

**MINA BENTE NUEBI NA LIHESLATURAN GUAHAN  
2007 (FIRST) Regular Session**

Resolution No. 55 (LS)

Introduced by:

T.R. Muna-Barnes  
J. Guthertz  
R. Respicio

**RELATIVE TO HONORING AND CONGRATULATING  
MS. TANYA RITA SARMIENTO MUNA ON HER APPOINTMENT AS  
THE FIRST FEMALE DEPUTY U.S. MARSHAL FOR GUAM AND  
THE COMMONWEALTH OF THE NORTHERN MARIANAS**

WHEREAS, Ms. Tanya R.S. Muna was born on September 5, 1977 to Mr. and Mrs. Edward & Rose Muna of Mangilao and is the fourth child of five children; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Muna attended P.C. Lujan Elementary School, and George Washington High School graduating in 1995; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Muna continued her studies and graduated from the University of Guam earning a Bachelor of Science degree in Criminal Science with a minor in Public Administration in 1999; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Muna began her employment as a Juvenile Mentor at the Department of Youth Affairs where she provided services to children and at-risk youth, juvenile offenders, and non-offenders in the Jumpstart and Aftercare programs; and

WHEREAS, from January 2000 until September 2001, Ms. Muna was also employed as a Port Police Officer I at the Port Authority of Guam, and was promoted to Port Police Officer II in February of 2001 after completion of the Basic Law Enforcement Academy at the Guam Community College; and

WHEREAS, during her tenure at the Port Authority of Guam, then-Governor Carl T.C. Gutierrez, after witnessing her expertise, professionalism, and ambition in law enforcement, subsequently detailed

Ms. Muna to the “Taotaomona Task Force” of the U.S. Marshal’s Service where she assisted in organizing a fugitive warrant sweep netting approximately thirty arrests in a three day period; and

WHEREAS, in September of 2001, she continued her stellar career in law enforcement and was appointed as a Deputy Marshal I with the Superior Court of Guam; and

WHEREAS, throughout her career with the Superior Court, she attended numerous specialized trainings to include Firearms Qualification, Family Violence Training, Search and Seizure Workshop, Special Weapons and Tactics training, Monadnock Expandable Baton (MEB) Basic Course, and (OCAT) Pepper Spray Basic Course; and

WHEREAS, while employed at the Superior Court, Ms. Muna also completed SWAT training with the Guam Police Department and served part-time in the Police Reserve; and

WHEREAS, after several years at the Guam Judiciary, on November 13, 2003, Ms. Muna resigned her position with the Superior Court; and

WHEREAS, on November 19, 2003 she joined the U.S. Marshal’s Service and entered the U.S. Marshal’s Academy; and

WHEREAS, while in the U.S. Marshal’s Service, Ms. Muna was assigned to the Hawaii district office and completed special training as a Recruiting Officer, Property Officer, Crisis Negotiator, and NCIC Instructor; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Muna also received a “Time-Off Award” for superior Physical fitness and a \$150.00 cash award for In-District performance; and

WHEREAS, she was also appointed as the Deputy in Charge for the Ninth Circuit Hearings in the District of Hawaii Protection Details; and

WHEREAS, she has participated in several important Fugitive Apprehensions including the U.S. Marshal’s Top 15 Most Wanted Fugitives, and extraditions from Palau and Tonga; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Muna was twice assigned as the advance deputy for the U.S. Supreme Court Justice Anthony Kennedy Detail; and

WHEREAS, after serving in the U.S. Marshal's Service in Hawaii for over three years, Ms. Muna applied for and was selected as the Deputy U.S. Marshal for the District of Guam and the Commonwealth of the Northern Marianas in February 2007; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Muna, throughout her short but admirable career in law enforcement, has demonstrated a willingness to excel through hard work, commitment, and sheer dedication; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Muna, as a locally born Chamorro, has made significant advances in her career and has returned home to serve her people, accepting responsibility as the District Recruiter, conducting presentations on the U.S. Marshals Service and her career in law enforcement; now, therefore

BE IT RESOLVED, that *I Mina Bente Nuebi Na Liheslaturan Guahan* hereby recognizes, honors, and congratulates Ms. Tanya R. S. Muna for her many achievements in her law enforcement career and on her selection as the Deputy U.S. Marshal for the island of Guam; and be it further

RESOLVED, that the Speaker certify to and the Secretary of the Legislature attest the adoption hereof, and copies of the same be thereafter transmitted to Ms. Tanya R. S. Muna, Mr. and Mrs. Edward & Rose Muna, U.S. District Court Judge Frances Tydingco-Gatewood, Chief Deputy U.S. Marshal Joaquin Salas, and to the Honorable Felix P. Camacho, *I Magalahren Guahan*.

DULY AND REGULARLY ADOPTED BY THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE OF *I MINA BENTE NUEBI NA LIHESLATURAN GUAHAN* ON THE \_\_\_\_\_ DAY OF MAY, 2007.

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Mark Forbes  
Speaker

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Edward J.B. Calvo  
Vice-Speaker & Legislative  
Secretary