

***I MINA'TRENTAI SIETTE NA LIHESLATURAN GUÁHAN***  
**RESOLUTIONS**

<b>Resolution No.</b>	<b>Sponsor</b>	<b>Title</b>	<b>Date Intro</b>	<b>Date of Presentation</b>	<b>Date Adopted</b>	<b>Date Referred</b>	<b>Referred to</b>	<b>PUBLIC HEARING DATE</b>	<b>DATE AUTHORS REPORT FILED</b>	<b>NOTES</b>
390-37 (LS)	Tina Rose Muña Barnes	Relative to recognizing the Guam Chamber of Commerce on its One Hundredth (100th) Year Anniversary; and commending the organization for advocating for better opportunities for our local businesses to prosper and enhance the economic welfare of our island community.	4/26/24 9:21 a.m.	5/4/24 9:00 p.m.	4/26/24					

Resolution No. 398-37 (LS)

Introduced by

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| Laura Rios            | Maria Harris            |
| Chris Batten          | Valeria Flores Perez    |
| Frank Blas Jr.        | Ros V. P. Chantua       |
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| Christopher M. Durkin | Dorcas L.D. San Nicolas |
| Thomas J. Fisher      | Amanda J. Shelton       |
| Jose V. Fagan         | Geoff J. Dattagun       |
| William A. Parkinson  | Theresa M. Terlas       |



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

**WHEREAS**, one hundred (100) years ago today, the Guam Chamber of Commerce was established at a luncheon meeting that was held at the Butler's Hotel on April 26, 1924. The following business pioneers chartered the organization that day: Pedro Martinez, owner of Pedro's Ice Plant; C.C. Butler, proprietor of Butler's Emporium; H.U. Umstad, Manager of Atkins Kroll & Co.; Baltazar J. Bordallo, businessperson and statesperson; William G. Johnston, owner of Johnston Theater; J.M. Gillespie of Pacific Distributing Corporation; and A.H. White, U.S. Navy Controller; and

**WHEREAS**, issues that were at the forefront of the founding directors' initiatives included the organization of business interests that would further advance and enhance the economic growth of Guam. Also at the top of the list were a fire insurance education program, trade issues, uniform commercial usages, internal and external transportation infrastructure, and agriculture - all of which have held a place on the Chamber's agenda throughout the years; and

**WHEREAS**, today, the Guam Chamber of Commerce continues to be an organization of citizens that invests its time and money to improve the economic, civic, and cultural well-being of the local community; and

**WHEREAS**, the Chamber's mission is to develop, enable, promote, and protect the interest of all Guam businesses; and their vision is to be the catalyst for sustainable economic growth that improves the quality of life in Guam; and

**WHEREAS**, the Chamber works toward the increasing evolution of highways, recreational areas, new industries, and the expansion of existing industries, all of which increases the demand for services; and the Chamber provides an expanding market for construction, real estate, and insurance professionals by promoting business and appealing to new industries and residents who long to make Guam their home; and

**WHEREAS**, members of the Guam Chamber of Commerce primarily consist of the business community, which benefits the present and future economic development of our island community; and

**WHEREAS**, the Guam Chamber of Commerce is a non-profit association of business and professional individuals, and firms, working together to progress and strengthen our social and economic community; and

**WHEREAS**, the Chamber has assumed the responsibility of strengthening the private sector by proposing solutions to community-wide problems; and in recent years it has involved itself with the problems and possible solutions of government spending levels, the promotion of a larger United States military presence on Guam, providing seminars to enhance business development and management skills, seeking Guam's inclusion in the tax treaties between the U.S. and foreign nations, promoting visa waiver programs to enhance tourism growth, and the removal of federal and local barriers to economic activity and effectiveness on Guam; and

**WHEREAS**, with the establishment of the "Na' La' Bonita Guam" program in 2000, the Chamber has expressed its interest in preserving Guam's natural beauty; and to the present day, this program continues to augment the Chamber's involvement in the island's beautification; and

**WHEREAS**, Guam Chamber of Commerce activities are immeasurable, depending on the organization's desire and ability to carry them out; and the Chamber is active in promoting the region's economy and encouraging business and industrial investment, broadening the tax base, and providing employment. To business prospects and newcomers, the Chamber represents the community's "front door;" and

**WHEREAS**, the Guam Chamber of Commerce has become increasingly involved in macro-economic issues dealing with education, human relations, environmental, cultural, and governmental issues in which the Chamber has become a feasible force in seeking solutions to some of these problems; and

**WHEREAS**, most of the work of the Guam Chamber of Commerce is carried out by the Chamber members through a network of committees and a work plan prepared early in the administrative year that provides the layout for the Chamber's work. Volunteers from the Chamber membership is assigned to serve in various committees, that include the Armed Forces Committee, the Small Business & Focus Development Committee, Maritime Affairs Committee, the Guam Young Professionals (GYP), Education/Workforce Development, the Membership Development Committee, the Chamber Business Women's Network, and the Legislative Review and Business Advocacy Committee, among others; and

**WHEREAS**, each member of the Guam Chamber of Commerce adheres to a Code of Ethics, which serves as an inspiration for each member to rise above minimum standards. The Chamber proclaims and reaffirms its commitment to the highest of principled free enterprise in the American democratic tradition and in the context of being America's outpost in the Pacific Rim; and while each member must find within his or her conscience his or her own measure of right or wrong, as a body, the Chamber adopts this Code to encourage its members toward the common good, within its purposes, and when necessary to judge that conduct which is unbecoming of a member of the Chamber; and

*Alan Capareda*  
*05/20/24 @ 2:55pm*



WHEREAS, throughout their one hundred (100) year history, the Guam Chamber of Commerce has engaged in community outreach; and some of their notable events and programs include their Buy Local Commitment, the Guam Business Women's Network – Own It Youth Forum, the Chamber Scholarship Program, Education/ Workforce Development, the Guam Business Hall of Fame, the Small Business Excellence Award, and the Small Business Seminar Series, as well as their partnership with the Judiciary of Guam for the "JDC Life Skills Youth Program and Red Ribbon Month"; and

WHEREAS, the Guam Chamber of Commerce remains resilient because of its vast membership, which is united in its goal of progressing the general welfare and prosperity of Guam, while being guided by its Code of Ethics. Each year, the Guam Chamber of Commerce memorializes the strength of its membership and their commitment to the island at its annual gala celebrating its anniversary; as well as recognizes member anniversary celebrants and induction of Laureates into the Guam Business Hall of Fame. This year's 2024 Laureate is Mr. Robert "Bob" Salas, founder and president of Landscape Management Systems, Inc. and Guam Pacific Alliance, LLC. This year marks a major milestone for the Guam Chamber of Commerce with the celebration of its One Hundredth (100<sup>th</sup>) Year Anniversary; now therefore, be it

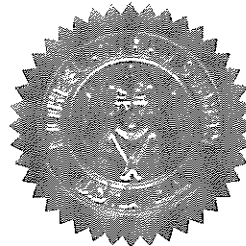
RESOLVED, that *I Mina'trentai Siette Na Liheslaturan Guåhan* does hereby, on behalf of the people of Guam, recognize the Guam Chamber of Commerce on its One Hundredth (100<sup>th</sup>) Year Anniversary; and commend the organization for advocating for better opportunities for our local businesses to prosper and enhance the economic welfare of our island community; 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 Ernie A. Galito, Chairman of the Board, Guam Chamber of Commerce; to Tae Oh, Vice Chairman of the Board, Guam Chamber of Commerce; to Juan Carlos Benitez, Executive Committee Secretary-Treasurer, Guam Chamber of Commerce; to Phillip Santos, Special Executive Committee Member, Guam Chamber of Commerce; to Edward G. Untalan, Immediate Past Chairman of the Board; to Catherine S. Castro, President, Guam Chamber of Commerce; and to the Honorable Lourdes A. Leon Guerrero, *I Manga'hågan Guåhan*.

DULY AND REGULARLY ADOPTED BY *I MINA'TRENTAI SIETTE NA LIHESLATURAN GUÅHAN* ON THE 26<sup>TH</sup> DAY OF APRIL 2024.

  
THERESE M. TERLAJE  
Speaker

  
AMANDA L. SHELTON  
Legislative Secretary



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

**Resolution No. 390-37 (LS)**

Introduced by:

Tina Rose Muña Barnes

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Speaker

  
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**AMANDA L. SHELTON**  
Legislative Secretary





Office of the Vice Speaker

**TINA ROSE MUÑA BARNES**

*I Mina'trentai Siette Na Liheslaturan Guahan*

**37<sup>th</sup> Guam Legislature**

May 2, 2024

**MEMORANDUM**

**To: All Senators**

37<sup>th</sup> Guam Legislature

**From: Vice Speaker Tina Rose Muña Barnes**

**Subject: Presentation of Resolution No. 390-37 (LS)**

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*Buenas yan Håfa Adai!*

Please join me for the presentation of **Resolution No. 390-37 (LS)** – “Relative to recognizing the Guam Chamber of Commerce on its One Hundredth (100th) Year Anniversary; and commending the organization for advocating for better opportunities for our local businesses to prosper and enhance the economic welfare of our island community.”

The presentation will take place around 9pm during the Guam Chamber of Commerce Centennial Jubilee on Saturday, May 4, 2024, at the Hyatt Regency Guam Grand Ballroom.

*Si Yu'os Ma'åse'!*