

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
377-37 (COR)	Tina Rose Muña Barnes	Relative to recognizing Captain Nicholas R. Simmons of the U.S. Coast Guard Forces Micronesia – Sector Guam; and commending him for his dedicated leadership and exemplary conduct in advancing maritime safety, security, and environmental protection in Guam and the broader Oceania region.	4/17/24 9:16 a.m.	5/23/24 10:00 a.m.	4/24/24 3:34 p.m.					

Resolution No. 377-37 (COR)

Introduced by

Uma Rose, Maria Harris	
Tim Barron	Sabina Hironaka
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Relative to recognizing Captain Nicholas R. Simmons of the U.S. Coast Guard Forces Micronesia – Sector Guam; and commending him for his dedicated leadership and exemplary conduct in advancing maritime safety, security, and environmental protection in Guam and the broader Oceania region.

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

WHEREAS, it is the sense of *Liheslaturan Guahan* to recognize and honor those distinguished citizens of the great island of Guam who have devoted themselves to faithfully serving in the best interests of Guam and the needs of its people; and

WHEREAS, one such faithful and great example is Captain Nicholas R. Simmons, Commander of the U.S. Coast Guard Forces Micronesia/Sector Guam and Captain of the Port for the Guam Zone, who has exhibited unparalleled dedication and leadership, orchestrating a multitude of critical operations and initiatives that have significantly bolstered maritime safety, security, and environmental stewardship across the vast expanses of the Pacific ocean; and

WHEREAS, Captain Simmons directed his forces in responding to one thousand five hundred ninety three (1,593) search and rescue operations, saving or assisting five hundred forty eight (548) lives and nearly \$2 Million Dollars in property, and showcasing exceptional commitment to maritime and aerial medical evacuations, especially in the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands; and

WHEREAS, Captain Simmons enhanced regional maritime security and collaboration through the active leadership of Guam-based Fast Response Cutters, substantially increasing the operational capacity and presence in critical areas across the Mariana Islands, the Republic of Palau, the Federated States of Micronesia (FSM), the Republic of the Marshall Islands, and Papua New Guinea; and

WHEREAS, Captain Simmons spearheaded advancements in regional maritime surveillance, law enforcement, and intelligence driven fisheries boardings, thereby significantly impacting enforcement operations across the Western and Central Pacific Fisheries Commission and multiple bilateral agreements; and

WHEREAS, Captain Simmons coordinated the delivery of over fourteen thousand (14,000) pounds of crucial supplies and aid throughout the Micronesia Sub Region, overcoming logistical challenges to support remote communities and strategic partners; and

WHEREAS, Captain Simmons established the Sector Boarding Team and enhanced Ports, Waterways, and Coastal Security measures against terrorism and other maritime threats through diligent patrols and security exercises, thereby protecting the Commercial Port of Guam and regional commerce; and

WHEREAS, Captain Simmons led critical pollution response efforts, including the coordination of one hundred twelve (112) pollution cases, and implementing innovative emergency response strategies to protect the marine environment; and

WHEREAS, Captain Simmons facilitated key international engagements and partnerships, notably solidifying regional security through the signing of enhanced maritime bilateral agreements with FSM and Palau, now mirrored by partners in Samoa, and conducting pivotal SAR exercises and workshops to enhance maritime law enforcement and safety cooperation across the Pacific region; and

WHEREAS, Captain Simmons demonstrated foresight and leadership in readiness and disaster response, notably commanding the comprehensive response to Typhoon Mawar, mitigating its impact on Guam and the region through swift and effective recovery efforts; and

WHEREAS, Captain Simmons led organizational change and operational excellence through strategic planning, community engagement, and the enhancement of maritime and cyber security capabilities, thereby establishing U.S. Coast Guard Forces Micronesia/Sector Guam as a cornerstone of regional stability and security; and

WHEREAS, Captain Simmons demonstrated an out-sized effort to understand and respect the people and cultures of Micronesia by making multiple visits per year to each of the three (3) COFAs nations, regularly engaging in meaningful dialogue with local leaders, and spearheading an unprecedented public affairs program to ensure transparency and foster ongoing conversation throughout the Pacific and illuminating the work and challenges of the region to the U.S. mainland and the world which generated over twenty thousand (20,000) news items; and

WHEREAS, Captain Nicholas R. Simmons' change of command ceremony as Commander U.S. Coast Guard Forces Micronesia will take place on May 23, 2024, now therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that the Committee on Rules of *I Mina'trentai Siette Na Liheslaturan Guahan* does hereby, on behalf of *Liheslaturan Guahan* and the people of Guam, recognize Captain Nicholas R. Simmons of the U.S. Coast Guard Forces Micronesia – Sector Guam, and commend him for his dedicated leadership and exemplary conduct in advancing maritime safety, security, and environmental protection in Guam and the broader Oceania region; and be it further

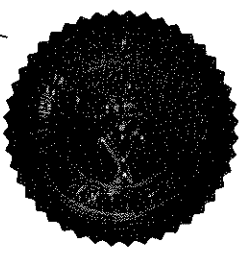
RESOLVED, that the Speaker and the Chairperson of the Committee on Rules certify, and the Legislative Secretary attest to, the adoption hereof, and that copies of the same be thereafter transmitted to Captain Nicholas R. Simmons; and to the Honorable Lourdes A. Leon Guerrero, *I Magsi'pagan Guahan*.

DULY AND REGULARLY ADOPTED BY THE COMMITTEE ON RULES OF I MINA'TRENTAI SIETTE NA LIHESLATURAN GUAHAN ON THE 24TH DAY OF APRIL, 2024.

Theresa M. Terlaji
THERESE M. TERLAJE
Speaker

Chris Barnett
CHRIS BARNETT
Chairperson, Committee on Rules

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I MINA'TRENTAI SIETTE NA LIHESLATURAN GUÅHAN
2024 (SECOND) Regular Session

Resolution No. 377-37 (COR)

Introduced by:

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

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4 those distinguished citizens of the great island of Guam who have devoted themselves
5 to faithfully serving in the best interests of Guam and the needs of its people; and

1 **WHEREAS**, one such faithful and great example is Captain Nicholas R.
2 Simmons, Commander of the U.S. Coast Guard Forces Micronesia/Sector Guam and
3 Captain of the Port for the Guam Zone, who has exhibited unparalleled dedicated and
4 leadership, orchestrating a multitude of critical operations and initiatives that have
5 significantly bolstered maritime safety, security, and environmental stewardship across
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7 **WHEREAS**, Captain Simmons directed his forces in responding to one thousand
8 five hundred ninety-three (1,593) search and rescue operations, saving or assisting five
9 hundred forty-eight (548) lives and nearly \$2 Million Dollars in property, and
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16 Republic of the Marshall Islands, and Papua New Guinea; and

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1 **WHEREAS**, Captain Nicholas R. Simmons’ change of command ceremony as
2 Commander U.S. Coast Guard Forces Micronesia will take place on May 23, 2024; now
3 therefore, be it

4 **RESOLVED**, that the Committee on Rules of *I Mina'trentai Siette Na*
5 *Lihselaturan Guåhan* does hereby, on behalf of *I Lihselaturan Guåhan* and the people
6 of Guam, recognize Captain Nicholas R. Simmons of the U.S. Coast Guard Forces
7 Micronesia – Sector Guam; and commend him for his dedicated leadership and
8 exemplary conduct in advancing maritime safety, security, and environmental
9 protection in Guam and the broader Oceania region; and be it further

10 **RESOLVED**, that the Speaker and the Chairperson of the Committee on Rules
11 certify, and the Legislative Secretary attest to, the adoption hereof, and that copies of
12 the same be thereafter transmitted to Captain Nicholas R. Simmons; and to the
13 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 24TH DAY
OF APRIL 2024.**



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. 377-37 (COR) - Tina Rose Muña Barnes. - "Relative to recognizing Captain Nicholas R. Simmons of the U.S. Coast Guard Forces Micronesia - Sector Guam; and commending him for his dedicated leadership and exemplary conduct in advancing maritime safety, security, and environmental protection in Guam and the broader Oceania region."

	INITIAL	DATE	TO ADOPT	TO NOT ADOPT	TO ABSTAIN
Senator Chris Barnett Chairperson					
Senator Sabina Flores Perez Vice Chairperson					
Speaker Therese M. Terlaje Member					
Vice Speaker Tina Rose Muña Barnes Member		4/22/24	✓		
Legislative Secretary Amanda L. Shelton Member	e-vote	4/22/24	✓		
Senator William A. Parkinson Member					
Senator Roy A. B. Quinata Member	e-vote	4/22/24	✓		
Senator Joe S. San Agustin Member	e-vote	4/22/24	✓		
Senator Dwayne T. D. San Nicolas Member	e-vote	4/22/24	✓		
Senator Joanne Brown Minority Member	e-vote	4/23/24	✓		
Senator Christopher M. Dueñas Minority Member	e-vote	4/22/24	✓		
Senator Thomas J. Fisher Minority Member					
Senator Telo T. Taitague Minority Member	e-vote	4/22/24	✓		

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Sponsor Signature:

Staff Contact Person: Alan Cepeda

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Name: Zada Hernandez

Date: April 24, 2024 at 3:34 p.m.

Notes:



Office of the Vice Speaker

TINA ROSE MUÑA BARNES

I Mina'trentai Siette Na Liheslaturan Guåhan

37th Guam Legislature

May 20, 2024

MEMORANDUM

To: All Senators

37th Guam Legislature

From: Vice Speaker Tina Rose Muña Barnes

Subject: Presentation of Resolution No. 376-37 (COR) and Resolution No. 377-37 (COR)

Buenas yan Håfa Adai!

Please join me in presenting the following resolutions:

Resolution No. 376-37 (COR) – Tina Rose Muña Barnes. – “Relative to recognizing Commander Gregory S. Sickels of the U.S. Coast Guard Forces Micronesia – Sector Guam; and commending him for his dedicated leadership and exemplary conduct to ensuring maritime safety, security, and operational excellence on Guam and the broader Oceania region.”

Resolution No. 377-37 (COR) – Tina Rose Muña Barnes. – “Relative to recognizing Captain Nicholas R. Simmons of the U.S. Coast Guard Forces Micronesia – Sector Guam; and commending him for his dedicated leadership and exemplary conduct in advancing maritime safety, security, and environmental protection in Guam and the broader Oceania region.”

The presentation will take place on Thursday, May 23, 2024 at 10am in the U.S. Coast Guard Forces Micronesia/ Sector Guam Victor Pier in Santa Rita.

Si Yu'os Ma'åse'!