

*I Mina' Trentai Dos Na Liheslaturan Guåhan*

**Resolutions Log Sheet**

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<b>515-32 (LS)</b>	T.R. Muña Barnes B.J. F. Cruz	Relative to Recognizing and Commending the Late Geronimo (Romy)Fejeran Lagaña and Herta Klement Lagaña as Guam's first Chamorro Licensed Bed and Breakfast Proprietors in the U.S. Territory of Guam	12/16/14 12:52 p.m.	12/19/14			<b>12/16/14</b>

***I MINA'TRENTAI DOS NA LIHESLATURAN GUÅHAN***  
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**Resolution No. 515-32 (LS)**

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**Relative to recognizing and commending the late Geronimo (Romy) Fejeran Laguaña and Herta Klement Laguaña as Guam's first *Chamorro* licensed bed and breakfast proprietors in Guam.**

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

3        **WHEREAS**, in 2014, 1.3 million visitors visited Guam, a U.S. territory whose  
4        land area is 214 square miles (549 square kilometers), and located 13.28 degrees  
5        north, and longitude 144.47 east. Guam is the largest and southernmost of the Mariana  
6        Islands in the Micronesian region of the western Pacific, and many visitors come to  
7        experience the island's 4,000 year old rich culture, history, heritage, peoples, natural  
8        and pristine environment; and

1           **WHEREAS**, the travel industry on Guam started in 1952; and today it is the  
2 number one industry of Guam, and the lifeblood of Guam's economy. The success of  
3 the tourism industry hinges on the hard work and commitment of the travel industry  
4 professionals who work every day to provide the best service and travel experience  
5 possible to our visitors from around the world; and

6           **WHEREAS**, Guam offers visitors various types of lodging accommodations,  
7 such as hotels, motels, condominiums, and apartments, as well as Bed and Breakfast  
8 (B & B) homestays with local families; and

9           **WHEREAS**, authentic B & B homestay facilities around the world have  
10 become a popular option for people traveling, mostly because of the excellent and  
11 personalized attention provided to travelers; and the benefit of staying in a B & B  
12 homestay facility is that it offers a different and rewarding experience. On Guam, B &  
13 B homestays also tend to have their own colorful and unique character indicative of  
14 the destination's brand of local culture and the character of its people. Even better, B  
15 & B owners often have many tips concerning the best things to see and do on the  
16 island from a local perspective; and

17           **WHEREAS**, the Guam Garden Villa B & B homestay is the island's very first  
18 *Chamorro* bed and breakfast homestay facility. It is licensed by the government of  
19 Guam to conduct business and has operated consistently for the past twenty-nine (29)  
20 years, sharing the warm and friendly *Chamorro* island hospitality in a comfortable  
21 atmosphere to over one thousand (1,000) guests from countries throughout the world,  
22 to include Australia, Africa, Austria, Canada, China, Hong Kong, Denmark, Germany,  
23 Italy, Israel, Ireland, Netherlands, Sweden, England, Finland, Fiji, Japan, Korea,  
24 Solomon Islands, Saipan, Samoa, Papua New Guinea, Philippines, New Caledonia,  
25 Norway, Malaysia, Mexico, Micronesia, Philippines, Singapore, Scotland,  
26 Switzerland, Taiwan, the United States mainland, and New Zealand. Each visitor of

1 the Guam Garden Villa B & B homestay is greeted as a personal friend and special  
2 house guest. The late Romy Laguaña and Mrs. Herta Klement Laguaña, and their  
3 family, have enjoyed sharing what they know about their homeland and culture with  
4 their guests; and

5 **WHEREAS**, since 1985, Herta and the late Romy Laguaña have been active  
6 members of good standing with the Guam Visitors Bureau, and have worked hard to  
7 provide the best possible *Chamorro* island hospitality to each of their B & B Home  
8 stay house guests. The Laguaña family have incorporated the “*Hafa Adai*” spirit into  
9 their business since they opened their home to the world, which has accounted for  
10 many repeat visitors to their facility. Topping the list as the highest frequented  
11 returning guest is Ms. Natzuko Mitsutani from Shinagawa, Japan, who just arrived  
12 this week, making it her thirty-third (33<sup>rd</sup>) visit to Guam; and

13 **WHEREAS**, in 1956, the late Geronimo (Romy) Fejeran Laguaña married  
14 Herta Klement, a German fraulein. Romy, a heroic and decorated Vietnam War  
15 Veteran proudly served for twenty-one (21) years; retired from the U.S. Army, and  
16 settled his family back on Guam in 1971. Sadly, Romy died on Guam on January 25,  
17 1990; and

18 **WHEREAS**, Herta Klement Laguaña, from New-Ulm, Germany, first came to  
19 Guam as a wife of *Chamorro* Army soldier †Romy Laguana in 1960; and she has  
20 lived continuously on our island since 1972 when †Romy retired from the military;  
21 and

22 **WHEREAS**, †Romy and Herta were blessed with five (5) children: María  
23 Laguaña Perez of *Sinajana*; Pilar Laguaña of *Tamuning*; Herta Laguaña Dela Cruz of  
24 *Maite*; Romy Laguaña of *Ordot*; and David Laguaña of *Sinajana*; and

25 **WHEREAS**, the Guam Garden Villa B & B homestay facility is located at 193  
26 Ramirez Drive in the central village of *Ordot*; and the affordable room rental price of


1 Guam Garden Villa B & B homestay has attracted over one thousand (1,000) unique  
2 tourists to Guam, who would not have opted for a hotel, but rather sought home stay  
3 accommodations that gave them a true *Chamorro* lifestyle experience, and the  
4 creation of unique friendships. These types of visitors include extended and repeated  
5 stay tourists, students, educators, business travelers, military veterans, adventure  
6 seekers, and world travelers seeking enriched and meaningful travel experiences; and

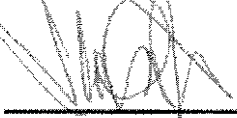
7 **WHEREAS**, since the opening of the Guam Garden Villa B &B homestay by  
8 the Lagaña family, several other bed & breakfast home stays have been inspired to  
9 do the same, adding various accommodation options to visiting tourists today; now  
10 therefore, be it

11 **RESOLVED**, that *I Mina'Trentai Dos Na Liheslaturan Guåhan* does hereby,  
12 on behalf of the people of Guam, recognize and commend the late Geronimo (Romy)  
13 Fejeran and Herta Klement Lagaña and family for opening Guam's first *Chamorro*  
14 bed and breakfast homestay in Guam; and for contributing rich and unique travel  
15 experiences by sharing the "*Hafa Adai*" spirit with our international visitors; and be it  
16 further

17 **RESOLVED**, that the Speaker certify, and the Legislative Secretary attest to,  
18 the adoption hereof, and that copies of the same be thereafter transmitted to Herta  
19 Klement Lagaña; and to the Honorable Edward J.B. Calvo, *I Maga'lahen Guåhan*.

**DULY AND REGULARLY ADOPTED BY *I MINA'TRENTAI DOS NA LIHESLATURAN GUÅHAN* ON THE 16<sup>TH</sup> DAY OF DECEMBER 2014.**

  
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**JUDITH T. WON PAT, Ed.D.**  
Speaker

  
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**TINA ROSE MUÑA BARNES**  
Legislative Secretary