

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
87-35 (LS)	Clynt Ridgell	Relative to recognizing and thanking Mr. Robert M. Guzman for his determination to preserve the history of the Guam Fire Department by gathering names and photos and personal information about fellow firefighters who came before him and those who currently provide emergency response to the citizens of Guåhan and for being the first person to document them in photo collages from the First (1st) Fire Cycle in 1977 through the Twentieth (20th) Fire Cycle in 2014.	3/26/19 9:37a.m.	4/8/2019 9:00a.m.						

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Introduced by:

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1 **BE IT RESOLVED BY *I MINA'TRENTAI SINGKO NA LIHESLATURAN***
2 ***GUÅHAN*:**

3 **WHEREAS**, Robert M. Guzman, a son of *Guåhan*, who was born on March 4,
4 1963, resides in Santa Rita with his wife, Lorraine P. Guzman, and their three (3)
5 children, Jhon, Robby, and Ryan; Robert is the fifth (5th) of seven (7) siblings; and

6 **WHEREAS**, Robert graduated from high school at the Guam Community
7 College (GCC) in May of 1981. He enlisted and served four (4) years in the U.S. Army
8 as an active military service member from September 1981 through September 1985.
9 Robert then enlisted in the Guam Air National Guard in November 1985 and retired in
10 March 2016; and

11 **WHEREAS**, Robert joined and graduated from the Fire Academy at GCC in
12 1989. Robert started his career in the Guam Fire Department on May 15, 1989. He is
13 the only one in the Guam Fire Department to serve twenty-nine (29) years and eight (8)

1 months—almost thirty (30) years, consecutively—before retiring on January 18, 2019;
2 and

3 **WHEREAS**, Robert's selfless nature allowed everyone around him to prosper in
4 their duties. Using his own resources, he would go above and beyond to make sure that
5 in the workplace, everyone was well equipped and that the establishment was properly
6 functioning and maintained. He instilled a sense of pride in everyone who crossed his
7 path at the workplace as well as in the community; and

8 **WHEREAS**, Robert's commitment to his duties and to the community as a first
9 responder in the Guam Fire Department who provided first aid treatment, life-support
10 measures, and comfort during an emergency or disaster paved the way and inspired him
11 to pursue the project of duly recognizing and documenting the information of all past
12 women and men who bravely and tirelessly served, continue to serve, and will serve in
13 the Guam Fire Department, continuing the tradition to protect and serve the community;
14 and

15 **WHEREAS**, on his personal time, Robert gathered previously unattainable
16 information and photos of each fire cycle's graduating class to document, preserve, and
17 archive the historical information of all women and men who willingly put their lives
18 on the line to protect the people of *Guåhan* in service with the Guam Fire Department;
19 and

20 **WHEREAS**, Robert researched extensively and personally endeavored to make
21 sure all names and photos he gathered were documented and framed. His archives date
22 back to the First (1st) Fire Cycle in 1977 through the Twentieth (20th) Fire Cycle in 2014,
23 and he eagerly awaits completion of the Twenty-First (21st) Fire Cycle's graduation to
24 acquire pictures and names of graduates; and

1 **WHEREAS**, Robert is continuously working to gather information of the women
2 and men who served prior to 1977, when the Guam Police Department and Guam Fire
3 Department fell under the auspices of the enabled Department of Public Safety; and

4 **WHEREAS**, Robert Guzman pursued this project as a cherished personal hobby
5 but also for the sake of historical preservation for his fellow firefighters and future
6 generations to enjoy and to connect the present with the past, in honor of those who
7 have come before him; and

8 **WHEREAS**, in his retirement, his physical absence is noticed at the fire stations,
9 but his love for his fire service family is now etched in the hearts of those he has inspired
10 and those he has mentored. Because of his giving nature, unselfish ways, and his
11 positivity, he is fondly described as *geftao* by those closest to him; and now, therefore
12 be it

13 **RESOLVED**, that *I Mina'trentai Singko na Liheslaturan Guåhan* does hereby,
14 on behalf of the people of Guam, extends gratitude and appreciation to the family of
15 Mr. Robert M. Guzman for their love and support during his time of service of almost
16 thirty (30) years to our island; and be it further

17 **RESOLVED**, that *I Mina'trentai Singko Na Liheslaturan Guåhan* does hereby,
18 on behalf of the people of Guam, recognize, thank, and commend Mr. Robert M.
19 Guzman for his years of service to the people of *Guåhan* and for his time and his
20 dedication to presenting our island with this gift of documenting and archiving our fire
21 service members of the Guam Fire Department; and be it further

22 **RESOLVED**, that the Speaker and the Chairperson of the Committee on Rules
23 certify, and the Legislative Secretary attest to, the adoption hereof, and that copies of
24 the same be thereafter transmitted to Mr. Robert M. Guzman and to the Honorable
25 Lourdes A. Leon Guerrero, *I Maga'hågan Guåhan*.

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

TINA ROSE MUÑA BARNES
Speaker

RÉGINE BISCOE LEE
Chairperson, Committee on Rules

AMANDA L. SHELTON
Legislative Secretary