



I MINA'TRENTAI KU'ATTRO NA LIHESLATURAN GU'AHAN
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
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2017 (FIRST) Regular Session**

Resolution No. 98-34 (CS)

Introduced by:

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

3 **WHEREAS**, Josefina Dorotea Mendiola Yamanaka was born on May 9, 1915
4 in the village of Agat, to proud parents Kioshi Diego and Catalina Mendiola
5 Yamanaka. Josefina currently resides in the beautiful village of Talofofu, also known
6 as "*God's Country*"; and

7 **WHEREAS**, Josefina married Mariano Mafnas Blas on June 7, 1941 and they
8 shared 33 years of marriage until Mariano's death in 1974. They raised nine children;
9 Joseph Anthony, David Marion, Edward Richard, Peter John, Henry Vincent,
10 Raymond Frankie, Catherine Rose Santos, Mary Doris Pablo, and Thomas James.
11 She has been blessed with 41 grandchildren, 85 great-grandchildren, and 11 great-
12 great grandchildren; and

1 **WHEREAS**, during World War II, Josefina was only 26 years old. She along
2 with her granddaughter Liza Mary Blas Matanane did a documentary to tell her
3 experience during WWII. Having lived through a war and experience the unfortunate
4 deportation of her father, she still manages to forgive and see only the good in all
5 people; and

6 **WHEREAS**, Josefina attended the College of Guam. Although she never
7 received a degree, she was an Educator for 34 years and is fondly remembered by her
8 former students and Talofofo residents as their first grade teacher. She also worked
9 as a Sales Clerk for Butlers; and

10 **WHEREAS**, Josefina is a huge baseball fan of the New York Yankees and Los
11 Angeles Dodgers. During her spare time, she enjoys crocheting and playing cards.
12 Being a devoted Catholic and very religious woman, she loves to pray the Divine
13 Mercy prayer and still carries on her annual Christmas tradition of the Nobenan Niñu
14 Jesus. Josefina was a devoted church goer and a San Miguel parish Christian Mother;
15 and

16 **WHEREAS**, Josefina's favorite foods are fish kelaguen from Fisherman's Co-
17 op, Mocha Frappe and strawberry lemonade from McDonalds and custard pie.
18 Josefina is well known for her delicious corn soup that she usually prepared for family
19 gatherings; and

20 **WHEREAS**, Josefina is a loving, wonderful, and unselfish mother to her
21 children, and grandmother to her grand, great-grand, and great-great grandchildren.
22 Her family feels so blessed to still have her in their lives. There is no doubt that her
23 good health and longevity are due to her faith, love and devotion to her family and
24 God; and now therefore, be it

25 **RESOLVED**, that *I Mina'Trentai Kuåttro Na Liheslaturan Guåhan* does
26 hereby, on behalf of the people of Guam, recognize Mrs. Josefina Dorotea Yamanaka

1 Blas as a 2017 Centenarian of Guam in observance of Senior Citizens Month; and to
2 wishing a warm *Magof Ha'ānen Mafañāgu-mu ni Siento-Dos Años*; and to further
3 extending an *Un Dāngkolo na Si Yu'os Ma'āse'* for being a beacon of hope and health
4 for all the people of Guam; and be it further

5 **RESOLVED**, that the Speaker and the Legislative Secretary attest to, the
6 adoption hereof, and that copies of the same be thereafter transmitted to Mrs. Josefina
7 Dorotea Yamanaka Blas; and to the Honorable Edward J.B. Calvo, *I Maga'lahren*
8 *Guåhan*.

DULY AND REGULARLY ADOPTED BY *I MINA'TRENTAI KUATTRO NA LIHESLATURAN GUÅHAN* ON THE ____ DAY OF ____ 2017.

Benjamin J.F. Cruz
Speaker

Régine Biscoe Lee
Legislative Secretary