

I MINA'TRENTAI SINGKO NA LIHESLATURAN GUÅHAN
RESOLUTIONS

Resolution No.	Sponsor	Title	Date Intro	Date of Presentation	Date Adopted	Date Referred	Referred to	PUBLIC HEARING DATE	DATE COMMITTEE REPORT FILED	NOTES
125-35 (COR)	Amanda L. Shelton	Relative to recognizing and congratulating Josefina Dorotea Yamanaka Blas on celebrating one hundred four (104) years of life in 2019; and to further honoring her as a Centenarian of the 2019 "Senior Citizen Month" celebration.	5/3/19 3:19 p.m.	5/9/19 TBA						

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Resolution No. **125** -35 (COR)

Introduced by:

Amanda L. Shelton

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2019 MAY -3 PM 3:19 PM

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

WHEREAS, Josefina Dorotea Mendiola Yamanaka was born on May 9, 1915 in the village of *Agat*, and is the daughter of Kioshi Diego and Catalina Mendiola Yamanaka. Josefina currently resides in the beautiful village of *Talofofo*; and

WHEREAS, Josefina married Mariano Mafnas Blas on June 7, 1941, and they shared thirty-three (33) years of marriage until his death in 1974. They said nine (9) children: Joseph Anthony, David Marion, Edward Richard, Peter John, Henry Vincent, Raymond Frankie, Catherine Rose, Mary Doris, and Thomas James; and has also been blessed with forty-three (43) grandchildren, ninety-six (96) great-grandchildren, and twenty-five great-great grandchildren; and

WHEREAS, during World War II, Josefina was only twenty-six (26) years old. She, along with her granddaughter Liza Mary Blas Mantanane, did a documentary to tell of her experiences during World War II. Having lived through a war experiencing

1 the unfortunate deportation of her father, she still manages to forgive and see only the
2 good in all people; and

3 **WHEREAS**, Josefina attended the College of Guam, and although she never
4 received a degree, she was an Educator for thirty-four (34) years. She is fondly
5 remembered by her former students and *Talofof* residents as their first (1st)-grade
6 teacher; and she had also worked as a Sales Clerk for Butlers; and

7 **WHEREAS**, Josefina is a huge baseball fan of the New York Yankees and Los
8 Angeles Dodgers. During her spare time, she enjoys crocheting, playing cards, and
9 watching ESPN. Being a devoted Catholic and very religious woman, she loves to
10 pray the Divine Mercy Prayer and still carries on her annual Christmas tradition of
11 having the *Noben* *Ninu Jesus*. Josefina is a devoted churchgoer and a member of the
12 Christian Mothers of the *San Miguel* Church Parish; and

13 **WHEREAS**, Josefina is a loving, wonderful, and unselfish mother to her
14 children and grandmother to her grand, great-grand, and great-great grandchildren;
15 and her family members feel so blessed to still have her in their lives. There is no
16 doubt that her good health and longevity are due to her faith, love, and devotion to her
17 family and God; now there, be it

18 **RESOLVED**, that the Committee on Rules of *I Mina'trentai Singko Na*
19 *Lihe**slaturan Guåhan* does hereby, on behalf of *I Lihe**slaturan Guåhan* and the people
20 of Guam, recognize and congratulate Josefina Dorotea Yamanaka Blas on celebrating
21 one hundred four (104) years of life in 2019; and does further honor her as a
22 Centenarian of the 2019 “Senior Citizen Month” celebration; and be it further;

23 **RESOLVED**, that the Speaker and the Chairperson of the Committee on Rules
24 certify, and the Legislative Secretary attest to, the adoption hereof, and that copies of
25 the same be thereafter transmitted to Josefina Dorotea Yamanaka Blas; and to the
26 Honorable Lourdes Leon Guerrero, *I Maga'hågan Guåhan*.

**DULY AND REGULARLY ADOPTED BY THE COMMITTEE ON RULES OF
I MINA'TRENTAI SINGKO NA LIHESLATURAN GUÁHAN ON THE DAY
OF MONTH 2019.**

TINA ROSE MUÑA-BARNES
Speaker

RÉGINE BISCOE LEE
Chairperson, Committee on Rules

AMANDA L. SHELTON
Legislative Secretary