

**I MINA'TRENTAI KUÁTTRO NA LIHESLATURAN GUÁHAN**  
**RESOLUTION STATUS**

Resolution No.	Sponsor	Title	Date Intro	Date of Presentation	Date Adopted	Date Referred	Referred to	PUBLIC HEARING DATE	DATE COMMITTEE REPORT FILED	NOTES
327-34 (COR)	Telena Cruz Nelson Therese M. Terlaje Louise Borja Muna Mary Camacho Torres	Relative to congratulating the Guam Housing and Urban Renewal Authority (GHURA) on the occasion of its Fifty-fifth (55th) Year Anniversary celebration; and to further expressing Un Dãngkolo Na Si Yu'os Ma'ãse' to the Board of Commissioners, Management and Staff of GHURA for their commitment and dedication to carrying out its mission of "Strengthening Families and Building Communities One Project at A Time."	1/09/18 10:56 a.m.	1/12/18 12:00 p.m.	1/12/18 8:42 a.m.					

Resolution No. 327-34 (COR)

Introduced by

Felecia Cruz Nelson	
Denise M. Terlaja	
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BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COMMITTEE ON RULES OF I MINA'TRENTAI KU'ATTRO NA LIHESLATURAN GU'AHAN:

**WHEREAS**, for the past fifty-five (55) years, the Guam Housing and Urban Renewal Authority (GHURA) has assisted thousands of low to moderate income renters and homeowners to acquire suitable housing. GHURA was established by the enactment of Public Law 6-135 on December 18, 1962 as a result of the destruction in the aftermath of Super typhoon Karen in November 1962, when an estimated ninety percent (90%) of the island's homes and buildings were destroyed or severely damaged; and

**WHEREAS**, GHURA's purpose is to promote the health, safety, and welfare of Guam's people through the elimination of slum and blighted housing conditions, the orderly redevelopment and renewal of communities, the proper planning of community development, and the provision of safe, decent, and sanitary dwellings for low to moderate income families, and those with special needs, through all of the available federal and local governmental programs, and through the encouragement of Guam's private enterprises to participate in the common task of improving our island community, while upholding family values; and

**WHEREAS**, on behalf of the Government of Guam, GHURA continues to administer affordable housing and community development activities offered through the United States Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD), with federal programs such as the Public Housing Program, the Housing Choice Voucher Program, the Community Development Block Grant, the HOME Investment Partnerships Program, the Emergency Solutions Grant, the Continuum of Care, and the Low Income Housing Tax Credit Program; and

**WHEREAS**, GHURA's overarching goal is to provide adequate housing and community planning for those who reside in GHURA-managed housing, and who participate in GHURA-supported rental and homeownership programs and activities across the island, which enables our island residents to fulfill goals of securing safe, decent, and sanitary housing for themselves and their families within well-developed island communities. Another goal of GHURA is to create opportunities for its clients' successful participation in the workforce, and provide housing in the private/public sector; and

**WHEREAS**, GHURA has evolved over the past fifty-five (55) years to meet the changing needs of our island. Initially focusing on urban renewal, GHURA redeveloped and modernized neighborhoods, and it has since then embraced public housing programs by building safe and decent homes for low to moderate income families; and

**WHEREAS**, GHURA has implemented programs to empower clients to independently seek housing through the Section 8 Housing Choice Voucher program; and

**WHEREAS**, GHURA has championed public-private partnerships through the Low Income Housing Tax Credit program, to encourage corporate investment in the development of affordable housing; and

**WHEREAS**, GHURA is more than just a housing agency, as its mission and goals encompass almost every person in our island community; and, whether they are young, homeless, at-risk youth, disabled, low to moderate income families, single mothers trying to become self-sufficient, or *manimka* (elderly), GHURA has made a positive impact on their lives; and

**WHEREAS**, GHURA is a unique agency within the Government of Guam because they receive one hundred percent (100%) of their funding through the United States Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD); and

**WHEREAS**, GHURA's Board of Commissioners provide the overall policy direction for the Authority, while the day-to-day operations are overseen by the Executive Director, the Deputy Director, twelve (12) Managers, and the hard-working staff that ensure that the Authority not only accomplishes its mission, but also keeps up-to-date on new and improved techniques of "getting the job done right"; and

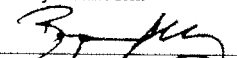
**WHEREAS**, GHURA's dedicated employees are committed to providing a level of service excellence to assist in these efforts, and GHURA personnel also act as a contact for the Fair Housing Act, Section 504 of the Rehabilitation and Americans with Disabilities Act. The Authority actively pursues community partnerships with non-governmental organizations (NGOs), government, and private entities to allow for the implementation of programs beneficial to island residents, and in particular, GHURA tenants; and

**WHEREAS**, the GHURA Board of Commissioners, its employees, and community partners both past and present, have built a legacy of ensuring that effective and efficient services are provided to its constituents for over five (5) decades; now therefore, be it

**RESOLVED**, that the Committee on Rules of I Mina'Trentai Ku'attro Na Liheslaturan Gu'ahan does hereby, on behalf of I Liheslaturan Gu'ahan and the people of Guam, congratulate the Guam Housing and Urban Renewal Authority (GHURA) on the occasion of its Fifty-fifth (55<sup>th</sup>) Year Anniversary celebration; and does further express *Un Dangkolo Na Si Yu'os Ma'dse'* to the Board of Commissioners, Management and Staff of GHURA for their commitment and dedication to carrying out its mission of "Strengthening Families and Building Communities One Project at A Time," and be it further

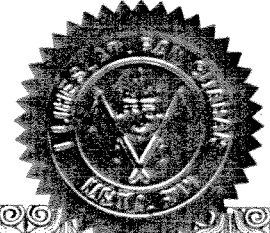
**RESOLVED**, that the Speaker and the Chairperson of the Committee on Rules certify, and the Legislative Secretary attest to, the adoption hereof, and that copies of the same be thereafter transmitted to Michael Duenas, Executive Director, Guam Housing and Urban Renewal Authority; and to the Honorable Edward J.B. Caivo, I Moya'laben Gu'ahan.

DULY AND REGULARLY ADOPTED BY THE COMMITTEE ON RULES OF I MINA'TRENTAI KU'ATTRO NA LIHESLATURAN GU'AHAN ON THE 12<sup>TH</sup> DAY OF JANUARY 2018.

  
BENJAMIN J.F. CRUZ  
Speaker

  
REGINE PISCOTE LEE  
Chairperson, Committee on Rules

  
REGINE PISCOTE LEE  
Legislative Secretary



*Handwritten signature and date: 1/12/18*



# OFFICE OF SENATOR TELENA CRUZ NELSON


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CHAIRPERSON OF THE COMMITTEE ON HOUSING, UTILITIES, PUBLIC SAFETY & HOMELAND SECURITY  
I MINA'TRENTAI KUÁTTRO NA LIHESLATURAN GUAHAN | 34th GUAM LEGISLATURE

January 10, 2018

## MEMORANDUM

TO: All Senators

FROM: Senator Telena Cruz Nelson 

SUBJECT: **Presentation of Resolution No. 327-34 (COR)**

*Buenas yan Hafa Adai!* Please join Vice Speaker Therese Terlaje who will be presenting on my behalf, **Resolution No. 327-34 (COR)** “Relative to congratulating the Guam Housing & Urban Renewal Authority (GHURA) on the occasion of celebrating its 55th anniversary; and to further expressing *Un Dàngkolo Na Si Yu'os Ma'åse'* to the Board of Directors, Management and Staff for their commitment and dedication to carrying out their mission of “Strengthening Families and Building Communities One Project at A Time.”

The presentation will take place on **Friday, January 12, 2017 at 11:45 a.m.** at the **Guam Housing & Urban Renewal Authority, 117 Bien Venida Avenue Sinajana, Guam.** I look forward to your attendance and participation should your schedule permit.

Si Yu'os Ma'åsé!

Cc: Clerks  
Sergeant of Arms  
MIS  
Protocol

***I MINA'TRENTAI KUÁTTRO NA LIHESLATURAN GUÁHAN***  
**2018 (SECOND) Regular Session**

**Resolution No. 327-34 (COR)**

Introduced by:

Telena Cruz Nelson  
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1           **BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COMMITTEE ON RULES OF *I***  
2   ***MINA'TRENTAI KUÁTTRO NA LIHESLATURAN GUÁHAN:***

3           **WHEREAS,** for the past fifty-five (55) years, the Guam Housing and Urban  
4   Renewal Authority (GHURA) has assisted thousands of low to moderate income renters

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2 enactment of Public Law 6-135 on December 18, 1962 as a result of the destruction in  
3 the aftermath of Supertyphoon Karen in November 1962, when an estimated ninety  
4 percent (90%) of the island's homes and buildings were destroyed or severely damaged;  
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11 federal and local governmental programs, and through the encouragement of Guam's  
12 private enterprises to participate in the common task of improving our island  
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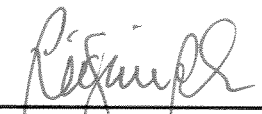
15 **RESOLVED**, that the Committee on Rules of *I Mina'Trentai Kuåttro Na*  
16 *Liheſlaturan Guåhan* does hereby, on behalf of *I Liheſlaturan Guåhan* and the people  
17 of Guam, congratulate the Guam Housing and Urban Renewal Authority (GHURA) on  
18 the occasion of its Fifty-fifth (55<sup>th</sup>) Year Anniversary celebration; and does further  
19 express *Un Dångkolo Na Si Yu'os Ma'åse'* to the Board of Commissioners, Management  
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21 of “Strengthening Families and Building Communities One Project at A Time;” and be  
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23 **RESOLVED**, that the Speaker and the Chairperson of the Committee on Rules  
24 certify, and the Legislative Secretary attest to, the adoption hereof, and that copies of

1 the same be thereafter transmitted to Michael Duenas, Executive Director, Guam  
2 Housing and Urban Renewal Authority; and to the Honorable Edward J.B. Calvo, *I*  
3 *Maga'låhen Guåhan.*

**DULY AND REGULARLY ADOPTED BY THE COMMITTEE ON RULES OF  
*I MINA'TRENTAI KUATTRO NA LIHESLATURAN GUÅHAN ON THE 12<sup>TH</sup>*  
DAY OF JANUARY 2018.**

  
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**BENJAMIN J.F. CRUZ**  
Speaker

  
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**RÉGINE BISCOE LEE**  
Chairperson, Committee on Rules

  
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**RÉGINE BISCOE LEE**  
Legislative Secretary



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Vice Chairperson

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**SENATOR RÉGINE BISCOE LEE, CHAIR**  
 SIKRITARIAN LIHESLATURAN GUAHAN  
 I MINA'TRENTAI KUÀTTRO NA LIHESLATURAN GUÀHAN  
 LEGISLATIVE SECRETARY • 34<sup>TH</sup> GUAM LEGISLATURE

**COMMITTEE VOTING SHEET**

**Resolution No. 327-34 (COR) — Telena Cruz Nelson, Therese M. Terlaje, Louise Borja Muña, Mary Camacho Torres** — “Relative to congratulating the Guam Housing and Urban Renewal Authority (GHURA) on the occasion of its Fifty-fifth (55<sup>th</sup>) Year Anniversary celebration; and to further expressing *Un Dangkolo Na Si Yu'os Ma'ase'* to the Board of Commissioners, Management and Staff of GHURA for their commitment and dedication to carrying out its mission of ‘Strengthening Families and Building Communities One Project at A Time.’ ”

	SIGNATURE	DATE	TO ADOPT	TO NOT ADOPT	TO ABSTAIN
Legislative Secretary Régine Biscoe Lee Chairperson	<i>e-vote</i>	<i>1/11/18</i>	✓		
Senator Thomas C. Ada Vice Chairperson					
Speaker Benjamin J. F. Cruz Member	<i>e-vote</i>	<i>1/11/18</i>	✓		
Vice-Speaker Therese M. Terlaje Member	<i>e-vote</i>	<i>1/11/18</i>	✓		2018 JAN 12 AM 8:42
Senator Frank B. Aguon, Jr. Member	<i>e-vote</i>	<i>1/11/18</i>	✓		
Senator Telena Cruz Nelson Member	<i>Telena</i>	<i>1/11/18</i>	✓		
Senator Dennis G. Rodriguez, Jr. Member					
Senator Joe S. San Agustin Member	<i>e-vote</i>	<i>1/12/18</i>	✓		<i>[Signature]</i>
Senator Michael F.Q. San Nicolas Member					
Senator James V. Espaldon Minority Leader	<i>e-vote</i>	<i>1/12/18</i>	✓		
Senator Mary Camacho Torres Minority Member					
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Staff Contact Person: <i>Bernice Rivera</i>					
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