

I MINA'TRENTAI KUÅTTRO NA LIHESLATURAN GUÅHAN
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
143-34 (LS)	William M. Castro Thomas C. Ada Régine Biscoe Lee Tommy Morrison	Relative to recognizing Frances A. Castro for her outstanding leadership in her term with the Commonwealth of the Northern Marianas Government, dedicating many years of service in the environmental and coastal field; and further commending her for her tireless efforts to improve the quality of life for the people of the Mariana Islands including Guam; and to extend Un Dāngkulo' Na Si Yu'us Ma'āse for her excellent contributions and accomplishments.	6/7/17 5:04 p.m.	6/13/17 12:00 p.m.						

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2017 (FIRST) Regular Session

Resolution No. 143-34 (LS)

Introduced by:

William M. Castro *WC*

J. C. Ada

Regine B. Lee *(RBL)*

T. Morrison

Relative to recognizing Frances A. Castro for her outstanding leadership and advocacy in protecting the environment; for her contributions to improve the body of knowledge for fisheries, coral, coastal and oceans policy, science and management; and in extending *Un Dangkulo' Na Si Yu'us Ma'åse* for her relentless commitment to preserving and promoting traditional knowledge and practices of island peoples and coastal communities; and in further commendation of her tireless efforts to improve the quality of life for the people of the Mariana Islands.

2017 June 7, 2017-5:41pm *KC*

1 **BE IT RESOLVED BY *I MINA'TRENTAI KUATTRO NA LIHESLATURAN***
2 ***GUAHAN*:**

3 **WHEREAS,** *I Liheslaturan Guahan* recognizes Frances A. Castro, more
4 affectionately known as “Fran,” for her exemplary leadership and dedicated
5 service; and

6 **WHEREAS,** Fran is a resident of Guam and the Commonwealth of the
7 Northern Marianas Islands (CNMI), was born on Saipan, is married to Peter Houk
8 and has three (3) wonderful daughters who inspired her to succeed in life while
9 remaining grounded in family values; and,

10 **WHEREAS,** Fran attained her Associate of Science Degree in Criminal
11 Justice from the Northern Marianas College and shortly thereafter attained a
12 Bachelor of Science Degree in Business Administration with emphasis in
13 Organization Management from Argosy University, Phoenix Arizona; and

14 **WHEREAS,** Fran established a distinguished career with the CNMI
15 government from October 1998 to May 2017; and

1 **WHEREAS**, Fran worked in the Division of Environmental Quality as a
2 Program Manager, Nonpoint Source Pollution/ Marine Monitoring Programs from
3 October 1998 to January 2014; and

4 **WHEREAS**, Fran was appointed the Director of the Division of Coastal
5 Resources Management under the Bureau of Environmental and Coastal Quality
6 from January 2014 to May 2017; and

7 **WHEREAS**, Fran was appointed by the Governor of the CNMI to serve as
8 the Point of Contact for the United States Coral Reef Task Force (US CRTF) for
9 ten (10) years and, in her effectiveness and demonstrated leadership capacity,
10 served as the Chairperson of the All Islands Committee of the US CRTF; and

11 **WHEREAS**, Fran's continued education and experiences span topics as
12 coral reef management, grantmanship, leadership and management, endangered
13 species, conservation, planning, social marketing, and coral taxonomy to name a
14 few; and be it now

15 **RESOLVED**, that the Speaker and the Legislative Secretary attest to, the
16 adoption hereof, and that copies of the same be thereafter transmitted to; the
17 Director of the Division of Coastal Resources Management, Bureau of
18 Environmental and Coastal Quality; to the United States Coral Reef Task Force;
19 and to the Honorable Edward J.B. Calvo, *I Maga'lahaen Guåhan*; the Honorable
20 Ralph D.L.G. Torres, Governor of the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana
21 Islands.

DULY AND REGULARLY ADOPTED BY *I MINA'TRENTAI KUÁTTRO NA LIHESLATURAN GUÁHAN* ___ DAY OF _____, 2017.

BENJAMIN J.F. CRUZ

Speaker

RÉGINE BISCOE LEE

Legislative Secretary