

I MINA'TRENTAI OCHO NA LIHESLATURAN GUÁHAN
RESOLUTIONS

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211-38 (COR)	V. Anthony Ada	Relative to congratulating Mr. James D. Terlaje on the occasion of his retirement after forty-one (41) years of dedicated civil service to the island of Guam, the United States Department of Defense, and the U.S. Naval Hospital Guam; and to congratulate him on his retirement.	8/26/26 3:47 p.m.	9/2/26 1:00 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, environmental preservation and public health are fundamental pillars of the security, prosperity, and overall well-being of the island of Guam and its people; and

WHEREAS, for more than four decades, Mr. James D. Terlaje has stood as a vanguard of ecological safety and regulatory compliance on Guam, dedicating forty-one (41) years of exemplary federal civil service to the United States Department of Defense (DoD), culminating in his retirement; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Terlaje served with distinction as the Environmental Protection Specialist and the Command Primary Point of Contact for Environmental Programs at the U.S. Naval Hospital Guam; and

WHEREAS, throughout his illustrious tenure, Mr. Terlaje demonstrated unmatched technical expertise, leadership, and operational ownership over highly complex environmental portfolios, including Hazardous Material Control and

1 Management, Environmental Management Systems (EMS), and Regulated Medical
2 Waste; and

3 **WHEREAS**, Mr. Terlaje's diligent efforts directly protected Guam's fragile
4 ecosystem, groundwater, and community health by enforcing strict "cradle-to-grave"
5 tracking and disposal of hazardous waste and medical waste across all Navy medicine
6 facilities on the island; and

7 **WHEREAS**, as the Command Asbestos Coordinator, Mr. Terlaje meticulously
8 managed facility surveys, performed semi-annual inspections, and maintained absolute
9 compliance with the Asbestos Hazard Emergency Response Act, thereby securing a
10 safe physical environment for patients, military personnel, and civilian healthcare
11 workers; and

12 **WHEREAS**, Mr. Terlaje played a vital, hands-on role in expanding and
13 modernizing Guam's military medicine infrastructure, providing essential
14 environmental guidance, documentation, and coordination during the historic
15 establishment and opening of the new Camp Blaz Branch Health Clinic and the Apra
16 Harbor Clinic; and

17 **WHEREAS**, his proactive leadership was instrumental in preparing USNH
18 Guam for rigorous Bureau of Medicine and Surgery (BUMED) External Environmental
19 Audits, working tirelessly alongside stakeholders at NAVFAC Marianas, BUMED, and
20 NAVFAC Pacific to resolve complex compliance gaps, ultimately achieving flawless,
21 outstanding ratings; and

22 **WHEREAS**, Mr. Terlaje repeatedly demonstrated an extraordinary work ethic
23 by stepping forward during critical personnel gaps—even personally handling and
24 transporting regulated medical and hazardous waste when necessary—to ensure that
25 there was no disruption to crucial clinical operations or environmental protections; and

26 **WHEREAS**, his career-long commitment to excellence has been recognized
27 year after year by his superiors, who consistently awarded him the highest performance

1 rating of "Outstanding" (5.0 out of 5.0), praising him as an "exceptional performer"
2 whose contributions far exceeded all expectations; and

3 **WHEREAS**, Mr. Terlaje's legacy is defined not only by his technical mastery
4 but also by his deep humility, positive attitude, and outstanding customer service,
5 leaving a lasting impression of professionalism and goodwill on everyone who worked
6 alongside him; now therefore, be it

7 **RESOLVED**, that the Committee on Rules of *I Mina'trentai Ocho Na*
8 *Liheslaturan Guåhan* does hereby, on behalf of *I Liheslaturan Guåhan* and the people
9 of Guam, commend Mr. James D. Terlaje on the occasion of his retirement after forty-
10 one (41) years of dedicated civil service to the island of Guam, the United States
11 Department of Defense, and the U.S. Naval Hospital Guam and congratulate him on his
12 retirement; and be it further

13 **RESOLVED**, that the Speaker and the Chairperson of the Committee on Rules
14 certify, and that copies of the same be thereafter transmitted to Ms. James D. Terlaje;
15 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 DAY
OF AUGUST 2026.**

Frank F. Blas, Jr.
Speaker

V. Anthony Ada
Chairperson, Committee on Rules

Sabrina Salas Matanane
Legislative Secretary