

I Mina Trentai Tres Na Liheslaturan Guåhan
Resolutions Log Sheet

| Resolution No. | Sponsor | Title | Date Intro | Date of Presentation | Date Referred | Committee / Ofc Referred | PUBLIC HEARING DATE | DATE COMMITTEE REPORT FILED | Date Adopted |
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| 233-33 (COR) | Judith T. Won Pat, Ed.D. Rory J. Respicio James V. Espaldon | Relative to recognizing and honoring the late Senator Katherine "Kathy" Kesolei, for her accomplishments and her many years of service to the Republic of Palau, and extending condolences to her family on behalf of the people of Guam. | 11/05/15 2:32 p.m. | 11/06/15 off- island | | | | | 11/05/15 |

I MINA'TRENTAI TRES NA LIHESLATURAN GUÅHAN
2015 (FIRST) Regular Session

Resolution No. 233-33 (COR)

Introduced by:

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Relative to recognizing and honoring the late Senator Katherine “Kathy” Kesolei, for her accomplishments and her many years of service to the Republic of Palau, and extending condolences to her family on behalf of the people of Guam.

1 **BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COMMITTEE ON RULES OF I**
2 ***MINA'TRENTAI TRES NA LIHESLATURAN GUÅHAN:***
3 **WHEREAS,** the late Senator Kathy Kesolei was born on April 30, 1942, to the
4 late Kesolei Rebluud and Siluai Oseked, and was raised by the late Ngirarisong
5 Oseked and Dirrarisong Merkii; and

1 **WHEREAS**, Senator Kathy Kesolei is survived by her sons, Mr. Jason Siki
2 Kesolei, Mr. Matthew Tiu Kesolei, and Mr. Doug Kangki Kesolei, and her
3 grandchildren, Mr. Zachary Melengoes Kesolei, Ms. Umai Paige Kesolei, Ms. Kimora
4 Gabriella Riuch Kesolei, and Mr. Kimo Gabriel Kalbesil Kesolei; and

5 **WHEREAS**, Senator Kathy Kesolei is survived by her brothers and sisters:
6 Mrs. Francesca Kesolei Sakuma, Ms. Elizabeth Oseked, Ms. Marcella Kesolei, Mr.
7 Benedict Kesolei, Mr. Celestine Kesolei, Mr. Linus Kesolei, Mr. Cletus Kesolei,
8 Mr. Olbedekall Kesolei, Mr. Kambes Kesolei, Mr. Mechorei Kesolei, and Mr.
9 Rebluud Kesolei; and

10 **WHEREAS**, Senator Kathy Kesolei was called to her eternal rest at the
11 age of 73 on October 12, 2015; and

12 **WHEREAS**, Senator Kathy Kesolei was a lifelong learner, pursuing
13 education and knowledge throughout her lifetime, attending Mindszenty Intermediate
14 School, Pohnpei Island Central School, the University of Guam, and the University
15 of Hawaii at Manoa, where she earned a Bachelor of Arts degree in Anthropology;
16 and

17 **WHEREAS**, after receiving her degree abroad, Senator Kathy Kesolei returned
18 to her homeland of Palau, becoming an advocate for preserving Palau's cultural heritage,
19 continuing to promote education, as well as dedicating her career to civil service; and

20 **WHEREAS**, Senator Kathy Kesolei began her career as an educator at
21 Ngchesar Elementary School before becoming the Director for the Palau History
22 Development Project, where she facilitated research and conducted oral historical
23 interviews to record Palauan cultural traditions and narratives; and

24 **WHEREAS**, Senator Kathy Kesolei served as the Executive Director of the
25 Palau Community Action Agency (PCAA), where she developed training and

1 assistance programs, organized PCAA’s first complete household census in Palau,
2 and headed community organization for East Coast Farmers; and

3 **WHEREAS**, Senator Kathy Kesolei also served as the Director of the Melekeok
4 Economic Development Authority, through which she was directly involved in the
5 movement of the Palau National Capital to the State of Melekeok; and

6 **WHEREAS**, Senator Kathy Kesolei remained steadfast in her commitment to
7 education in Palau, returning to her alma mater, Mindszenty High School in 1985 to
8 serve as Principal, and eventually also as President of the Mindszenty High School
9 Parents and Teachers Association. She was also a member of the Board of Trustees
10 for the College of Micronesia, as well as, later, the Project Coordinator for the Palau
11 21st Century Community Learning Center under the Ministry of Education; and

12 **WHEREAS**, Senator Kathy Kesolei actively participated in numerous
13 organizations and boards, serving as the Chairperson of the Palau Historical and
14 Cultural Advisory Board; the Chairperson of the Palau Civil Service Pension Plan
15 Board; a member of Di-Reng, a non-communicable disease program under the
16 Bureau of Public Health of Palau’s Ministry of Health; President of the Pacific Islands
17 Bilingual Bicultural Association; Chairperson of Palau's delegation to the 9th and
18 10th Festivals of Pacific Arts, as well as extended her expertise as a member of
19 Palau’s current Festival of Pacific Arts Organizing Committee; and

20 **WHEREAS**, Senator Kathy Kesolei served in the Judiciary Branch as a
21 Special Judge for the Palau Supreme Court and later served as a part-time judge for
22 the Palau Land Claims Hearing Office; and

23 **WHEREAS**, Senator Kathy Kesolei played a significant role in organizing the
24 2015 Mechesil Belau Conference, which presented important discussions surrounding
25 cultural practices, and health and wellbeing; and

1 **WHEREAS**, Senator Kathy Kesolei authored the 2010 Palau Family Protection
2 Act, which aims at addressing family violence; and

3 **WHEREAS**, Senator Kathy Kesolei’s work as Senate Vice President has
4 included efforts to realize the United Nations’ eight Millennium Development Goals
5 concerning poverty, health, and education, and the introduction of a bill to create the
6 Bureau of Social Services under the Ministry of Community and Cultural Affairs; and

7 **WHEREAS**, Senator Kathy Kesolei will always be remembered for her
8 lifelong dedication to promoting cultural awareness and conscientious stewardship of
9 traditional lands and knowledge, and cultural resources to safeguard heritage and
10 promote sustainable development; and

11 **WHEREAS**, Senator Kathy Kesolei will always be recognized as an
12 accomplished anthropologist and historian, educator, poet, and strong advocate for the
13 people of Belau and the preservation of their cultural heritage and knowledge; and

14 **WHEREAS**, Senator Kathy Kesolei was an outstanding member of her
15 community who, through her selfless commitment and dedication, served to better the
16 quality of life of her community, and had a measurable positive impact on the lives of
17 the people of Belau; and now, therefore be it; now therefore, be it

18 **RESOLVED**, that the Committee on Rules of *I Mina'Trentai Tres Na*
19 *Liheslaturan Guåhan* does hereby, on behalf of *I Liheslaturan Guåhan* and the people
20 of Guam, recognize and honor the late Senator Katherine “Kathy” Kesolei, for her
21 accomplishments and her many years of service to the Republic of Palau; and
22 extending condolences to her family on behalf of the people of Guam; and be it
23 further

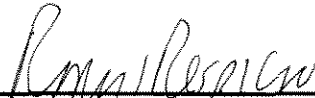
24 **RESOLVED**, that the Speaker and the Chairperson of the Committee on Rules
25 certify, and the Legislative Secretary attest to, the adoption hereof, and that copies of
26 the same be thereafter transmitted to Mr. Jason Siki Kesolei; to Mrs. Francesca

1 Kesolei Sakuma; to His Excellency Tommy E. Remengesau, Jr., President of the
2 Republic of Palau; to the Honorable Arthur Ngiraklsong, Chief Justice of the Supreme
3 Court of the Republic of Palau; to Bilung Gloria G. Salii; to Ebilreklai Gracia Yalap;
4 to the Honorable Camsek Elias Chin, President of the Senate of the Ninth Olbiil Era
5 Kelulau; to the Honorable Sabino Anastacio, Speaker of the House of Delegates of the
6 Ninth Olbiil Era Kelulau; and to the Honorable Edward J.B. Calvo, *I Maga'lahen*
7 *Guåhan*.

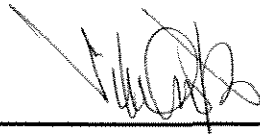
**DULY AND REGULARLY ADOPTED BY THE COMMITTEE ON RULES OF
I MINA'TRENTAI TRES NA LIHESLATURAN GUÅHAN ON THE 5TH DAY OF
NOVEMBER 2015.**



JUDITH T. WON PAT, Ed.D.
Speaker



RORY J. RESPICIO
Chairperson, Committee on Rules



TINA ROSE MUÑA BARNES
Legislative Secretary



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| | SIGNATURE | DATE | TO ADOPT | TO NOT ADOPT | TO ABSTAIN |
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| Senator Rory J. Respicio Chairperson | <i>[Signature]</i> | 11-5-15 | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | | |
| Senator Thomas C. Ada Vice-Chairperson | <i>[Signature]</i> | 11-5-15 | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | | |
| Speaker Judith T. Won Pat, Ed.D. Member | <i>[Signature]</i> | 11-5-15 | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | | |
| Vice-Speaker Benjamin J.F. Cruz Member | <i>[Signature]</i> | 11-5-15 | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | | |
| Legislative Secretary Tina Rose Muña Barnes Member | <i>[Signature]</i> | 11-5-15 | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | | |
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| Senator Dennis G. Rodriguez, Jr. Member | | | | | |
| Senator Michael F.Q. San Nicolas Member | | | | | |
| Senator Nerissa B. Underwood, Ph.D. Member | <i>[Signature]</i> | 11-6-15 | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | | |
| Senator V. Anthony Ada Minority Leader | | | | | |
| Senator Mary Camacho Torres Minority Member | | | | | |

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