

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
131-38 (COR)	Vincent A.V. Borja Tina Rose Muña-Barnes Therese M. Terlaje Joe S. San Agustin Sabina Flores Perez Chris Barnett Shelly V. Calvo Eulogio Shawn Gumataotao Jesse A. Lujan Telo T. Taitague Frank F. Blas, Jr. William A. Parkinson Christopher M. Dueñas V. Anthony Ada Sabrina Salas Matanane	Relative to recognizing Dr. Mary A.Y. Okada as President and Chief Executive Officer of Guam Community College; and commending eighteen (18) years of service, leadership and contributions to workforce education, institutional excellence, community development; and further expressing congratulations on her retirement.	12/22/25 3:33 p.m.	12/31/25 11:00 a.m.	12/30/25 3:16 p.m.					

Resolution No. 131-38 (COR)

Introduced by:

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

WHEREAS, Dr. Mary A.Y. Okada has served with distinction as President and Chief Executive Officer of Guam Community College since June 2007, making her the longest-serving president in the institution's history and the first woman to hold this esteemed position; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Okada's educational foundation includes a Bachelor of Business Administration in Accounting and Management from the University of Guam, a Master of Public Administration from the University of Guam, and a Doctor of Education (Ed.D.) in Educational Leadership from the University of Phoenix, demonstrating her lifelong commitment to academic excellence; and

WHEREAS, prior to her presidency, Dr. Okada served in critical financial leadership roles at Guam Community College, including Vice President of Financial Affairs, Controller, and General Accounting Supervisor, as well as serving as Comptroller for the Guam Department of Education, building a strong foundation in fiscal management and institutional operations; and

WHEREAS, under Dr. Okada's visionary leadership, Guam Community College has achieved an unprecedented record of over 24 consecutive years of clean audit opinions, making GCC the only Government of Guam agency to accomplish this remarkable milestone in fiscal accountability and transparency; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Okada spearheaded the dramatic expansion of GCC's academic programs, including the addition of numerous associate degree programs, the Associate Degree in Nursing-Registered Nurse (ADN-RN) program, and GCC's first-ever baccalaureate degree program, the Bachelor of Science in Career and Technical Education, launched in Fall 2020; and

WHEREAS, recognizing the critical importance of workforce development, Dr. Okada championed the expansion of work-ready boot camps in high-demand fields including healthcare, information technology, telecommunications, construction, and cybersecurity, creating vital pathways to employment for the people of Guam; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Okada provided strategic leadership for an ambitious campus modernization initiative that resulted in the construction of five sustainable buildings and the renovation of existing facilities, with multiple buildings achieving LEED certifications, including LEED Gold designations, demonstrating GCC's commitment to environmental sustainability and energy efficiency; and

WHEREAS, through her expertise in fiscal stewardship, Dr. Okada successfully secured numerous federal grants and low-interest loans, maximizing diverse funding sources to support infrastructure upgrades and program expansion even during periods of fiscal constraint; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Okada's exceptional leadership has been recognized through prestigious awards including the 2020 Women in Business Champion of the Year Award from the U.S. Small Business Administration and the Professor John M. Phillips Excellence in Government Accountability Award in 2013; and

WHEREAS, President Barack Obama appointed Dr. Okada to serve on the President's Advisory Commission on Asian Americans and Pacific Islanders from 2014 to 2016, recognizing her as a national leader and advocate for the Asian American and Pacific Islander community; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Okada has demonstrated unwavering commitment to regional and national service through her roles as Commissioner for the Accrediting Commission for Community and Junior Colleges (ACCJC), Chair of the Pacific Postsecondary Education Council (PPEC), Chair of the Guam Education Board, Vice-Chair of Pacific Resources for Education and Learning (PREL), and member of numerous other boards and commissions; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Okada has been a tireless advocate for career and technical education throughout Guam and Micronesia, promoting workforce development pathways that align educational programming with economic growth and industry needs, while championing community-centered initiatives such as the GCC Academy for Women Entrepreneurs; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Okada was elected to serve as Chair of the Guam Education Board with the highest vote count in the 2020 election, reflecting the deep trust and confidence the people of Guam have placed in her educational leadership and vision; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Okada is now retiring after eighteen (18) years of exemplary service as President and CEO, having transformed Guam Community College into a cornerstone institution of career education, community impact, and sustainable growth, leaving an indelible legacy of excellence, innovation, and institutional advancement that will benefit generations of students and strengthen the entire island community for years to come; now, therefore be it

RESOLVED, that *I Liheslaturan Guåhan* extends its deepest appreciation to Dr. Okada for her eighteen (18) years of exceptional service, her unwavering commitment to fiscal responsibility and institutional integrity, her pioneering leadership in expanding educational opportunities, and her passionate advocacy for the students, faculty, staff, and broader community of Guam; and be it further

RESOLVED, that Dr. Okada's legacy of excellence, innovation, and service will continue to inspire future leaders and educators throughout Guam and the Pacific region, and that her contributions to community college education, workforce development, and public service represent the highest standards of leadership and dedication; and be it further

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, recognize Dr. Mary A.Y. Okada as President and Chief Executive Officer of Guam Community College; and commend eighteen (18) years of service, leadership and contributions to workforce education, institutional excellence, community development; and further express congratulations on her retirement; 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. Mary A.Y. Okada, the Board of Trustees of Guam Community College, and to the Honorable Lourdes A. Leon Guerrero, *I Mago'hagan Guåhan*.

DULY AND REGULARLY ADOPTED BY THE COMMITTEE ON RULES OF I MINA'TRENTAI OCHO NA LIHESLATURAN GUÅHAN ON THE 30TH DAY OF DECEMBER 2025.

Frank F. Blas, Jr.
Speaker

Christopher M. Dueñas
Acting Chairperson, Committee on Rules

Vincent A.V. Borja
Acting Legislative Secretary



Calvin Roberts

8:30

12/31/25

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I MINA'TRENTAI OCHO NA LIHESLATURAN GUÅHAN
2025 (FIRST) Regular Session

Resolution No. 131-38 (COR)

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Speaker



Christopher M. Dueñas
Acting Chairperson, Committee on Rules



Vincent A.V. Borja
Acting Legislative Secretary



COMMITTEE ON RULES

VICE SPEAKER V. ANTHONY ADA, CHAIRPERSON

I Mina'trentai Ocho Na Liheslaturan Guåhan

38th Guam Legislature

COMMITTEE VOTE SHEET

Resolution No. 131-38 (COR) – Vincent A.V. Borja, Tina Rose Muña-Barnes, Therese M. Terlaje, Joe S. San Agustin, Sabina Flores Perez, Chris Barnett, Shelly V. Calvo, Eulogio Shawn Gumataotao, Jesse A. Lujan, Telo T. Taitague, Frank F. Blas, Jr., William A. Parkinson, Christopher M. Dueñas, V. Anthony Ada, Sabrina Salas Matanane – “Relative to recognizing Dr. Mary A.Y. Okada as President and Chief Executive Officer of Guam Community College; and commending eighteen (18) years of service, leadership and contributions to workforce education, institutional excellence, community development; and further expressing congratulations on her retirement.”

	INITIAL	DATE	TO ADOPT	TO NOT ADOPT	TO ABSTAIN
Vice Speaker V. Anthony Ada Chairperson	E-VOTE	12/30/25	✓		
Senator Christopher M. Dueñas Vice Chairperson	E-VOTE	12/30/25	✓		
Speaker Frank F. Blas, Jr. Member	E-VOTE	12/30/25	✓		
Legislative Secretary Sabrina Salas Matanane Member	E-VOTE	12/30/25	✓		
Senator Vincent A.V. Borja Member	<i>VB</i>	12/30/25	✓		
Senator Shelly V. Calvo Member					
Senator Eulogio Shawn Gumataotao Member					
Senator Jesse A. Lujan Member	E-VOTE	12/30/25	✓		
Senator Telo T. Taitague Member	E-VOTE	12/30/25	✓		
Senator Tina Rose Muña Barnes Minority Member					
Senator Joe S. San Agustin Minority Member	E-VOTE	12/30/25	✓		
For Sponsor's Office Use Only					
Sponsor Signature: <i>Vincent Anthony V. Borja</i>					
Staff Contact Person: Caden N.O. Poblete					
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<u>8</u> Certified _____ Returned _____					
Name: Elijah Untalan					
Date: 12/30/25 3:16 p.m.					
Notes:					



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Office of Senator

Vincent A. V. Borja

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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

December 30, 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. 131-38 (COR)

Håfa Adai!

Please be advised that on **Wednesday, December 31, 2025, at 11:15 AM**, at the **Guam Community College Campus Building 300**, Senator Vincent A. V. Borja will present the following resolution.

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We look forward to your attendance and participation.

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