

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
462-34 (COR)	Therese M. Terlaje B. J.F. Cruz	Relative to honoring and commending all the survivors of Guam's wartime occupation for their tremendous courage and perseverance through one of the most tragic and difficult times in our island's history; and to further expressing <i>Un Dângkolo Na Si Yu'os Ma'áse'</i> to the Guam War Survivors Memorial Foundation for its dedication and service to all those affected by this tragic event as we join them in celebrating "War Survivor Remembrance Day" on June 28, 2018.	6/21/18 3:01 p.m.	6/28/18 4:00 p.m.	6/22/18 3:35 p.m.					

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

WHEREAS, one of the most tragic and horrific events in our island's history occurred during World War II, when Guam was occupied by enemy forces from December 8, 1941 to August 10, 1944. The atrocities that the enemy forces inflicted upon the people of Guam have left scars that will never heal. Chamorros were enslaved and forced to work for little to no compensation. Many families suffered the loss of personal property and livelihood. The rape of women was rampant, while children were unfairly robbed of their innocence. Thousands of Chamorros were subjected to physical abuse, detention, and torture. These heinous acts resulted in the deaths of over one thousand (1,000) residents. In the end, the peaceful life that Guam residents had and cherished before the war was lost forever; and

WHEREAS, on November 15, 1944, the Meritorious Claims Act, "for the purpose of granting immediate relief to the residents of Guam with prompt settlement of meritorious claims," was signed into law. Although Guam had a surviving population of about twenty-one thousand (21,000), only six thousand six hundred forty-six (6,646) claims were filed. This number was significantly lower than expected considering that almost every individual who was on Guam during the occupation was subjected to humiliation, beatings, and/or loss of property.

WHEREAS, the late Honorable Antonio Palomo, former Senator and Guam historian, highlighted an excerpt from a U.S. Senate report commending the Meritorious Claims Act in his book "An Island in Agony." It read "in the future this island will become one of the most important United States naval and air bases in the Pacific. Its people have been loyal towards the United States. The Committee believe that the enactment of this bill is just and warranted, that it would be helpful in retaining the good will of these people in the future, and that it will be a sound investment in our future society;" and

WHEREAS, in 2014, the Guam War Survivors Memorial Foundation created "Guam's Wall of Strength: Names Never Forgotten," a special traveling exhibit containing the names of "the Greatest Generation" who suffered and died during the war and those who survived, so that we may honor them and so that future generations of Chamorros will never forget their stories of agony, sorrow, courage, endurance and love during a traumatic period in the history of the Chamorro people; and

WHEREAS, that is why on June 26, 2011, Public Law 336 was enacted declaring that June 28th of every year be recognized as "War Survivor Remembrance Day." The day that marks President Harry S. Truman's transmittal request to the U.S. House of Representatives that the Navy Department pay claims for their personal injury to residents on Guam for suffering through the war; and

WHEREAS, on December 23, 2016, President Barack Obama signed into law the Guam World War II Loyalty Recognition Act, Title XVII, Public Law 114-328, which authorizes the Foreign Claims Settlement Commission to conduct a supplemental war claims compensation program for victims and survivors of the attack and occupation of Guam by Imperial Japanese military forces during World War II and the liberation of Guam by United States military forces. The Act covers claims for death, rape, personal injury, forced labor, forced march, internment and hiding to evade internment. As of June 15, 2018, the Foreign Claims Settlement Commission received more than two thousand (2,000) claims applications. The deadline to turn in a war claims application is on June 20, 2018. The survivors and decedents of victims who died as a result of the occupation await adjudication of their claims. The Guam War Survivors Memorial Foundation played a vital role in assisting war survivors with their claims and

WHEREAS, while we continue to fight for appropriate recognition from the U.S. Congress of Guam's War Survivors for their service, we must do everything we can here on Guam to honor the memories and the stories of those who ended their lives. The legacy and heritage of our war survivors, known as our Greatest Generation, should be recognized by all the people of Guam, and

WHEREAS, to help ensure that their sacrifice and legacy is truly perpetuated for years to come, the Guam War Survivors Memorial Foundation sponsors events that cater to all age groups and walks of life. These events include a Memorial Mass celebrated every year on December 8 at the Divine Providence Marian Cathedral Basilica, and a concert series dedicated to the survivors of World War II featuring the music from that era. This year will mark a third (3rd) successful concert event entitled, "Sentimental Journey 3, Gupol Chamorro... A Tribute to Guam's World War II Survivors." The Foundation has published three (3) books, that feature the inspiring and heart wrenching stories of war survivors and their families; and

WHEREAS, the Guam War Survivors Memorial Foundation also has a website dedicated to allowing war survivors or their families to have an outlet to share the hardships they faced during the Japanese occupation. Before the site was created, Senator Frank Blas Jr., President of the Guam War Survivors Memorial Foundation, his senatorial staff, their friends from Expressions Studio, and local companies who wanted to help, started a weekly series in the Guam edition of the Marianas Variety newspaper called "Real People. Real Stories." They provided transcribed testimonies from the war survivors who spoke before the Guam War Claims Review Commission in December of 2003. "Real People. Real Stories" was created to educate the community about the horrendous experiences of the Chamorro people during World War II, and to remind the U.S. government of its obligation to compensate those who survived the war, and the heirs of those that were killed during the war; and now therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that the Committee on Rules of I Mina'Trentai Kuattro Na Liheslaturan Guahan does hereby, on behalf of Liheslaturan Guahan and the people of Guam, honor and commend all the survivors of Guam's wartime occupation for their tremendous courage and perseverance through one of the most tragic and difficult times in our island's history; and does further express *Un Dangkolo Na Si Yu'os Ma'ase'* to the Guam War Survivors Memorial Foundation for its dedication and service to all those affected by this tragic event as we join them in celebrating "War Survivor Remembrance Day" on June 28, 2018; and be it further

RESOLVED, that the Speaker certifies, and the Chairperson of the Committee on Rules certifies, and the Legislative Secretary attest to, the adoption hereof, and that copies of the same be hereafter transmitted to the Honorable Frank Blas Jr., former Senator and President of the Guam War Survivors Memorial Foundation; and to the Honorable Edward J.B. Calvo, I Magalihen Guahan.

DULY AND REGULARLY ADOPTED BY THE COMMITTEE ON RULES OF I MINA'TRENTAI KUATTRO NA LIHESLATURAN GUAHAN ON THE 22ND DAY OF JUNE 2018.

BENJAMIN J.F. CRUZ
Speaker

REGINE BISCOE LEE
Chairperson, Committee on Rules

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Clerks

From: Senator Therese Terlaje <senatorterlajeguam@gmail.com>
Sent: Friday, June 22, 2018 4:08 PM
To: phmaterials@guamlegislature.org
Cc: Tom Unsiog; Clerks; mis@guamlegislature.org
Subject: Presentation Notice for Resolution No. 462-34 (COR)
Attachments: Res. No. 462-34 (COR) tmt ROUTE (1).pdf

June 22, 2018

MEMORANDUM

TO: All Honorable Senators
FROM: Vice Speaker Therese M. Terlaje
SUBJECT: Resolution Presentation

Buenas yan Håfa Adai!

Your presence is kindly requested at the presentation of **Resolution No. 462-34 (COR)**, “Relative to honoring and commending all the survivors of Guam’s wartime occupation for their tremendous courage and perseverance through one of the most tragic and difficult times in our island’s history; and to further expressing *Un Dångkolo Na Si Yu’os Ma’åse’* to the Guam War Survivors Memorial Foundation for its dedication and service to all those affected by this tragic event as we join them in celebrating “War Survivor Remembrance Day” on June 28, 2018.”

EVENT: Guam War Survivor Remembrance Day
DATE: Tuesday, June 26, 2018
TIME: 4:00 p.m.
PLACE: Guam Museum Theater

CC: Clerks
MIS
Sergeant-At-Arms
Protocol

Si Yu’os Ma’åse’

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The Office of Vice Speaker Therese M. Terlaje

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2018 (SECOND) Regular Session

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3 **WHEREAS,** one of the most tragic and horrific events in our island's history
4 occurred during World War II, when Guam was occupied by enemy forces from

1 December 8, 1941 to August 10, 1944. The atrocities that the enemy forces inflicted
2 upon the people of Guam have left scars that will never heal. Chamorros were enslaved
3 and forced to work for little to no compensation. Many families suffered the loss of
4 personal property and livelihood. The rape of women was rampant, while children were
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6 abuse, detention, and torture. These heinous acts resulted in the deaths of over one
7 thousand (1,000) residents. In the end, the peaceful life that Guam residents had and
8 cherished before the war was lost forever; and

9 **WHEREAS**, on November 15, 1945, the Meritorious Claims Act, “for the
10 purpose of granting immediate relief to the residents of Guam by the prompt settlement
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12 of about twenty-one thousand (21,000), only six thousand six hundred forty-six (6,646)
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22 the good will of these people in the future, and that it will be a sound investment in our
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25 “*Guam’s Wall of Strength: Names Never Forgotten*,” a special traveling exhibit
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1 war and those who survived, so that we may honor them and so that future generations
2 of Chamorros will never forget their stories of agony, sorrow, courage, endurance and
3 love during a tragic period in the history of the Chamorro people; and

4 **WHEREAS**, that is why on June 26, 2015, Public Law 33-56 was enacted
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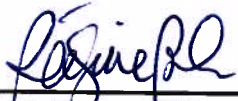
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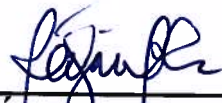
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DAY OF JUNE 2018.**



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Chairperson, Committee on Rules



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Vice Chairperson

Speaker Benjamin J.F. Cruz,
Member

Vice Speaker Therese M. Terlaje,
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COMMITTEE VOTING SHEET

Resolution No. 462-34 (COR) – Therese M. Terlaje, B. J.F. Cruz – “Relative to honoring and commending all the survivors of Guam’s wartime occupation for their tremendous courage and perseverance through one of the most tragic and difficult times in our island’s history; and to further expressing *Un Dangkolo Na Si Yu'os Ma'ase'* to the Guam War Survivors Memorial Foundation for its dedication and service to all those affected by this tragic event as we join them in celebrating “War Survivor Remembrance Day” on June 28, 2018.”

	SIGNATURE	DATE	TO ADOPT	TO NOT ADOPT	TO ABSTAIN
Legislative Secretary Régine Biscoe Lee Chairperson	E-VOTE	6/22/18	✓		
Senator Thomas C. Ada Vice Chairperson					
Speaker Benjamin J. F. Cruz Member	E-VOTE	6/22/18	✓		
Vice-Speaker Therese M. Terlaje Member	TAA	6/22/18	✓		
Senator Frank B. Aguon, Jr. Member					2018 JUN 22 PM 3:35
Senator Telenia Cruz Nelson Member	E-VOTE	6/22/18	✓		
Senator Dennis G. Rodriguez, Jr. Member					
Senator Joe S. San Agustin Member	E-VOTE	6/22/18	✓		
Senator Michael F.Q. San Nicolas Member	E-VOTE	6/22/18	✓		
Senator James V. Espaldon Minority Leader	E-VOTE	6/22/18	✓		
Senator Mary Camacho Torres Minority Member					
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