

**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
484-34 (COR)	B. J.F. Cruz	Relative to commending and acknowledging the distinguished accomplishments of the late Robert T.E Kao, a successful businessman on Guam for the past forty (40) years, notably recognized in the community for his volunteerism and his commitment to many cultural and philanthropic causes; and to further expressing the sincere condolences of the people of Guam and I Liheslaturan Guáhan to the family of the late Robert T.E Kao on his passing.	8/15/18 2:09 p.m.	8/19/18 10:30 a.m.	8/16/18 4:10 p.m.					

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

WHEREAS, it is the sense of *I Liheslaturan Guahan* to recognize and honor those distinguished citizens of this great island who have devoted themselves to faithfully serving the best interests of their community and the needs of its residents, and

WHEREAS, attendant to such concern, and in full accord with its long standing traditions, *I Liheslaturan Guahan* is justly proud to honor the life and memory of the late Robert T.E. Kao for his service to our island and his dedication to the people of Guam; and

WHEREAS, Robert T.E. Kao was born on November 16, 1935 in the Chinese province of Shandong; and when he was very young his parents passed away, and Robert and his siblings were raised by the second eldest son and his wife, and

WHEREAS, during the Communist Revolution, Robert's family fled to Taiwan with General Chiang Kai-Shek and the Nationalists in the late 1940s, and during this period Robert would make life long friends with twelve (12) "blood brothers" with whom he would later attend school together and remained friends throughout the rest of his life, and

WHEREAS, as a young man in Taiwan, Robert attended the prestigious Taipei Municipal Jianguo High School and ultimately received a full scholarship to Zheng Zhe University, where he was considered a hardworking and outstanding student; and he graduated with a degree in Russian studies, and

WHEREAS, Robert met Anna Wang, who was the daughter of his teacher Gin Foo Wang, while he was a tutor to her and her siblings, and

WHEREAS, Robert set his sights on Anna early on, and eight (8) years later in 1967, they were married; and were blessed with two (2) children: Michael, who was born in 1970, and Heidi, born in 1976, and

WHEREAS, in 1971, Robert and Anna moved to Guam when Anna was recruited to work as a Sales Manager for the furniture store at Andersen Air Force Base; and

WHEREAS, in 1972, Robert and Anna decided to go into the furniture business on their own, and they established Genghis Khan Furniture, which would become a staple on the island for forty (40) years; and which eventually expanded into San Diego, California; Dallas, Texas; and China; and

WHEREAS, in business, Robert was known for his kindness, generosity, and reliability; and, he was considered as a wonderful employer who was always opening up his wallet and being compassionate to his employees in listening to their struggles in life; and

WHEREAS, Robert was a rock of reliability in support of his wife, and partner for every aspect of the business, no matter how mundane or unglamorous, and

WHEREAS, outside of running a business, Robert's benevolence and volunteerism knew no bounds, as he was extremely active in many cultural and philanthropic causes and held numerous leadership positions, such as: Commissioner of Overseas Compatriot Affairs and the Overseas Community Affairs Council of Taiwan; President of the United Chinese Association of Guam for two (2) terms; First President of the Federation of Asian Pacific People of Guam; Committee Member and Vice President of the Board of Directors of the Chinese Merchant Association of Guam; Founder of the Confucian Society of Guam, a past and active member of the Republican National Committee; and a Master of the Royal Secret of the 32<sup>nd</sup> of the Ancient and Accepted Scottish Rite of Freemasonry, and

WHEREAS, although Robert lacked his own father figure, he set an example for his own children by always being there for them, never scolding them, and taking them to countless activities during their youth; and

WHEREAS, in addition to being a bulwark of support to Anna, Robert was a kind, patient, and loving father and grandfather to his children, Michael and Heidi; and his grandchildren, Savannah and Alex, who will fondly remember their gentle and soft spoken grandpa as a caring man who made them laugh on family holidays; and

WHEREAS, Robert Kao lived his life in every way possible to exemplify his favorite quote by Confucius: "The superior man's modesty in his speech, but exceeds in his actions", and he will be truly missed by his family, his friends, and the communities of Taiwan and Guam; and

WHEREAS, Robert is survived by Anna, his wife of over fifty (50) years, who is a "retired" entrepreneur in Guam to this day; and by his two (2) children: Michael, who runs an investment firm in Los Angeles, California; and Heidi, a doctor of eastern medicine who runs an acupuncture clinic in Oakland, California, now therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that the Committee on Rules of *I Mina'trentai Kuattro Na Liheslaturan Guahan* does hereby, on behalf of *I Liheslaturan Guahan* and the people of Guam, commend and acknowledge the distinguished accomplishments and dedication of the late Robert T.E. Kao, a successful businessman on Guam for the past forty (40) years, who is notably recognized in the community for his volunteerism and his commitment to many cultural and philanthropic causes; and does further express sincere condolences to the family of the late Robert T.E. Kao on his passing, 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 the family of the late Robert T.E. Kao, and to the Honorable Edward J. Bialvo, *I Mang'at en Guahan*.

DULY AND REGULARLY ADOPTED BY THE COMMITTEE ON RULES OF *I MINA'TRENTAI KUATTRO NA LIHESLATURAN GUAHAN* ON THE 16<sup>TH</sup> DAY OF AUGUST 2018.

BENJAMIN J.F. CRUZ  
Speaker

ROGENE BISCOE LEE  
Chairperson, Committee on Rules

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Legislative Secretary





Office of the Speaker  
**BENJAMIN J.F. CRUZ**  
*I Mina'trentai Kuâtro na Liheslaturan Guåhan*  
Committee on Appropriations and Adjudication

August 15, 2018

**MEMORANDUM**

**To: All Honorable Senators**  
34th Guam Legislature

**From: Speaker Benjamin J.F. Cruz**

**Re: Presentation of Resolution No. 484-34 (COR)**

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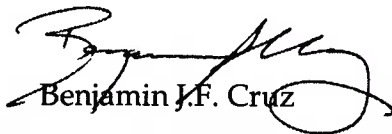
*Håfa Adai!*

The following resolution shall be presented:

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The presentation is scheduled for **Sunday, August 19, 2018 at 10:30 AM** at the **Former Genghis Khan Showroom** in the Harmon Industrial Park

*Si Yu'os Ma'ase,*

  
Benjamin J.F. Cruz

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**2018 (SECOND) Regular Session**

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**BENJAMIN J.F. CRUZ**  
Speaker



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



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**COMMITTEE VOTING SHEET**

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	SIGNATURE	DATE	TO ADOPT	TO NOT ADOPT	TO ABSTAIN
Legislative Secretary Régine Biscoe Lee Chairperson	Email	08/16/18	✓		
Senator Thomas C. Ada Vice Chairperson	Email	08/16/18	✓		
Speaker Benjamin J. F. Cruz Member		08/16/18	✓		
Vice-Speaker Therese M. Terlaje Member	Email	08/16/18	✓		
Senator Frank B. Aguon, Jr. Member	Email	08/16/18	✓		
Senator Telena Cruz Nelson Member	Email	08/16/18	✓		
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Senator Michael F.Q. San Nicolas Member	Email	08/16/18	✓		
Senator James V. Espaldon Minority Leader					
Senator Mary Camacho Torres Minority Member					

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Sponsor Signature:

Staff Contact Person: Herminda Certeza

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Name: Joaquin P. Taitague

Date: 8/16/18

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