

I MINA'TRENTAI OCHO NA LIHESLATURAN GUÅHAN
RESOLUTIONS

Resolution No.	Sponsor	Title	Date Intro	Date of Presentation	Date Adopted	Date Referred	Referred to	PUBLIC HEARING DATE	DATE AUTHORS REPORT FILED	NOTES
118-38 (COR)	Vincent A.V. Borja Tina Rose Muña-Barnes Shelly V. Calvo Frank F. Blas, Jr. Telo T. Taitague Jesse A. Lujan Joe S. San Agustin V. Anthony Ada Christopher M. Dueñas Eulogio Shawn Gumataotao Sabina Flores Perez Chris Barnett William A. Parkinson Therese M. Terlaje	Relative to recognizing Dr. Kenneth Erik Swanson for his leadership as Superintendent of the Guam Department of Education; and commending him for his dedication and commitment to the success of students and the professional growth of educators and staff.	11/18/25 2:10 p.m.	12/8/25 12/16/25 2:30 p.m.	12/4/25 2:59 p.m.					

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Introduced by:

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BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COMMITTEE ON RULES OF I MINA TRENTAI OCHO NA LIHESLATURAN GUÅHAN:

WHEREAS, it is the sense of *I Liheslaturan Guåhan* to recognize and commend those distinguished individuals who have dedicated themselves to faithfully serving the best interests of our island community and its residents; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Kenneth Erik Swanson has dedicated more than 52 years to advancing education and inspiring generations of students and educators across the United States and abroad, including service in Guam, Turkey, Italy, South Korea, Japan, Puerto Rico, and Washington State and Georgia; and through his international leadership roles as a teacher, assistant principal, and principal, he worked tirelessly to improve educational standards and foster cultural understanding across the communities he served; and

WHEREAS, he earned his bachelor's degree in music from the University of Nevada, Reno, in 1970, followed by his Master's in Curriculum from the University of Nevada, Las Vegas, in 1977, and ultimately achieved his PhD in Leadership in Education Administration from Capella University in 2009, demonstrating his lifelong commitment to continuous learning, growth, and professional development; and

WHEREAS, from 2013 to 2020, he served as Superintendent of the Omak School District in Washington State, where his visionary leadership, innovative instructional programs, and dedication to community engagement resulted in meaningful academic progress and a nurturing environment for students and staff alike; and

WHEREAS, having previously worked on Guam, Dr. Swanson possesses a deep and enduring connection to the island, a connection rooted in his respect for its people, culture, and traditions. His unwavering commitment to promoting cultural pride in education ensures that local heritage is reflected, honored, and celebrated within the classrooms he has helped shape; and

WHEREAS, on July 1, 2023, Dr. Swanson assumed the role of Superintendent of the Guam Department of Education, where he has continued to lead with humility, compassion, and dedication, navigating complex educational challenges with transparency, fiscal responsibility, and a sincere focus on the well-being of Guam's youth; and

WHEREAS, his leadership style, often compared to the principles of Gandhi, characterized by humility, moral courage, calm resolve, and unwavering integrity, has inspired trust and confidence among teachers, staff, parents, students, and community stakeholders, fostering an environment of collaboration and shared purpose; and

WHEREAS, beyond administrative accomplishments, Dr. Swanson's career reflects a deeper calling of service, mentoring educators, advocating for accessible, quality education, and championing inclusive policies that honor and elevate Guam's rich cultural heritage; and

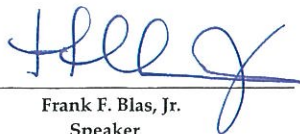
WHEREAS, his legacy is marked by his unwavering dedication to making a positive difference in the lives of countless students, empowering educators to excel, and fostering environments of opportunity, curiosity, and hope; and

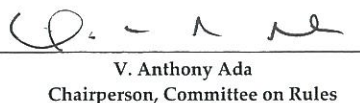
WHEREAS, he is a loving husband to his wife Susan, whom he met on Guam in January 1999 and married in 2000 at St. John's, and they are proud parents of three children Ken, Kris, and Sheena, and proud grandparents to seven grandchildren Page, Michael, Haley, Aubry, Jaydyn, Benjamin, and Finn, and one great-grandchild, Juniper; and therefore be it

RESOLVED, that the Committee on Rules of *I Mina'trentai Ocho Na Liheslaturan Guåhan* does hereby, on behalf of *I Liheslaturan Guåhan* and the people of Guam, recognizing Dr. Kenneth Erik Swanson for his leadership as Superintendent of the Guam Department of Education; and commend him for his dedication and commitment to the success of students and the professional growth of educators and staff; and be it further

RESOLVED, that the Speaker and the Chairperson of the Committee on Rules certify, and the Legislative Secretary attest to, the adoption hereof, and that copies of the same be thereafter transmitted to Dr. Kenneth Erik Swanson; to the Guam Department of Education; and to the Honorable Lourdes A. Leon Guerrero, *I Maga'hågan Guåhan*.

DULY AND REGULARLY ADOPTED BY THE COMMITTEE ON RULES OF I MINA TRENTAI OCHO NA LIHESLATURAN GUÅHAN ON THE 4TH DAY OF DECEMBER 2025.


Frank F. Blas, Jr.
Speaker


V. Anthony Ada
Chairperson, Committee on Rules


Sabrina Salas Matanane
Legislative Secretary



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2025 (FIRST) Regular Session

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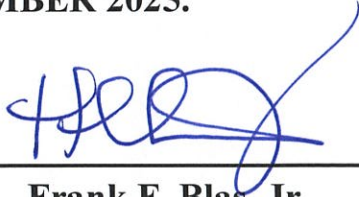
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COMMITTEE ON RULES

VICE SPEAKER V. ANTHONY ADA, CHAIRPERSON

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38th Guam Legislature

COMMITTEE VOTE SHEET

Resolution No. 118-38 (COR) – Vincent A.V. Borja, Tina Rose Muña-Barnes, Shelly V. Calvo, Frank F. Blas, Jr., Telo T. Taitague, Jesse A. Lujan, Joe S. San Agustin, V. Anthony Ada, Christopher M. Dueñas, Eulogio Shawn Gumataotao, Sabina Flores Perez, Chris Barnett, William A. Parkinson, Therese M. Terlaje – “Relative to recognizing Dr. Kenneth Erik Swanson for his leadership as Superintendent of the Guam Department of Education; and commending him for his dedication and commitment to the success of students and the professional growth of educators and staff.”

	INITIAL	DATE	TO ADOPT	TO NOT ADOPT	TO ABSTAIN
Vice Speaker V. Anthony Ada Chairperson	E-Vote	12.04.25	✓		
Senator Christopher M. Dueñas Vice Chairperson	E-Vote	12.04.25	✓		
Speaker Frank F. Blas, Jr. Member	E-Vote	12.04.25	✓		
Legislative Secretary Sabrina Salas Matanane Member					
Senator Vincent A.V. Borja Member	<i>VB</i>	12.04.25	✓		
Senator Shelly V. Calvo Member	E-Vote	12.04.25	✓		
Senator Eulogio Shawn Gumataotao Member					
Senator Jesse A. Lujan Member	E-Vote	12.04.25	✓		
Senator Telo T. Taitague Member	E-Vote	12.04.25	✓		
Senator Tina Rose Muña-Barnes Minority Member					
Senator Joe S. San Agustin Minority Member	E-Vote	12.04.25	✓		
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Sponsor Signature:					
Staff Contact Person:					
For COR/Clerk's Office Use Only					
<u>8</u> Certified _____ Returned					
Name: Elijah Untalan					
Date: 12/4/25 2:59 p.m.					
Notes:					



Office of Senator

Vincent A.V. Borja

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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

December 5, 2025

MEMORANDUM

To: All Senators, Stakeholders, Media

From: Senator Vincent A.V. Borja
Chairperson, Committee on Education, Libraries, and Public Broadcasting

Re: PRESENTATION NOTICE for Resolution No. 118-38 (COR)

Håfa Adai!

Please be advised that on **Sunday, December 7, 2025 at 7:00 PM**, at the **Dusit Thani Guam Resort**, Senator Vincent A. V. Borja will present **Resolution No. 118-38 (COR)**, relative to recognizing **Dr. Kenneth Erik Swanson** for his leadership as Superintendent of the Guam Department of Education; and commending him for his dedication and commitment to the success of students and the professional growth of educators and staff.

We look forward to your attendance and participation.

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