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RESOLUTIONS

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August 25, 2020

The Honorable Régine Biscoe Lee 

Chair, Committee on Rules

I Mina'trentai Singko na Liheslaturan Guåhan

163 Chalan Santo Papa

Hagåtña, Guam 96910

RE: Author's Report on Resolution No. 324-35 (COR)

Dear Chair Biscoe Lee:

Transmitted herewith for consideration by the Body is the Author's Report on Resolution No. 324-35 (COR) – Speaker Tina Rose Muña Barnes - **Relative to supporting the Republic of China's (Taiwan) participation in the World Health Organization and to further commending them for their successful response to the COVID-19 pandemic.**

Si Yu'os Ma'åse',

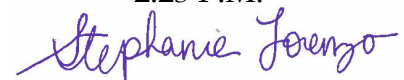

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AUTHOR'S REPORT

Resolution No. 324-35 (COR)

Speaker Tina Rose Muña Barnes

RELATIVE TO SUPPORTING THE REPUBLIC OF CHINA'S (TAIWAN) PARTICIPATION IN THE WORLD HEALTH ORGANIZATION AND TO FURTHER COMMENDING THEM FOR THEIR SUCCESSFUL RESPONSE TO THE COVID-19 PANDEMIC.



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May 13, 2020

MEMO

To: **Rennae Meno**
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Attorney Ana Won Pat-Borja
Legislative Legal Counsel

From: **Senator Régine Biscoe Lee**
Chair, Committee on Rules

Re: **Referral of Resolution No. 324-35 (COR)**

Buenas yan Håfa Adai,

As per my authority as Chair of the Committee on Rules, I am forwarding the referral of **Resolution No. 324-35 (COR)**.

Please ensure that the subject resolution is referred to **Speaker Tina Rose Muña Barnes, author of Resolution No. 324-35 (COR)**.

If you have any questions or concerns, please feel free to contact Mary Maravilla, Committee on Rules Director at 472-2461.

Thank you for your attention to this matter. *Si Yu'os Ma'åse'.*

Respectfully,


Senator Régine Biscoe Lee
Chair, Committee on Rules



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July 1, 2020

MEMORANDUM**TO: All Senators, Media, and Stakeholders****FROM: Speaker Tina Rose Muña Barnes**

Chairperson, Committee on Public Accountability, Human Resources, and the Guam Buildup

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Committee on Public Accountability, Human Resources and the Guam Buildup

July 1, 2020

MEMORANDUM

TO: All Senators, Media, and Stakeholders

FROM: Speaker Tina Rose Muña Barnes

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July 7, 2020

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Committee on Public Accountability, Human Resources and the Guam Buildup

July 7, 2020

MEMORANDUM

TO: All Senators, Media, and Stakeholders

FROM: Speaker Tina Rose Muña Barnes
Chairperson, Committee on Public Accountability, Human Resources, and the Guam Buildup

SUBJECT: **SECOND NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING** – Thursday, July 9, 2020 at 1pm

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AGENDA

Thursday, July 9, 2020 at 1 PM

Public Hearing

Via Zoom Conference Platform

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TINA ROSE MUÑA BARNES

Public Hearing

Thursday, July 9, 2020, 1 PM

I Liheslaturan Guåhan, Virtual Public Hearing

Resolution No. 324-35(COR) – Speaker Tina Rose Muña Barnes

RELATIVE TO SUPPORTING THE REPUBLIC OF CHINA'S (TAIWAN) PARTICIPATION IN THE WORLD HEALTH ORGANIZATION AND TO FURTHER COMMENDING THEM FOR THEIR SUCCESSFUL RESPONSE TO THE COVID-19 PANDEMIC.

Name	Agency/ Organization	Oral Testimony	Written Testimony	Support	Not in Support	Contact Information
His Excellency Wallace MG Chow	Embassy of the Republic of China (Taiwan) to the Republic of Palau		✓	✓		plw@mofa.gov.tw
Edward Blounts	Guam Medical Society		✓	✓		theguammedicalsociety@gmail.com

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June 9th, 2020

Hon. Tina Rose Muña Barnes
Speaker, 35th Guam Legislature
163 Chalan Santo Papa
Hagatna, Guam 96910

Dear Speaker Barnes,

Thank you for offering us the opportunity to attend the public hearing on June 11, 2020. While it is not convenient for us to participate on-line due to some technical issues, I am more than happy to provide some perspectives of Taiwan.

Participating in the WHO is a shared aspiration of Taiwanese people. Taiwan government has strived to achieve this important objective in the past few years, but been turned down due to political considerations.

The outbreak of the Covid-19 has demonstrated that disease knows no borders. Only through international cooperation can we contain the pandemic and expedite the development of vaccines. Taiwan currently has been working hard to expand antipandemic cooperation with like-minded countries like the US, some European countries and donated surgical masks and medical supplies to nations/areas in need to manifest the spirit that Taiwan can help and Taiwan is helping.

Taiwan needs to participate in WHA because we believe that face-to-face interactions build mutual trust and forge partnerships—key facets in strengthening the global disease control network. Through participating in the WHA, Taiwan can learn from the global community and contribute by sharing its health care expertise.

I take this opportunity to thank you and your colleagues for standing up for the just cause of Taiwan and for the universal belief that health is the fundamental rights of every human beings.

Sincerely yours,


Wallace M.G. Chow
Ambassador

To: Speaker Tina Muna Barnes
Fr: Edward Blounts DO, President the Guam Medical Society
Re: Taiwan and participation in WHO

June 10, 2020

The Guam Medical Society stands with Speaker Tina Muna Barnes in supporting the participation of Taiwan into the WHO. Taiwan has been of tremendous help to the people and the health care community of Guam for years and has proven to be a good neighbor.

First I would like to mention that Guam was short on personal protective equipment at the height of our COVID caseload. Taiwan heard our call and donated high quality surgical masks. These masks helped us provide care for our affected patients without compromising our safety. These surgical masks were the most needed piece of PPE on all of Guam. Taiwan has also donated these masks locally to our brothers in the Federated States of Micronesia and to the rest of the world as well. They have helped us when we needed it.

Another way Taiwan helps Guam is through medical referrals. Guam does a very good job meeting the health care needs of its population but there are some instances where we don't have certain sub specialists or certain equipment available and we have to send out patients off island to receive the care they need to get well. Taiwan provides a very close option with top of the line medical care.

Lastly Taiwan sends its physicians here to teach our physicians. They have reached out to our medical society and want to let us know what they have to offer and how we can use them. Also some Taiwan born and trained physicians work on Guam and provide great care to their patients.

Taiwan has helped both Guam and the Guam Medical Society over the years and I am happy to stand with the speaker in support of Taiwan's participation in the WHO



Edward Blounts DO
President Guam Medical Society 2019, 2020



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TINA ROSE MUÑA BARNES

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AUTHOR REPORT DIGEST

I. OVERVIEW

Resolution No. 324-35 (COR) was introduced on April 24, 2020 by Speaker Tina Rose Muña Barnes and was subsequently referred by the Committee on Rules to the Author, Speaker Tina Rose Muña Barnes, on May 13, 2020. Speaker Tina Rose Muña Barnes, author, convened an Author's virtual public hearing on resolution **324-35 (COR)** on July 9, 2020 at 1:00 pm via Zoom Conference Platform.

Public Notice Requirements

Public Hearing notices were disseminated via e-mail to all senators and all main media broadcasting outlets on Wednesday, July 1, 2020 (5-Day Notice), and again on Tuesday, July 7, 2020 (48-Hour Notice).

Senators Present

Speaker Tina Rose Muña Barnes, Author

Senator Telo Taitague

Senator Mary C. Torres

Attendees

Daniel Leon Guerrero, Civil Service Commission Executive Director (Not Testifying)

Mark Wang, Public Policy Institute Intern (Not Testifying)

Aila Cassandra Rodriguez, Public Policy Institute Intern (Not Testifying)

II. SUMMARY OF TESTIMONY & DISCUSSION

The public hearing was called to order at 1:01 pm.

Speaker Tina Muña Barnes: *Buenas Yan Håfa Adai Todus Hamyo!* This hearing by the Committee on Public Accountability, Human Resources, and the Guam Buildup is now called to order the time is 1:01 pm.

For the record and in accordance with 5 GCA, Chapter 8, Subsection 8107, public hearing notices were sent on Wednesday, July 1, 2020 adhering to the five (5) days' notice, and a second public notice on Tuesday, July 7, 2020, for the forty-eight (48) hour prior notice.

In addition, this hearing was noticed on the legislature's website it was at www.guamlegislature.com, and written testimonies for these items on the agenda may be submitted by emailing speaker@guamlegislature.org or you may hand deliver to our office at 163 Chalan Santo Papa, Hagåtña, Guam. And ladies and gentlemen I want to thank all you guys for being here and on the agenda ladies and gentlemen we will have the first one – action item will be Resolution No. 324-35 (COR) as introduced by myself. It's relative to supporting the Republic of China – Taiwan's participation in the World Health Organization and to further commending them for their successful response to the COVID-19 pandemic.

Resolution No. 335-35 (COR) as introduced by myself, Tina Rose Muña Barnes it's relative to supporting statehood for the people of Washington D.C.

We also have ladies and gentlemen Bill No. 312-35 (LS) as introduced by Senator Mary Camacho Torres and myself Speaker Tina Rose Muña Barnes, which is AN ACT TO AMEND §4403(d) THROUGH (f), ARTICLE 4, CHAPTER 4, TITLE 4, GUAM CODE ANNOTATED, RELATIVE TO AUTHORIZING THE CIVIL SERVICE COMMISSION TO NULL AND VOID PERSONNEL ACTIONS WHICH ARE IN VIOLATION OF EXISTING LAWS OR REGULATIONS, AND TO ESTABLISHING PENALTIES FOR PUBLIC OFFICIALS WHO UNJUSTIFIABLY REFUSE TO COOPERATE WITH SUCH INVESTIGATIONS; AND TO FURTHER AMEND §4406 OF ARTICLE 4, CHAPTER 4, TITLE 4, GUAM CODE ANNOTATED, RELATIVE TO REMOVING THE APPLICATION OF THE NINETY DAY RULE FOR POST AUDIT INVESTIGATIONS; AND TO FURTHER AMEND §4408 OF ARTICLE 4, CHAPTER 4, TITLE 4, GUAM CODE ANNOTATED, RELATIVE TO THE ENFORCEMENT OF CIVIL SERVICE COMMISSION ORDERS.

Joining me here this afternoon, I see that Senator Mary Torres is with me I know that my policy team is also here thank you very much and we will go ahead and share some rules of engagement. We ask those that are testifying to abide by the following: To broadcast from a quiet room with little to no interruptions; Two, to broadcast from a room with adequate lighting— specifically to ensure that the participant's face is visible and not backlit; Three, to ensure participant's face is visible at all times; Four, to be properly attired; Five, to use only respectful and professional language and conduct. Virtual backgrounds should not be utilized during public hearings. I ask everyone here to keep your audio on mute until you are recognized. Please remain in the meeting room for any questions by my colleagues and those of who – who do not follow these rules of engagement will be removed from this meeting.

With that being said – before I do that, I also want to thank the audio team from the legislature for providing us this outlet for us to facilitate these – this public hearing. And with that being said, we will now move on to the first item on the agenda, Resolution No. 324-35 (COR) Relative to supporting the Republic of China – Taiwan's participation in the World Health Organization and to further commending them for their successful response to the COVID-19 pandemic.

I will share a brief opening statement this resolution 324-35 (COR) was introduced on April 24, 2020 in anticipation of the World Health Assembly that was supposed to be held on May 18th, 2020. Although we were not able to get this through the legislature expediently due to other legislative matters at hand it is still important that the Guam Legislature continues to advocate for greater participation and elevate the health needs and priorities of our region at the international



meetings. And at this time, I would like to read a resolution – If I may just for the listening audience, thank you Senator Torres again for being a part of this public hearing.

I will read the resolution so that the listening audience can hear what it is all about and it is relative to supporting the Republic of China – Taiwan's participation in the World Health Organization and to further commending them for their successful response to the COVID-19 pandemic.

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

WHEREAS, One Hundred and Nine years ago on October 10, 1911, the republic of China was founded. The United States of America and the Republic of China have been friends and allies for many years. Throughout this time the ties of friendship and the commercial interests of the United States of America and the Republic of China (Taiwan) have developed into a strong partnership; and

WHEREAS, the freedom and democracy enjoyed by the people of the Republic of China (Taiwan) are clearly demonstrated in the progress and growth of the economy of this great country. In furthering its commitment to freedom and democracy Taiwan continues to seek representation in international organizations; and

WHEREAS, in April 2008, *I Liheslaturan Guåhan* adopted Legislative Resolutions commending the efforts of the Republic of China (Taiwan) to promote World Health and had endorsed Taiwan's observer status in the World Health Assembly. The people of Guam have maintained a special Sister-City relationship with the people of Taipei City since 1973, and believe that good health is important to every citizen of the world and that access to the highest standard of health information and services is necessary to improve the public health; and

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WHEREAS, Taiwan's achievement in the field of health are substantial, including one of the highest life expectancy levels in Asia; maternal and infant mortality rates comparable to those of western countries; the eradication of such infectious diseases as cholera, smallpox and the plague; and being the first nation to eradicate polio and provide children with Hepatitis B vaccinations; and

WHEREAS, Direct and unobstructed participation in international health cooperation forums and programs is beneficial for all parts of the world, especially with today's greater potential for cross-border spread of various infectious diseases such as human immunodeficiency virus (HIV),



tuberculosis, malaria, and the 2019 Novel Coronavirus (COVID-19). The 2019, Novel Coronavirus (COVID-19) pandemic that has ravaged the World has shown the acute need for the complete cooperation of all members of the international community in matters of health. Because we live in a world that is closely linked by travel and commerce, any loophole in the prevention and treatment network presents a danger for the entire global community; and

WHEREAS, On January 5, 2020, the WHO published their first Disease Outbreak News on Novel Coronavirus (COVID-19) and the public health response to the cases in Wuhan China (People's Republic of China). Prior to the WHO's January 5th publication, the Republic of China (Taiwan) initiated a series of one hundred twenty-four (124) actions to respond to the COVID-19 outbreak from December 31st to February 21st (2020). Due to their decisive response to the COVID-19 pandemic, Taiwan currently has three hundred ninety-three (393) confirmed COVID-19 cases, and six (6) deaths out of a population of twenty-three million five hundred thousand (23,500,000). On March 19, 2020, President Tsai Ing-wen announced on Twitter that the Republic of China (Taiwan) is "willing to contribute [their] capabilities to better protect human health around the world;" and on April 1, 2020 the Republic of China pledged to donate ten million (10,000,000) masks to the United States, and eleven (11) other countries, as well as, their diplomatic allies. The republic of China's commitment to their fellow nations during the COVID-19 pandemic is just one of several instances in which the republic has expressed their willingness to provide the WHO with financial and technical assistance; and

WHEREAS, the World Health assembly has allowed observers to participate in activities of the organization, including the Palestine Liberation Organization in 1974, the Order of Malta, and the Holy See in the early 1950s. The United States, in the 1994 Taiwan Policy Review, declared its intention to support Taiwan's participation in appropriate international organizations. U.S. Public Law 106-137 required the Secretary of State to submit a report to the congress on efforts by the executive branch to support Taiwan's participation in international organizations, in particular the WHO; and

WHEREAS, in line with the Taiwan Relations Act of 1979, Asia Reassurance Initiative Act of 2018, as well as the recently enacted Taiwan Allies International Protection and Enhancement Initiative (TAIPEI) Act of 2019, Guam intends to continue to maintain relationships with one of our closest democratic countries in the Pacific; and now, therefore be it

RESOLVED, that the Committee on Rules of *I Mina'trentai Singko Na Liheslaturan Guåhan* does hereby, on behalf of the people of Guam, in light of all benefits that the Republic of China's (Taiwan) participation in the WHO can bring to the state of health not only in Taiwan, but also regionally and globally, Taiwan and its twenty-three million five hundred thousand (23,500,000) people should have appropriate and meaningful participation in the WHO. As noted in his speech made in the World Medical Association on May 14, 2002, Secretary of Health and Human Services Tommy Thompson announced America's work for a healthy world cuts across political lines. According to Secretary Thompson, the U.S. government supports Taiwan's efforts to gain observer status at the World Health Assembly; and be it further

RESOLVED, that *I Mina'trentai Singko Na Liheslaturan Guåhan*, on behalf of the people of Guam, does hereby express its support for the people of Taiwan, that they deserve the same level of public health as citizens of every nation on earth, and that we support them in their efforts to



achieve its objective to become an observer of WHO; and commend them for their successful response to the COVID-19 pandemic; and be it further

RESOLVED, that the Speaker and the Chairperson of the Committee on Rules certify, and the Legislative Secretary attest to, the adoption hereof, and that copies of the same be thereafter transmitted to the Honorable Tedros Adhanom Ghebreyesus, Director General, World Health Organization; to the Honorable Donald J. Trump, President of the United States of America; to the Honorable Mike Pompeo, Secretary of State, United States of America; to the Honorable Alex M. Azar II, Secretary of Health and Human Services, United States of America; to Her Excellency Tsai Ing-wen, President, Republic of China (Taiwan); to the His Excellency Joseph Wu, Minister, Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Republic of China (Taiwan); to the Honorable Chen Shih-chung, Minister, Ministry of Health and Welfare, Republic of China (Taiwan); to His Excellency Wallace M.G Chow, Ambassador of the Republic of China (Taiwan) in Palau; to the Honorable António Guterres, Secretary General of the United Nations; to the United States Congressional Taiwan Caucus; to the Honorable Michael F.Q. San Nicolas, Guam's Delegate to the United States Congress and to the Honorable Lourdes A. Leon Guerrero, *I Maga'hågan Guåhan*.

DULY AND REGULARLY ADOPTED BY THE COMMITTEE ON RULES OF *I MINA'TRENTAI SINGKO NA LIHESLATURAN GUÅHAN*. It was signed by myself, Speaker Tina Muña Barnes, Committee on Rules Chairperson Senator Reginé Biscoe Lee, and our Legislative Secretary Senator Amanda Shelton.

Ladies and gentlemen, and colleagues here today we did receive a letter from the Embassy of the Republic of China, and it says "Dear Speaker Barnes, thank you for offering us the opportunity to attend the public hearing.

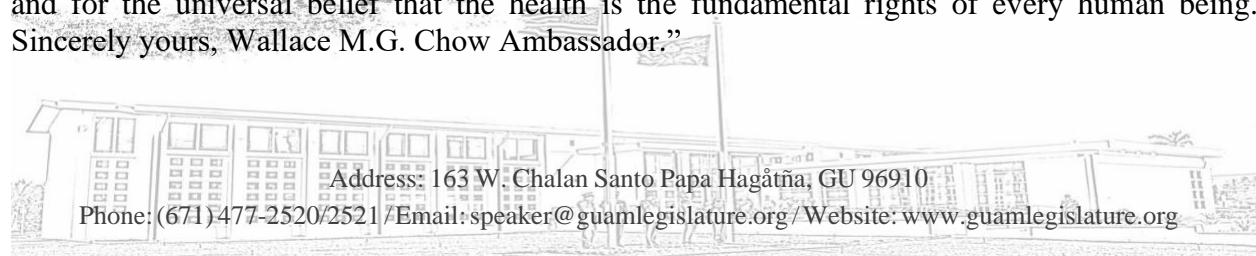
While it is not convenient for us to participate online due to some technical issues, I am more than happy to provide some perspectives of Taiwan.

Participating in the WHO is a shared aspiration of Taiwanese people. Taiwan government has strived to achieve this important objective in the past few years but been turned down due to political considerations.

The outbreak of the Covid-19 has demonstrated that disease knows no borders. Only through international cooperation can we contain the pandemic and expedite the development of vaccines. Taiwan currently has been working hard to expand anti-pandemic cooperation with like-minded countries like the US, some European countries and donated surgical masks and medical supplies to nations and areas in the need to manifest the spirit that Taiwan can help, and Taiwan is helping.

Taiwan needs to participate in WHA because we believe that face to face interactions build mutual trust and forge partnerships- key facets in strengthening the global disease control network. Through participating in the WHA, Taiwan can learn from the global community and contribute by sharing its health care expertise.

I take this opportunity to thank you and your colleagues for standing up for the just cause of Taiwan and for the universal belief that the health is the fundamental rights of every human being. Sincerely yours, Wallace M.G. Chow Ambassador."



I also have from the Guam Medical Society- is Edward Blounts online with us? If not its really important that I just read this real fast. It was "The Guam Medical Society stands with Speaker Tina Muña Barnes in supporting the participation of Taiwan into the WHO. Taiwan has been of tremendous support to the people and the health care community of Guam for years and has proven to be a good neighbor.

First, I would like to mention that Guam was short on personal protective equipment at the height of our COVID caseload. Taiwan heard our call and donated high quality surgical masks. These masks helped us provide care for our affected patients without compromising our safety. These surgical masks were the most needed piece of PPE in all of Guam. Taiwan has also donated these masks locally to our bothers in the Federated States of Micronesia and to the rest of the world as well. They have helped us when we needed it.

Another way Taiwan helps Guam is through medical referrals. Guam does a very good job meeting the health care needs of its population but there are some instances where we don't have certain sub specialists or certain equipment available and we have to send out patients off island to receive the care they need to get well. Taiwan provides a very close option with top of the line medical care.

Lastly Taiwan sends its physicians here to teach our physicians. They have reached out to our medical society and want to let us know what they have to offer and how we can use them. Also, some Taiwan born, and trained physicians work on Guam and provide great care to their patients. Taiwan has helped both Guam and the Guam Medical Society over the years and I am happy to stand with the Speaker in support of Taiwan's participation in the WHO. Edward Blounts, DO President of the Guam Medical Society 2019 and 2020."

I don't have any other testimony, but I would like to open it to Senator Mary Torres if you would like to share anything regarding resolution 324-35 Senator Torres?

Senator Mary C. Torres: Thank you madam Chair, I don't have any comments I think what you covered in the testimony of support more than sufficiently covers all the angles of support, so I have nothing further to add thank you.

Speaker Tina Muña Barnes: (Inaudible) thank the good work of our counterparts in Taiwan especially the Taiwan community of Guam who continue to step up to the plate and help our community out in any way they can. And we are especially grateful for the reopening of our Taiwan economic and cultural office I know that we're going to be calling it TECO they will be opening their office on our island- and I know that our island would be able to create a greater level of economic development and collaboration. And I want to share that this, this written testimony has been submitted by the Ambassador of the Republic of China Taiwan and the Republic of Taiwan Dr. Blount's president of the Guam Medical Center I will submit that to the committee for- it's a pending and, and if there's no other one or a report to Resolution number 324-35 (COR) I will call that this resolution be duly heard and we will move on to the next



resolution which is resolution number 312- I'm sorry 335. I apologize, 335-35 (COR) and its relative to supporting the statehood for the people of Washington D.C.

The public hearing was adjourned at 2:50 PM

III. WRITTEN TESTIMONIES IN SUPPORT OF RESOLUTION NO. 324-35 (COR).

- Wallace M.G. Chow Ambassador Republic of China (Taiwan)
- Edward Blounts, DO President of the Guam Medical Society 2019 and 2020

IV. FINDING & RECOMMENDATIONS

Speaker Tina Rose Muña Barnes, Author, hereby reports out Resolution No. 324-35 (COR), As Introduced.



I MINA'TRENTAI SINGKO NA LIHESLATURAN GUÅHAN
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Resolution No. 324 -35 (COR)

Introduced by:

Tina Rose Muña Barnes 

Relative to supporting the Republic of China's (Taiwan) participation in the World Health Organization and to further commending them for their successful response to the COVID-19 pandemic.

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

WHEREAS, One Hundred and Nine years ago on October 10, 1911, the Republic of China was founded. The United States of America and the Republic of China have been friends and allies for many years. Throughout this time the ties of friendship and the commercial interests of the United States of America and the Republic of China have developed into a strong partnership; and

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1 citizen of the world and believe that access to the highest standard of health
2 information and services is necessary to improve the public health; and

3 **WHEREAS**, the preamble of the World Health Organization (WHO)
4 Constitution states that “the enjoyment of the highest attainable standard of health is
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7 five hundred thousand (23,500,000) people wish to attend the WHA as an observer;
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26 Because we live in a world that is closely linked by travel and commerce, any

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TINA ROSE MUÑA BARNES
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