

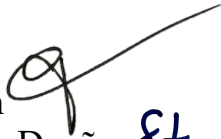

I MINA'TRENTAI OCHO NA LIHESLATURAN GUÁHAN
RESOLUTIONS

Resolution No.	Sponsor	Title	Date Intro	Date of Presentation	Date Adopted	Date Referred	Referred to	PUBLIC HEARING DATE	DATE AUTHORS REPORT FILED	NOTES
191-38 (COR)	Jesse A. Lujan Christopher M. Dueñas	Relative to Recognizing and Commending Josiah Peter Duenas for his outstanding academic achievement, leadership, service and contributions to the community.	6/2/26 4:33 p.m.	6/8/26 12:00 p.m.						

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2026 (SECOND) Regular Session

Resolution No. 191-38 (COR)

Introduced by:

Jesse A. Lujan 
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Relative to Recognizing and Commending Josiah Peter Duenas for his outstanding academic achievement, leadership, service and contributions to the community.

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

3 **WHEREAS,** Josiah Peter Duenas was born on April 10, 2004, in Puyallup,
4 Washington, and was raised in the village of Agana Heights, Guam, from the age of
5 three; and

6 **WHEREAS,** Josiah is the son of Jonathan and Kebrina Duenas and a valued
7 member of a loving family that includes his older brother Nicholas Duenas, younger
8 brother Noah Duenas, and younger sister Kelsey Duenas; and

9 **WHEREAS,** he completed his education at Father Duenas Memorial School,
10 where he developed the values of faith, service, leadership and perseverance that
11 continue to guide him today; and

12 **WHEREAS,** Josiah is a graduate of the University of Portland, with a Bachelor
13 of Science degree in Nursing and a minor in Integrative Health and Wellness, preparing
14 for a career dedicated to the care and well-being of others; and

15 **WHEREAS,** his commitment to academic excellence and the nursing profession
16 earned him membership in Sigma Theta Tau International Honor Society of Nursing,

1 one of the most prestigious honors bestowed upon nursing students and professionals;
2 and

3 **WHEREAS**, Josiah is known as a cheerful, charismatic, and compassionate
4 individual whose passion for service, performance, and community engagement has
5 positively impacted those around him, whether in the classroom, on the dance floor, in
6 student organizations, or while caring for patients in clinical settings; and

7 **WHEREAS**, Josiah has trained and performed with SKIP Entertainment since
8 the third grade and began touring nationally and internationally with the organization
9 in 2018, proudly representing Guam through the performing arts and contributing to
10 numerous championship-winning performances; and

11 **WHEREAS**, during his tenure with SKIP Entertainment, Josiah has been a
12 member of teams that achieved significant national and international success, including:

13 **2025** – Dance World Cup International Champions in Whistler, Canada; winners
14 of the prestigious Victory Cup and eight United States National Championships at the
15 Revolution Dance Championships in Anaheim, California;

16 **2024** – Five United States National Championships at the KAR National
17 Championships in Las Vegas and the United States National ShowStopper Grand
18 Championship in Galveston, Texas;

19 **2023** – Winners of the Overall Dance Grand Championship at the International
20 Grand Prix Festival in Prague, Czech Republic, where Josiah was honored as the
21 Recipient of the Dancer of the Year Award;

22 **2022** – Winners of the prestigious Victory Cup, Teen Small Group
23 Championship, and Teen Line Championship at the Revolution Dance Championships
24 in Anaheim, California, and champions of the World Supremacy Battlegrounds in
25 Australia;

26 **2021** – United States National ShowStopper Teen Champions in Orlando,
27 Florida, receiving the highest score awarded during the national competition;

1 **2020** – Selected to represent Guam in the Kennedy Center's Arts Across America
2 series;

3 **2019** – Selected to represent Guam at the Dance World Cup Finals in Braga,
4 Portugal, where SKIP earned First Runner-Up honors among more than 6,000 entries
5 from around the world; and

6 **2018** – Recipients of the prestigious ShowBiz Group Icon Award, awarded to the
7 group receiving the highest score of the entire National Finals in Anaheim, California;
8 and

9 **WHEREAS**, these accomplishments reflect Josiah's dedication, discipline,
10 artistry, and commitment to excellence while serving as a proud ambassador for Guam
11 on national and international stages; and

12 **WHEREAS**, throughout all four years of his collegiate career, Josiah has served
13 as a member of the University of Portland Pilots Dance Team, contributing to the spirit
14 and success of the university through performances at athletic competitions, community
15 events, and outreach activities; and

16 **WHEREAS**, as a member of the Pilots Dance Team, he has supported University
17 of Portland athletics through performances at men's and women's basketball games,
18 community service engagements, campus events, and conference-related activities
19 throughout the West Coast Conference; and

20 **WHEREAS**, Josiah has distinguished himself as the first male dancer in the
21 history of the University of Portland Pilots Dance Team, serving as a trailblazer and
22 role model for future generations of student-athletes and performers while promoting
23 inclusivity and representation in collegiate dance; and

24 **WHEREAS**, beyond his involvement with the Pilots Dance Team, Josiah has
25 remained committed to cultural advocacy and student leadership through his
26 participation in the Filipino American Student Association (FASA) at the University of
27 Portland, serving as a choreographer for the organization's annual Pilipino Cultural

1 Night since 2024 and helping celebrate and preserve Filipino culture through the
2 performing arts; and

3 **WHEREAS**, guided by his Catholic faith and a commitment to serving others,
4 Josiah has consistently sought opportunities to uplift his community through leadership,
5 mentorship, cultural engagement, and compassionate care; and

6 **WHEREAS**, through his achievements in nursing, education, dance, cultural
7 advocacy, and community service, Josiah Peter Duenas has exemplified the highest
8 ideals of excellence, dedication, perseverance, and service, bringing great pride to his
9 family, the village of Agana Heights, and the people of Guam; now therefore, be it

10 **RESOLVED**, that the Committee on Rules of *I Mina'trentai Ocho Na*
11 *Liheslaturan Guåhan* does hereby, on behalf of *I Liheslaturan Guåhan* and the people
12 of Guam, Recognize and commend Josiah Peter Duenas for his outstanding academic
13 achievement, leadership, service and contributions to the community; and be it further

14 **RESOLVED**, that the Speaker and the Chairperson of the Committee on Rules
15 certify, and the Legislative Secretary attest to, the adoption hereof, and that copies of
16 the same be thereafter transmitted to the family of Josiah Peter Duenas, SKIP
17 Entertainment Co. and University of Portland - Pilots Dance Team; and to the
18 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 DAY
OF MONTH 2026.**

Frank F. Blas, Jr.
Speaker

V. Anthony Ada
Chairperson, Committee on Rules

Sabrina Salas Matanane

Legislative Secretary