

I MINA'TRENTAI SIETTE NA LIHESLATURAN GUÅHAN
RESOLUTIONS

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| 257-37 (LS) | Joe S. San Agustin | Relative to recognizing the Batangas and Southern Tagalog Association (BASTA) on the induction of its new Officers and Board Members for 2024-2025; and commending them for their contributions and humanitarian services to the people of Guam. | 11/27/23 3:29 p.m. | 12/8/23 8:00 p.m. | 11/27/23 | | | | | |

Resolution No. 257-37 (LS)

Introduced by:

Joe S. San Agustin

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BE IT RESOLVED BY *I MINA'TRENTAI SIETTE NA LIHESLATURAN GUAHAN*:

WHEREAS, the Batangas and Southern Tagalog Association (BASTA), Guam Chapter is a non-profit organization that was founded by Rey Gonzales, Marcy Manipol, Eddie Espina, and Ronnie Saludo on July 16, 1977; and

WHEREAS, as early as September 1977, the group had developed a one (1)-page newsletter called the "Batangue-News" which would be published monthly. To bolster its membership, they would organize events such as potluck picnics, and the enthusiasm was such that there were ninety-eight (98) members signing up initially and this number jumped to one hundred thirty (130) families by induction time at the former Dai-Ichi Hotel's Ambassador Room on November 26, 1977; and

WHEREAS, BASTA is made up of exceptional individuals who hail from the Philippine provinces of Batangas, Laguna, Quezon, Mindoro, Palawan, Cavite, Marinduque, and parts of Rizal who have made Guam their home and desire to truly be partners in Guam's progress; and

WHEREAS, in 1984, through a board resolution, BASTA decided to embrace other neighboring provinces as members; and with Joe Guevara at the helm, the Batangas Association Guam Chapter, in a seemingly frenetic search for a more definitive identity, opted to change its name to the Batangas and Southern Tagalog Association or BASTA. The old organization logo gave way to a new one as membership was technically opened to people not only from the mainland provinces of Batangas, Cavite, Laguna, Rizal, Aurora and Quezon, but also from the island provinces of Palawan, Mindoro Occidental, Mindoro Oriental, Marinduque, and Romblon; and

WHEREAS, the BASTA Board of Directors, Officers, and Members have committed themselves to being part of this organization as one big family that is devoted to supporting one another and building the community through the acknowledgement and celebration of personal milestones, birthdays, anniversaries, and life events; and

WHEREAS, BASTA has had a myriad of individuals who have inspired others and are reminders of goodwill for all; and these sources of inspiration include: Jose Rizal of Laguna; Emiliano Aguinaldo of Cavite; Apolinario Mabini, Felipe and Marcela Agoncillo, Miguel Malvar, Gliceria Marella, Galicano Apacible, Sotero Laurel, and Jose P. Laurel, all of Batangas; Manuel J. Quezon and Claro M. Recto, both of Quezon; and belonging to a more recent time, illustrious leader Eulogio Rodriguez of Rizal, Lorenzo Tomada of Quezon, and Jose Diokno of Batangas; and with this rich history, the amazing and committed individuals who have led BASTA will ensure that the organization will continue to thrive; and

WHEREAS, 2014 was another great year for BASTA. With the leadership of President Marie Cummings, the Thirty-seventh (37th) Year Anniversary and Induction Ball that was held in April, and the December Christmas caroling projects raised more funds to be able to donate to the Victim Advocate Reaching Out (VARO), Sagip Kapamilya (through ABS-CBN), and the Philippine Consulate for Apolinario Mabini's statue; and

WHEREAS, BASTA had also actively participated in the One Hundredth Fiftieth (150th) Birthday Anniversary of Apolinario Mabini in July, and the Philippine Independence Day celebration in June (including the wreath laying in *Asan* with MMDA Chief Francis Tolentino), and they hosted dinners and lunches for dignitaries from the Philippines, to include Tanauan Congressman Sonny Collantes and family, the Tanauan City Mayor and Vice Mayor, and the Tanauan City Administrator; and

WHEREAS, BASTA's service to the Guam community is commendable as they have contributed to almost any charitable cause in order to help others; and the community organizations and initiatives they have supported include the American Red Cross, the American Cancer Society, the Lytico & Bodig Association, Catholic Social Service, the Make-A-Wish Foundation, *Guma San Jose*, Alec Shelter, the Guam Memorial Hospital Volunteers Association, various typhoon relief efforts, the Japan earthquake charity, the Guam Diabetes Association, and the Harvest House. In 2020, after the Taal Volcano eruption in Agoncillo Batangas, BASTA, under the very able leadership of President Marie Cummings, started a fundraising drive and was able to donate Forty Thousand Dollars (\$40,000) to the victims, with Twenty Thousand Dollars (\$20,000) coming from the fundraisers held in Guam, and the other Twenty Thousand Dollars (\$20,000) coming from the Association's funds; and

WHEREAS, a warm spirit, nobility, and selflessness are the very traits that BASTA has continued to share with others for more than just a decade; and as each year passes, the island continues to benefit from this organization, in which the Filipino culture and traditions of camaraderie and service is laid as a cornerstone of BASTA; and

WHEREAS, in its efforts to commemorate and share the Filipino history and culture, and its traditions with Guam's people, BASTA continues to be present and participate at the yearly celebration of Philippine Independence through local events and celebrations held on Guam; and

WHEREAS, the induction of the 2024-2025 Batangas and Southern Tagalog Association Officers and Board Members will take place on Friday, December 8, 2023, at the Westin Resort Guam in *Tumon* by the Honorable Joe S. San Agustin, Senator of *I Mina'trentai Siette Na Liheslaturan Guahan*. The Membership of BASTA have elected true civic leaders that include: President Marie Cummings; Vice President Maria Linda Celis; Recording Secretary Portia Rimpus; Corresponding Secretary Eleadora Baldemor; Treasurer Virginia Orario; Assistant Treasurer Maria Lorna Maripol; Auditor Milagros Biscocho; Public Relations Officer Amorfin Yanez; Business Manager Maria Cabral; Peace Officer Jun Mattson; and Peace Officer Conchita Mara; and it is worth acknowledging the Board Members who continue to be outstanding BASTA members, such as: Zenaida Abulencia; Linda Angeles; Riza Arboleda; Joanne Borja; Cathy Ignacio; Virginia Mattson; Beulah Orario; Lenora Orario; Jocelyn Steward; and Marilyn Tablante; and

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RESOLVED, that *I Mina'trentai Siette Na Liheslaturan Guahan* does hereby, on behalf of the people of Guam, recognize the Batangas and Southern Tagalog Association (BASTA) on the induction of its new Officers and Board Members for 2024-2025; and commend them for their contributions and humanitarian services to the people of Guam; and be it further


RESOLVED, that the Speaker certify, and the Legislative Secretary attest to, the adoption hereof, and that copies of the same be thereafter transmitted to Marie Cummings, President, Batangas and Southern Tagalog Association; and to the Honorable Lourdes A. Leon Guerrero, *I Mago'haigun Guahan*.

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


THERESE M. TERLAJE
Speaker


AMANDA L. SHELTON
Legislative Secretary



Aria C. Palaganos

12/06/23

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2023 (FIRST) Regular Session

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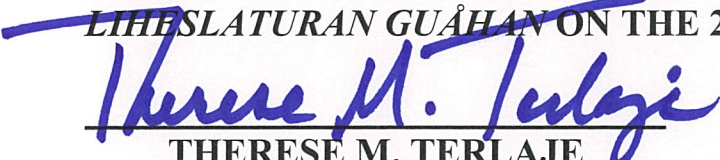
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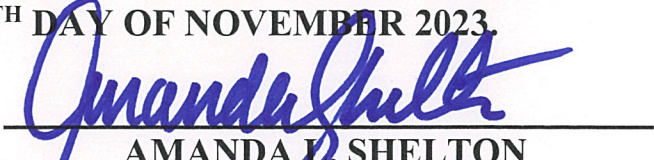
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COMMITTEE ON GENERAL GOVERNMENT OPERATIONS AND APPROPRIATIONS
I MINA'TRENTAI SIETTE NA LIHESLATURAN GUÅHAN

December 4, 2023

MEMORANDUM

To: All Senators
37th Guam Legislature

From: Senator Joe S. San Agustin

Subject: Presentation Notice for Resolution No. 257-37 (LS) and Certificate No. 123-37 (LS)

Buenas yan Hafa Adai!

Please join us for the presentation of **Resolution No. 257-37 (LS) and Certification No. 123-37 (LS)** - Joe S. San Agustin

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The presentation will take place during the event program on **Friday, December 8, 2023 with the presentation scheduled to begin at 8:00 p.m. at The Westin Resort Guam.**

Si Yu'os Ma'ase!