

I MINA'TRENTAI KUÂTTRO 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
378-34 (COR)	Joe S. San Agustin	Relative to commending and congratulating Agnes Dueñas Perez for receiving her honorary high school diploma, and on the celebration of her eighty-eighth (88th) birthday on April 13, 2018, and recognizing her as a proud daughter of Guam, for her courage and resilience while suffering at the hands of the Japanese Imperial Forces during World War II; and to further expressing <i>Un Dángkolo Na Si Yu'os Ma'ise'</i> to her for her many achievements, outstanding accomplishments, and invaluable civic contributions..	4/10/18 9:49 a.m.	4/13/18 6:30 p.m.	4/11/18 4:48 p.m.					

Resolution No. 378-34 (COR)

Introduced by:

Thomas C. Ais	Jose S. San Agustin	Tommy Morrison
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BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COMMITTEE ON RULES OF I MINA'TRENTAI KUATTRO NA LIHESLATURAN GUÅHAN:

WHEREAS, Agnes Dueñas Perez (*familian Pepera*), fondly known as "Neng," was born in Guam on April 13, 1930. She grew up in *Toto* and *Hagåtña* and is the daughter and eldest child of the late Jose Cruz Dueñas and Maria Pangelinan Guzman Dueñas; and her brothers and sisters are: Francisco Dueñas; Rosita Dueñas Diaz; John Dueñas; the late former Senator Jim Herminia Dueñas Dierking; David Dueñas; Emily Dueñas Olmsted; and Josephine Dueñas Perez; and

WHEREAS, at the advent of World War II, Agnes was eleven (11) years old and in the fourth (4th) grade when the Imperial Japanese Army invaded Guam; and she discontinued her education as the family went into hiding fearing for their lives; and later as a teenager, she was exposed to the atrocities of the brutal and gruesome war at the hands of the Japanese soldiers: she and her father were tied up and beaten to try and force him to confess to a theft, which her father was innocent of; she was forced to perform hard labor at *Maite* and *Tigan*, pulling weeds and clearing the land for farming and constructing a Japanese airfield, and was injured; and later was forced to march to the *Alatenggon* valley concentration camp with her family, where they stayed until Guam was liberated; and were then resettled to *Hagåtña* and *Toto* village where her family rebuilt their lives. Agnes had wanted to go back to school to finish her formal education after the war, but her father passed away on September 2, 1944, two (2) months after the liberation, while resettling the family; and so her mother became employed to support the family; and Agnes, being the eldest child, was tasked to stay home and help raise and care for her younger siblings, and so she had to forego her education once again. Learning from her mother, Neng was vigilant over her siblings and acquired excellent cooking and sewing skills which was invaluable to raising her family; and

WHEREAS, in 1947, Agnes married Mauro (*Sañh*) Joseph Martinez Perez (*familian Boñoj*), and was a devoted wife for thirty-one (31) years until his passing in 1978. They raised eleven (11) children, Rosie (Rosemary), Joe (Joseph), Tony (Anthony), Van (Evangeline), Danny (Daniel), Bob (Robert), Clare (Clarice), Nora (Leonora), Mel (Melchor), Judi (Judith), and Lisa (Melissa); and were also blessed with thirty-two (32) grandchildren and thirty-nine (39) great-grandchildren (with one on the way). Even though it was a struggle making ends meet, Agnes was determined to have her children receive the best education they could, and sent all her children to attend and graduate from private Catholic schools. She taught them to strive to be honest, hardworking individuals, and honorable and productive members of society, although Agnes herself never finished school; and

WHEREAS, as a World War II survivor, Neng has vivid memories of the hard life she experienced that has contributed to her strength, building a woman of deep faith in God who has instilled these values of faith and respect to her children; and so the Perez family was very religious, praying the Rosary, the Angelus, and Novenas daily, and attending Mass every Sunday. Other than devotion to God, Agnes imparts to her children that respect is most important to living a good and long life; and

WHEREAS, even with her limited formal education because of the war and personal hardships, Agnes led a full and productive life – when her husband fell ill in 1953, Agnes worked as a sales associate at Town House. And when her mother, who worked at the cafeteria of the Cathedral Grade School/Academy of Our Lady of Guam, became too sick to work, Agnes took over her mother's cafeteria duties; and

WHEREAS, Agnes was a loving, kind, considerate, caring and supportive mother who always put others before herself. As her children grew older, Agnes joined her mother's sister, Amanda Guzman Shelton, who was one of Guam's first registered nurses, in providing nursing services to homebound senior citizens, and later helped to establish community centers. From 1970 to 2005, Neng served the community as a site manager for *Servicio Para I Manamiko*, and retired as a community senior center manager; and Neng was an active member of numerous civic and religious organizations, to include: the *Toto* Christian Mothers organization; the Chamorro Women's Organization, also known as *Inetnon Famala'ian*; the *Toto* Parish Senior Choir of the Immaculate Heart of Mary Church; the Catholic Daughters of the Americas and Christian Mothers, where she was crowned as "Mother of the Year" in 2015. She had also been a dedicated member of the Guam Memorial Hospital Volunteers Association (GMHVA) since 1990 and received her lifetime membership status in 2010; and

WHEREAS, in February 2014, Public Law 32-115, sponsored by Speaker Judith T. Won Pat, was enacted to award honorary high school diplomas to Guam residents who did not finish their education and graduate because of wartime circumstances; and in light of the fact that Agnes Perez sacrificed her education and her whole life, from becoming a mother to her younger siblings in 1944 at age fourteen (14) to becoming a mother herself at age seventeen (17) and having all her children attend school and finish their formal education to receive a high school diploma, it is only fitting that Neng would finally receive her own high school diploma all these years later; now therefore, be it

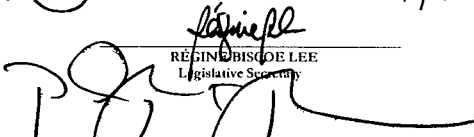
RESOLVED, that the Committee on Rules of I Mina'Trentai Kuattro Na Liheslaturan Guåhan does hereby, on behalf of I Liheslaturan Guåhan and the people of Guam, commend and congratulate Agnes Dueñas Perez on receiving her honorary high school diploma, and on the celebration of her eighty-eighth (88th) birthday on April 13, 2018, and recognize her as a proud daughter of Guam, for her courage and resilience while suffering at the hands of the Japanese Imperial Forces during World War II; and does further express *Un Dangkolo Na Si Yu'os Ma'ise'* to her for her many achievements, outstanding accomplishments, and invaluable civic contributions; 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 Agnes Dueñas Perez; and to the Honorable Edward J.B. Calvo, *I Mags'ihen Guåhan*.

DULY AND REGULARLY ADOPTED BY THE COMMITTEE ON RULES OF I MINA'TRENTAI KUATTRO NA LIHESLATURAN GUÅHAN ON THE 11TH DAY OF APRIL 2018.


BENJAMIN J.F. CRUZ
Speaker


RÉGINE BISCOE LEE
Chairperson, Committee on Rules


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Legislative Secretary



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Cc: Management Information System; Tom Unsiog; Joe San Agustin
Subject: Presentation of Resolution 378-34 (COR) - Agnes Perez - Honorary

10 April 2018

MEMORANDUM

To: ALL HONORABLE SENATORS

Buenas yan Håfa Adai!

Your presence is kindly requested at the presentation of Resolution No. 378-34 (COR) "Relative to recognizing, honoring, commending and congratulating Agnes Dueñas Perez on receiving her honorary high school diploma, and on the celebration of her eighty-eighth (88th) birthday on April 13, 2018". Presentation of Resolution will be presented on:

Date: Friday, 13 April 2018

Time: 6:30 pm

Place: Papa's Restaurant, Airport Road, Tamuning, Guam

Si Yu'us Ma'åse'!

Un Dångkolo Na Si Yu'os Ma'åse'

Very Respectfully,

*RoseMarie T. Mesa
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I MINA'TRENTAI KUÁTTRO NA LIHESLATURAN GUÁHAN
2018 (SECOND) Regular Session

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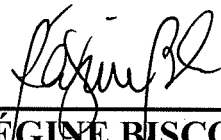
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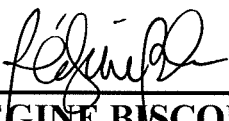
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I MINA'TRENTAI KUÁTTRO NA LIHESLATURAN GUÁHAN ON THE 11TH
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Speaker



RÉGINE BISCOE LEE
Chairperson, Committee on Rules



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COMMITTEE VOTING SHEET

Resolution No. 378-34 (COR) – Joe S. San Agustin – “Relative to commending and congratulating Agnes Dueñas Perez for receiving her honorary high school diploma, and on the celebration of her eighty-eighth (88th) birthday on April 13, 2018; and to recognizing her as a proud daughter of Guam, for her courage and resilience while suffering at the hands of the Japanese Imperial Forces during World War II; and to further expressing *Un Dångkolo Na Si Yu'os Ma'ase'* to her for her many achievements, outstanding accomplishments, and invaluable civic contributions.”

	SIGNATURE	DATE	TO ADOPT	TO NOT ADOPT	TO ABSTAIN
Legislative Secretary Régine Biscoe Lee Chairperson					
Senator Thomas C. Ada Vice Chairperson	<i>twc</i>	10 Apr 18			
Speaker Benjamin J. F. Cruz Member	<i>bc</i>	10 Apr 18			
Vice-Speaker Therese M. Terlaje Member	<i>ema</i>	10 Apr 18			
Senator Frank B. Aguon, Jr. Member	<i>fb</i>	10 Apr 18			
Senator Telena Cruz Nelson Member					
Senator Dennis G. Rodriguez, Jr. Member	<i>dr</i>	10 Apr 18			
Senator Joe S. San Agustin Member	<i>jsa</i>	10 Apr 18			
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Senator James V. Espaldon Minority Leader					
Senator Mary Camacho Torres Minority Member					

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6 Certified Returned
Name: **MARCO FERNANDEZ**
Date: **4/11/2018**
Notes: