

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
315-33 (COR)	N. B. Underwood, Ph.D.	Relative to recognizing and honoring Eddie Leon Guerrero Benavente for his commitment to the preservation and perpetuation of the <i>Chamoru</i> culture and language as we celebrate <i>Mes Chamoru</i> 2016; and to further commending him for his lifetime of dedication to self-determination, and for his continued leadership and service to <i>I Nasion Chamoru</i> on behalf of <i>I Liheslaturan Guåhan</i> and the people of Guam.	03/15/16 1:27 p.m.	03/25/16 1:00 p.m.					03/23/16

I MINA'TRENTAI TRES NA LIHESLATURAN GUÅHAN
2016 (SECOND) Regular Session

Resolution No. 315-33 (COR)

Introduced by:

N. B. Underwood, Ph.D.

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

3 **WHEREAS, *Siñot* Eddie Leon Guerrero Benavente, also known as “Ed,” was**
4 **born on August 4, 1956, in the village of *Tamuning*; and is a resident of the village of**
5 ***Mangilao*; and**

1 **WHEREAS**, *Siñot* Eddie Leon Guerrero Benavente is the son of Dolores Leon
2 Guerrero (*familian Lale'*) and Christobal Benavente (*familian Chedu*); and has five (5)
3 brothers and two (2) sisters; and

4 **WHEREAS**, *Siñot* Eddie Leon Guerrero Benavente is married to Julie
5 Quichocho-Benavente; and they are blessed with two (2) daughters, Amber Benavente-
6 Sanchez and Tasi Quichocho Benavente; and five (5) grandchildren, Ha'ani Benavente-
7 Sanchez, Sinahi Benavente-Sanchez, Na'ina Benavente, Rai Benavente-Sanchez, and
8 Nina'i-Fu'una Benavente-Sanchez; and

9 **WHEREAS**, *Siñot* Eddie Leon Guerrero Benavente graduated from the Guam
10 Vocational Technical High School with a focus on electrical studies. He received his
11 Bachelor of Science degree in Criminal Justice from the University of Guam, and his
12 *Chamoru* Teaching Degree in Secondary Education from the *Chamorro* Teaching
13 Degree Institute (CTDI) of the University of Guam; and

14 **WHEREAS**, *Siñot* Eddie Leon Guerrero Benavente had served under Senator
15 Madeleine Mary Zeien Bordallo, where he assisted constituents with legislative issues
16 and conducted legal research and drafted proposed legislations; and

17 **WHEREAS**, *Siñot* Eddie Leon Guerrero Benavente produced the *Chamoru* Talk
18 Show, "*Programan Konbetsasion*," on KUAM radio, from 1989 to 1992, to discuss the
19 pressing issues of the *Chamoru* people and to provide a forum for those concerns at the
20 time; and

21 **WHEREAS**, starting in 1993, *Siñot* Eddie Leon Guerrero Benavente taught
22 *Chamoru* language for a decade at the Department of Education, where he not only
23 educated young individuals in the *Chamoru* language, but fully immersed them in the
24 culture of the *Chamoru* people through song, oral history, and the written word; and

1 **WHEREAS**, along with the late Senator Angel Leon Guerrero Santos, *Siñot*
2 Eddie Leon Guerrero Benavente led the movement for the implementation of the
3 Chamorro Land Trust Act of 1975; and

4 **WHEREAS**, *Siñot* Eddie Leon Guerrero Benavente subsequently served as *I*
5 *Maga'lahi* of *I Nasion Chamoru*, from 1995 to 2003; and is currently a contributing
6 member of *I Nasion Chamoru*, which is devoted to advocating for indigenous rights,
7 decolonization, and unity among the *Chamoru* people; and

8 **WHEREAS**, *Siñot* Eddie Leon Guerrero Benavente was the first *Chamoru* to
9 receive membership to the prestigious Alston-Bannerman Fellow for Leaders of Color,
10 a program founded in 1988 to honor and support longtime activists of color; and

11 **WHEREAS**, *Siñot* Eddie Leon Guerrero Benavente served as Executive Director
12 of the Commission on Decolonization of the government of Guam, where he educated
13 others and promoted *Chamoru* decolonization and self-determination at various events,
14 workshops and seminars organized by the United Nations; and

15 **WHEREAS**, *Siñot* Eddie Leon Guerrero Benavente served the people and
16 landowners of Guam as the Executive Director of the Guam Ancestral Lands
17 Commission, which is tasked with transferring the land titles from the federal
18 government to the government of Guam, and ultimately to the original landowners; and

19 **WHEREAS**, *Siñot* Eddie Leon Guerrero Benavente continues to promote and
20 perpetuate the *Chamoru* culture as an organizer at *Sagan Kotturan Chamoru* (*Chamoru*
21 Cultural Center), a center for cultural education where he provides lessons in weaving,
22 the *Chamoru* language, and *Chamoru* history; now therefore, be it

23 **RESOLVED**, that the Committee on Rules of *I Mina'Trentai Tres Na*
24 *Liheslaturan Guåhan* does hereby, on behalf of *I Liheslaturan Guåhan* and the people
25 of Guam, recognize and honor *Siñot* Eddie Leon Guerrero Benavente for his dedication
26 and commitment to the preservation and perpetuation of the *Chamoru* culture and

1 language as we celebrate *Mes Chamoru* 2016; and does further commend him for his
2 lifetime of dedication to self-determination, and for his continued leadership and service
3 to *I Nasion Chamoru* and the people of Guam; and be it further

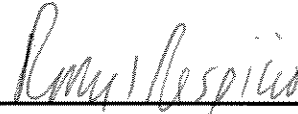
4 **RESOLVED**, that the Speaker and the Chairperson of the Committee on Rules
5 certify, and the Legislative Secretary attest to, the adoption hereof, and that copies of
6 the same be thereafter transmitted to *Siñot* Eddie Leon Guerrero Benavente; to the
7 University of Guam School of Education; and to the Honorable Edward J.B. Calvo, *I*
8 *Maga'låhen Guåhan*.

**DULY AND REGULARLY ADOPTED BY THE COMMITTEE ON RULES OF
I MINA'TRENTAI TRES NA LIHESLATURAN GUÅHAN ON THE 23RD DAY OF
MARCH 2016.**



JUDITH T. WON PAT, Ed.D.

Speaker



RORY J. RESPICIO

Chairperson, Committee on Rules



TINA ROSE MUÑA BARNES

Legislative Secretary



COMMITTEE ON RULES

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Resolution No. 315-33 (COR) - N. B. Underwood, Ph.D., – “Relative to recognizing and honoring Eddie Leon Guerrero Benavente for his commitment to the preservation and perpetuation of the Chamoru culture and language as we celebrate *Mes Chamoru* 2016; and to further commending him for his lifetime of dedication to self-determination, and for his continued leadership and service to *I Nasion Chamoru* on behalf of *I Liheslaturan Guåhan* and the people of Guam.”

	SIGNATURE	DATE	TO ADOPT	TO NOT ADOPT	TO ABSTAIN
Senator Rory J. Respicio Chairperson					
Senator Thomas C. Ada Vice-Chairperson	<i>e-vote</i>	<i>3/22/16</i>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>		
Speaker Judith T. Won Pat, Ed.D. Member					
Vice-Speaker Benjamin J.F. Cruz Member	<i>e-vote</i>	<i>3/22/16</i>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>		
Legislative Secretary Tina Rose Muña Barnes Member	<i>e-vote</i>	<i>3/23/16</i>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>		
Senator Frank B. Aguon, Jr. Member	<i>e-vote</i>	<i>3/22/16</i>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>		
Senator Dennis G. Rodriguez, Jr. Member	<i>e-vote</i>	<i>3/22/16</i>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>		
Senator Michael F.Q. San Nicolas Member	<i>e-vote</i>	<i>3/23/16</i>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>		
Senator Nerissa B. Underwood, Ph.D. Member	<i>e-vote</i>	<i>3/23/16</i>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>		
Senator V. Anthony Ada Minority Leader	<i>e-vote</i>	<i>3/22/16</i>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>		
Senator Mary Camacho Torres Minority Member					

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Sponsor Signature: *N. B. Underwood*

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Name: *B. Winston M. Illicito*

Date: *3/23/16*

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