

***I MINA'TRENTAI KU'ATTRO NA LIHESLATURAN GU'AHAN***  
**RESOLUTION STATUS**

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| 106-34 (COR)          | FRANK B. AGUON, JR. | Relative to recognizing, commending, and congratulating the Guam Chamber of Commerce on the momentous occasion of its Ninety-third (93rd) Year Anniversary; and to further extending Un Dangkolo Na Si Yu'os Ma'ase' to them for creating an environment in which businesses can prosper and improve the economic welfare of the island community. | 5/1/17<br>4:21 p.m. | 5/6/17<br>6:00 p.m.         |                     |                      |                    |                            |                                    |              |

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**2017 (FIRST) Regular Session**

Resolution No. *106-34(c02)*

Introduced by:

FRANK B. AGUON, JR.

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

3        **WHEREAS**, a Chamber of Commerce, also known as board of trade is a form  
4 of business network, for example, a local organization of businesses whose goal is to  
5 further the interests of businesses. Business owners in towns and cities form these local  
6 societies to advocate on behalf of the business community; and

7        **WHEREAS**, the Guam Chamber of Commerce is an organization of citizens that  
8 invests its time and money to improve the economic, civic, and cultural wellbeing of  
9 the local community; and

10       **WHEREAS**, the Chamber's mission is to create an environment in which local  
11 businesses can flourish, which in turn, boosts the economic welfare of the island  
12 community; and

13       **WHEREAS**, the Chamber works toward the increasing evolution of highways,  
14 recreational areas, new industries, and the expansion of existing industries; all of which  
15 increase the demand of services. The Chamber provides an expanding market for

1 construction, real estate, and insurance professionals by promoting business and  
2 appealing to new industries and residents who long to make Guam their home; and

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

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

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

17 **WHEREAS**, with the establishment of the *Na' La' Bonita* Guam program in  
18 2000, the Chamber has expressed its interest in preserving Guam's natural beauty. This  
19 program continues until this day to augment its involvement in the island's  
20 beautification; and

21 **WHEREAS**, the Guam Chamber of Commerce activities are immeasurable,  
22 depending on its desire and ability to carry them out; and promoting the area's economy  
23 and encouraging business and industrial investment, broadening the tax base, and  
24 providing employment. To business prospects and newcomers, the Chamber represents  
25 the community's "front door"; and

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

5           **WHEREAS**, most of the work of the Guam Chamber of Commerce is carried  
6 out by the Chamber members through a network of committees; a work plan prepared  
7 early in the administrative year, providing the layout for the Chamber's work.  
8 Volunteers from the Chamber membership are assigned to committees include the  
9 Armed Forces , the Chamber Business Women's Network, the Guam Young  
10 Professionals, the Maritime Affairs Committee, the Retail Merchants Committee, and  
11 the Legislative and Business Advocacy Committee; and

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

21           **WHEREAS**, each year at its annual gala, the Guam Chamber of Commerce  
22 celebrates its anniversary; as well as recognizes member anniversary celebrants and the  
23 induction of Laureates into the Guam Business Hall of Fame. This year's recipient of  
24 the 2017 Individual's Laureate Award is Mr. Gerald S.A. Perez, and the 2017 Business  
25 Laureate Award being Moylan's Insurance Underwriters, Incorporated both of which

1 will be admitted in the Guam Business Hall of Fame, with the induction taking place  
2 during the Guam Chamber of Commerce's 93<sup>rd</sup> Anniversary Celebration; and

3 **WHEREAS**, the Guam Chamber of Commerce remains resilient because of its  
4 vast membership, united in its goals of progressing the general welfare and prosperity  
5 of Guam, while being guided by its Code of Ethics; now therefore, be it

6 **RESOLVED**, that the Committee on Rules of *I Mina'Trentai Kuáttro Na*  
7 *Liheslaturan Guåhan* does hereby, on behalf of *I Liheslaturan Guåhan* and the people  
8 of Guam, recognize, commend, congratulate the Guam Chamber of Commerce on the  
9 momentous occasion of its Ninety-third (93<sup>rd</sup>) Year Anniversary; and to further  
10 extending *Un Dangkolo Na Si Yu'os Ma'ase'* to them for creating an environment in  
11 which businesses can prosper and improve the economic welfare of the island  
12 community; and be it further

13 **RESOLVED**, that the Speaker and the Chairperson of the Committee on Rules  
14 certify, and the Legislative Secretary attest to, the adoption hereof, and that copies of  
15 the same be thereafter transmitted to Bobby Shringi, Chairman of the Board, Guam  
16 Chamber of Commerce; to Jim Hubert, Vice Chairman of the Board, Guam Chamber  
17 of Commerce; to Catherine S. Castro, President, Guam Chamber of Commerce; to Joe  
18 Arnett, Executive Committee Secretary-Treasurer, Guam Chamber of Commerce; to  
19 Robert Salas, Special Executive Committee Member, Guam Chamber of Commerce; to  
20 Gerald S.A. Perez, 2017 Individual Laureate Award Recipient; to Moylan's Insurance,  
21 Underwriters, Inc., 2017 Business Laureate Recipient; and to the Honorable Edward  
22 J.B. Calvo, *I Maga'lahaen Guåhan*.

**DULY AND REGULARLY ADOPTED BY THE COMMITTEE ON RULES OF  
I MINA'TRENTAI KUÁTTRO NA LIHESLATURAN GUÁHAN ON THE <sup>TH</sup> DAY  
OF APRIL 2017.**

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**BENJAMIN J.F. CRUZ**  
Speaker

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**MICHAEL F.Q. SAN NICOLAS**  
Chairperson, Committee on Rules

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**RÈGINE BISCOE LEE**  
Legislative Secretary