War II experience; and

WHEREAS, while the stories of many *CHamorus* who died during the War go unheard, the works of authors like Chris Perez Howard help build for us a collective memory to fill the void of the latent histories of *CHamoru* ancestors from what has come to be known as the "greatest generation"; and

WHEREAS, for many *mandinka*, these histories are traumatic and hard to relive, and possessing the patience, sensitivity, and respect to do it is an indispensable characteristic of its undertaker, as not only does this process acknowledge the horror, suffering, tragedy, and death that occurred, it equally helps people recognize the ingenuity, bravery, perseverance, and survival instincts of the *CHamoru* people who endured these histories; and

WHEREAS, through Chris Perez Howard's literature, present and future generations of *CHamorus* in high schools, universities, and throughout the world, can connect with and understand more intimately the lives and experiences of our *mañina* who endured the horrors of Japanese occupation during World War II while coming to appreciate their spirit of *inafa'ma'olek*, and their ability to rely on one another and see through their collective hardship; and

WHEREAS, in the closing paragraph of *Mariquita*, Chris Perez Howard expressed, "This book, besides being a tribute to my parents, is also for my family and other Chamorro families who suffered Guam's war years. It is written with the hope that people will know through the life of one girl, the sad history of the occupation of Guam"; and

WHEREAS, Chris Perez Howard garnered numerous awards including *The Chief Quijaba Award* for "Outstanding Dedication and Contribution to Humanity by one of Chamorro ancestry" from the Honorable Governor Ricardo J. Bordallo; a Legislative Resolution for "involvement in preserving and promoting the Chamorro culture and traditions of Guam" and for the publication of *Mariquita - A Guam Story*, and an *Onan I Espiritu Uraon Award* from the University of Guam's Chamorro Association and Southern Comfort Club for Publication, Electronics, Media, and Organization; and

WHEREAS, in July of 2023, Chris Perez Howard published his final novel *Juanita*, the story of a *CHamoru* girl of mixed ancestry, coming of age and at odds with her identity. Through Juanita's eyes, Chris Perez Howard uncannily illustrates how the learning of history is the driving force for the blooming of advocacy that takes place in so many of our lives, past and present, *antes yan pagu*, and that when *CHamoru* history is told through *CHamoru* voices, it can resonate more deeply in the *CHamoru* soul; and

WHEREAS, Chris Perez Howard dedicated his life to the recognition of the *CHamoru* People's rights to self-determination and to World War II reparations for our *mañina*. Inextricable from his tribute to his mother, Chris Perez Howard's advocacy for the *CHamoru* People resounded in his efforts as the first Chair of the Organization of People for Indigenous Rights (OPI-R), member of the Guam Commission on Decolonization, petitioner at the United Nations Special, Political, and Decolonization Committee (Fourth Committee) on the self-determination of Guam, and throughout his lifetime as a *CHamoru* activist, leader, author, brother, and son; and

WHEREAS, Chris Perez Howard spent a lifetime empowering *CHamoru* perspectives, and the impact of his work is reflected upon with deep reverence and gratitude, as he exemplifies the courage and bravery that we all must find within ourselves to shepherd meaningful change for our island and people; and

WHEREAS, even in his final days, the late Chris Perez Howard was passionate about life and living in pursuit of deeper, meaningful, and more spiritual connections to Guam in both past and present, *antes, pagu, yan para todü i tiempo*; 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, posthumously honor Guam son, activist, and author Chris Perez Howard for his legacy of empowering the people of Guam to find continual connection to, and an appreciation for, the humanity, experience, and perseverance of the *CHamoru* people; and further express condolences to his family on his passing, on behalf of the people of Guam; 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 family of the late Mr. Chris Perez Howard; to the Publishing Director of the University of Guam Press Ms. Victoria-Lola Leon Guerrero; and to the Honorable Lourdes A. Leon Guerrero, *I Maga'hagan Guåhan*.

DULY AND REGULARLY ADOPTED BY THE COMMITTEE ON RULES OF I MINA'TRENTAI SIETTE NA LIHESLATURAN GUÅHAN ON THE 19TH DAY OF SEPTEMBER 2023.

AMANDA L. SHELTON
Acting Speaker

CHRIS BARNETT
Chairperson, Committee on Rules

CHRIS BARNETT
Acting Legislative Secretary



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

Resolution No. 192-37 (COR)

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

3 **WHEREAS,** the late Chris Perez Howard was born in Guam in 1940, prior to
4 the Japanese invasion of World War II, and embarked on a lifelong journey of creating

1 ways for people to reconnect with and embrace the island and the *CHamoru* culture
2 through his literature, the remembrance of his mother and others lost during the War,
3 and his own experience of the fluid nature of how identities are shaped in Guam; and

4 **WHEREAS**, Chris Perez Howard was a pioneer of *CHamoru* literature whose
5 work is featured in numerous educational and literary publications, and in 1982, he
6 authored the novel, *Mariquita*, the most widely read novel about the *CHamoru* World
7 War II experience; and

8 **WHEREAS**, while the stories of many *CHamorus* who died during the War go
9 unheard, the works of authors like Chris Perez Howard help build for us a collective
10 memory to fill the void of the latent histories of *CHamoru* ancestors from what has
11 come to be known as the “greatest generation”; and

12 **WHEREAS**, for many *manåmko*, these histories are traumatic and hard to relive,
13 and possessing the patience, sensitivity, and respect to do it is an indispensable
14 characteristic of its undertaker, as not only does this process acknowledge the horror,
15 suffering, tragedy, and death that occurred, it equally helps people recognize the
16 ingenuity, bravery, perseverance, and survival instincts of the *CHamoru* people who
17 endured these histories; and

18 **WHEREAS**, through Chris Perez Howard’s literature, present and future
19 generations of *CHamorus* in high schools, universities, and throughout the world, can
20 connect with and understand more intimately the lives and experiences of our *mañaina*
21 who endured the horrors of Japanese occupation during World War II while coming to
22 appreciate their spirit of *inafa'maolek*, and their ability to rely on one another and see
23 through their collective hardship; and

24 **WHEREAS**, in the closing paragraph of *Mariquita*, Chris Perez Howard
25 expressed, “This book, besides being a tribute to my parents, is also for my family and
26 other Chamorro families who suffered Guam’s war years. It is written with the hope

1 that people will know through the life of one girl, the sad history of the occupation of
2 Guam”; and

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4 *Chief Quipuha* Award for “Outstanding Dedication and Contribution to Humanity by
5 one of Chamorro ancestry” from the Honorable Governor Ricardo J. Bordallo; a
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7 culture and traditions of Guam” and for the publication of *Mariquita - A Guam Story*;
8 and an *Onran I Espiriton Hurao* Award from the University of Guam’s Chamorro
9 Association and Southern Comfort Club for Publication, Electronics, Media, and
10 Organization; and

11 **WHEREAS**, in July of 2023, Chris Perez Howard published his final novel
12 *Juanit*, the story of a *CHamoru girl* of mixed ancestry, coming of age and at odds with
13 her identity. Through Juanit’s eyes, Chris Perez Howard uncannily illustrates how the
14 learning of history is the driving force for the blooming of advocacy that takes place in
15 so many of our lives, past and present, *antes yan pãgo*, and that when *CHamoru* history
16 is told through *CHamoru* voices, it can resonate more deeply in the *CHamoru* soul; and

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18 *CHamoru* People’s rights to self-determination and to World War II reparations for our
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22 Decolonization, petitioner at the United Nations Special, Political, and Decolonization
23 Committee (Fourth Committee) on the self-determination of Guam, and throughout his
24 lifetime as a *CHamoru* activist, leader, author, brother, and son; and

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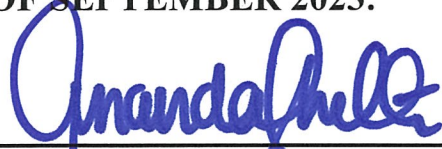
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4 about life and living in pursuit of deeper, meaningful, and more spiritual connections to
5 Guam in both past and present, *antes, pãgo, yan para todü i tempo*; now therefore, be it

6 **RESOLVED**, that the Committee on Rules of *I Mina'trentai Siette Na*
7 *Liheslaturan Guåhan* does hereby, on behalf of *I Liheslaturan Guåhan* and the people
8 of Guam, posthumously honor Guam son, activist, and author Chris Perez Howard for
9 his legacy of empowering the people of Guam to find continual connection to, and an
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OF SEPTEMBER 2023.**



AMANDA SHELTON
Acting Speaker



CHRIS BARNETT
Chairperson, Committee on Rules



CHRIS BARNETT
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. 192-37 (COR) - Sabina Flores Perez, Amanda L. Shelton, Chris Barnett, Therese M. Terlaje, Tina Rose Muña Barnes, Frank Blas, Jr., Dwayne T.D. San Nicolas, Joe S. San Agustin. - "Relative to posthumously honoring Guam son, activist, and author Chris Perez Howard for his legacy of empowering the people of Guam to find continual connection to, and an appreciation for, the humanity, experience, and perseverance of the *CHamoru* people; and further expressing condolences to his family on his passing, on behalf of the people of Guam."

	INITIAL	DATE	TO ADOPT	TO NOT ADOPT	TO ABSTAIN
Senator Chris Barnett Chairperson	E-VOTC	9/19/23	✓		
Senator Sabina Flores Perez Vice Chairperson	E-VOTC	9/19/23	✓		
Speaker Therese M. Terlaje Member					
Vice Speaker Tina Rose Muña Barnes Member					
Legislative Secretary Amanda L. Shelton Member					
Senator William A. Parkinson Member	E-VOTC	9/19/23	✓		
Senator Roy A. B. Quinata Member	E-VOTC	9/19/23	✓		
Senator Joe S. San Agustin Member	E-VOTC	9/19/23	✓		
Senator Dwayne T. D. San Nicolas Member	E-VOTC	9/19/23	✓		
Senator Joanne Brown Minority Member					
Senator Christopher M. Dueñas Minority Member	E-VOTC	9/19/23	✓		
Senator Thomas J. Fisher Minority Member	E-VOTC	9/19/23	✓		
Senator Telo T. Taitague Minority Member	E-VOTC	9/19/23	✓		
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Sponsor Signature: <i>Sabina Flores Perez</i>					
Staff Contact Person: <i>ROBBI BAYUNAS</i>					
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9 Certified _____ Returned _____					
Name: Joaquin 'Quin' P. Taitague					
Date: September 19, 2023 at 3:24 p.m.					
Notes:					



OFFICE OF SENATOR SABINA FLORES PEREZ

Chairperson

Committee on Environment, Revenue and Taxation, Labor, Procurement,
and Statistics, Research, and Planning

I Mina'trentai Siette Na Liheslaturan Guahan • 37th Guam Legislature

September 21, 2023

MEMORANDUM

To: All Senators, Stakeholders and Media

Fr: Senator Sabina Flores Perez

Subject: **Presentation of Resolution 192-37 (COR)**

Buenas yan Hâfa Adai!

Please join us for the presentation of:

Resolution 192-37 (COR) **Sabina Flores Perez, Amanda L. Shelton, Chris Barnett, Therese M. Terlaje, Tina Rose Muña Barnes, Frank Blas, Jr, Dwayne T.D. San Nicolas, and Joe S. San Agustin.** – “Relative to posthumously honoring Guam son, activist, and author Chris Perez Howard for his legacy of empowering the people of Guam to find continual connection to, and an appreciation for, the humanity, experience, and perseverance of the *CHamoru* people; and further expressing condolences to his family on his passing, on behalf of the people of Guam.”

The presentation will take place on **Friday, September 22, 2023, at 3:00 PM** at the Guam Public Library, *Hagåtña*, Guam.

Si Yu'os Ma'âse'

Sabina Flores Perez

Senator Sabina Flores Perez

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