

*I Mina Trentai Tres Na Liheslaturan Guåhan*  
**Resolutions Log Sheet**

<b>Resolution No.</b>	<b>Sponsor</b>	<b>Title</b>	<b>Date Intro</b>	<b>Date of Presentation</b>	<b>Date Referred</b>	<b>Committee / Ofc Referred</b>	<b>PUBLIC HEARING DATE</b>	<b>DATE COMMITTEE REPORT FILED</b>	<b>Date Adopted</b>
<b>351-33 (LS)</b>	R. J. Respicio T. R. Muña Barnes	Relative to welcoming Todd and Roxanne Bruce to Guam, and recognizing Ruhnau Ruhnau Clarke Architects Planners and the Participants in their commendable efforts to document the affairs and interests of the island's substantial population of U.S. military veterans through the Xplore program.	04/28/16 12:45 p.m.	04/29/16 1:30 p.m.					04/28/16

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

**Resolution No. 351-33 (LS)**

Introduced by:

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**Relative to welcoming Todd and Roxanne Bruce to Guam, and recognizing Ruhnau Ruhnau Clarke Architects Planners and the Participants in their commendable efforts to document the affairs and interests of the island's substantial population of U.S. military veterans through the Xplore program.**

1        **BE IT RESOLVED BY *I MINA'TRENTAI TRES NA LIHESLATURAN***  
2 ***GUÅHAN*:**  
3        **WHEREAS,** Ruhnau Ruhnau Clarke Architects Planners, a long-established  
4 firm in Riverside, California, sponsors the Xplore program aimed at the enrichment of

1 its employees by encouraging their travel to distant locations, performing volunteer  
2 projects, and communicating their experiences to their colleagues; and

3 **WHEREAS**, Todd and Roxanne Bruce became aware of Guam’s high level of  
4 military service to the United States and the island’s subsequent large population of  
5 veterans; and

6 **WHEREAS**, the couple also learned that this population of veterans endured  
7 much while serving their country in addition to undergoing unique difficulties in  
8 receiving access to appropriate services due to them as a result of the substantial  
9 distance between their homes and the continental U.S.; and

10 **WHEREAS**, our Guam veterans, including, Sergeant Major and former  
11 Veterans Affairs Director Juan Ogo Blaz, U.S. Army, Retired; Command Sergeant  
12 Major Franklin Torres Artero, U.S. Army, Retired; Colonel Joaquin “Danny”  
13 Siguenza Santos, Jr., U.S. Marine Corps, Retired; the Honorable Frank Flores Blas,  
14 Jr., Senator 33<sup>rd</sup> Guam Legislature and Guam Police Department, Retired; Sergeant  
15 Major Victoria “Vicki” Reyes Laganse, U.S. Army Retired; former Lieutenant  
16 Colonel and former Guam Veterans Affairs Director John Sablan Unpingco, U.S. Air  
17 Force; Lieutenant Colonel Esther Joan Cruz Aguigui, Guam Army National Guard;  
18 Brigadier General Johnny Salas Lizama, Guam Air National Guard and Guam  
19 Homeland Security Advisor; and Major General Benny Meno Paulino, U.S. Army  
20 Retired, have taken advantage of this opportunity to bring their stories to a wider  
21 audience; and

22 **WHEREAS**, Rlene Santos Steffy, MARC Research Associate, University of  
23 Guam, in cooperation with Major General Benny Paulino, Retired, arranged and  
24 scheduled the interviews for this effort; and

25 **WHEREAS**, Ken Santos, a longtime friend of Todd Bruce requested the  
26 assistance of Ethnographer-Oral Historian Rlene Santos Steffy to provide a list of

1 people to interview and for her equipment and technical support. Steffy videotaped a  
2 total of twelve (12) interview hours for this project; and

3 **WHEREAS**, Andrew Sebastian Leon Guerrero, General Manager PCR Inc.,  
4 dba Linda’s Coffee Shop and Whispering Palms, and Tom Andrew Tajalle, Chief  
5 Financial Officer, PCR, Inc., dba Linda’s Coffee Shop and Whispering Palms,  
6 provided logistical support and coordination for the interview setting and location; and

7 **WHEREAS**, *I Liheslaturan Guåhan*, as it has expressed many times and on  
8 many occasions, values and appreciates the services of all military veterans to the  
9 United States and to our community; now therefore, be it

10 **RESOLVED**, that *I Mina'Trentai Tres Na Liheslaturan Guåhan* does hereby, on  
11 behalf of the people of Guam, welcome Todd and Roxanne Bruce to Guam, and  
12 recognize Ruhnau Ruhnau Clarke Architects Planners and the Participants in their  
13 commendable efforts to document the affairs and interests of the island’s substantial  
14 population of U.S. military veterans through the Xplore program; and be it further

15 **RESOLVED**, that the Speaker certify, and the Legislative Secretary attest to,  
16 the adoption hereof, and that copies of the same be thereafter transmitted to Todd and  
17 Roxanne Bruce; Ruhnau Ruhnau Clarke Architects Planners; Sergeant Major and  
18 former Veterans Affairs Director Juan Ogo Blaz, U.S. Army, Retired; Command  
19 Sergeant Major Franklin Torres Artero, U.S. Army, Retired; Colonel Joaquin  
20 “Danny” Siguenza Santos, Jr., U.S. Marine Corps, Retired; the Honorable Frank  
21 Flores Blas, Jr., Senator 33<sup>rd</sup> Guam Legislature and Guam Police Department, Retired;  
22 Sergeant Major Victoria “Vicki” Reyes Laganse, U.S. Army Retired; former  
23 Lieutenant Colonel and former Guam Veterans Affairs Director John Sablan  
24 Unpingco, U.S. Air Force; Lieutenant Colonel Esther Joan Cruz Aguigui, Guam Army  
25 National Guard; Brigadier General Johnny Salas Lizama, Guam Air National Guard  
26 and Guam Homeland Security Advisor; Major General Benny Meno Paulino, U.S.

- 1 Army Retired; Rlene Santos Steffy, MARC Research Associate, University of Guam;
- 2 Ken Santos; Andrew Sebastian Leon Guerrero; Tom Andrew Tajalle; and the
- 3 Honorable Edward J.B. Calvo, *I Maga'låhen Guåhan*.

**DULY AND REGULARLY ADOPTED BY *I MINA'TRENTAI TRES NA LIHESLATURAN GUÅHAN* ON THE 28<sup>TH</sup> DAY OF APRIL 2016.**



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



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**TINA ROSE MUÑA BARNES**  
Legislative Secretary