

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
219-38 (COR)	Tina Rose Muña-Barnes	Relative to posthumously recognizing the late †Ramon Toves Terlaje for his military and public service accomplishments, and his lifelong devotion to Guam and the <i>CHamoru</i> community; and expressing condolences to his family on his passing, on behalf of the people of Guam.	9/14/26 3:58 p.m.	9/21/26 9:00 a.m.	9/18/26 10:19 a.m.					

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Introduced by:

Tina Rose Muña-Barnes

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

WHEREAS, †Ramon Toves Terlaje, lovingly known as “Moe” and proudly carrying the *Familian Cha'ka*, was born on February 14, 1945, in *Yona*, Guam, to †Jesus Castro Terlaje and †Emelia Gogo Toves Terlaje; and

WHEREAS, †Ramon was raised in *Yona* as the eldest surviving child after two (2) of his siblings were lost during the Japanese occupation. From an early age, he helped care for his younger siblings, tended his family's land and animals, and worked after school to help support his household. These experiences instilled in him a sense of discipline, compassion, loyalty, humility, and a strong sense of responsibility that would define his life; and

WHEREAS, †Ramon dedicated thirty (30) years of distinguished service to the United States Army, rising to the rank of Command Sergeant Major, the highest enlisted rank. His military career included three tours in Vietnam and service during the Gulf War, where his courage and leadership earned him numerous honors, including the Legion of Merit, two Bronze Stars, and the Meritorious Service Medal; and

WHEREAS, following his retirement from the United States Army, Ramon continued his commitment to public service for another nineteen years with AmeriCorps NCCC, serving as Deputy Director and mentoring young leaders from across the nation; and

WHEREAS, although his military and professional career took him far from Guam, †Ramon never lost his deep connection to his island home. He carried with him the values of Guam, humility, strength, family, hospitality, and devotion to community, and remained a proud *CHamoru* who strengthened connections between *CHamoru* families and Pacific Islanders living far from home; and

WHEREAS, †Ramon was deeply involved in his community, including as a dedicated member of the Knights of Columbus and as a leader of the Guam Club of Colorado Springs for more than two decades. Through these organizations and his personal relationships, he supported *CHamoru* families, encouraged others to pursue opportunity and success, and helped foster a sense of belonging among those living away from Guam; and

WHEREAS, a man of deep Catholic faith, Ramon served as a Catechist and as a leader of Perpetual Adoration at Holy Apostles Catholic Church. His faith and service made him a source of strength within the military, *CHamoru*, and Samoan communities, reflecting a life dedicated to God, country, family, and community; and

WHEREAS, †Ramon embodied the *CHamoru* value of *inafa'maolek*, seeking to bring people together and to extend kindness, generosity, and care to those around him. His home was a place of laughter, food, music, friendship, and island hospitality, where gatherings became family and every person was made to feel seen, valued, and loved; and

WHEREAS, †Ramon passed peacefully on June 18, 2026, in Colorado Springs, Colorado, at the age of eighty-one (81), surrounded by the family he cherished. He leaves behind a lasting legacy through his beloved wife, Janine Marie Terlaje; his children, grandchildren, and great-grandchildren; his extended family; and the many cousins, aunts, uncles, nieces, nephews, godchildren, friends, fellow soldiers, and community members whose lives he touched; and

WHEREAS, †Ramon will be remembered not only for his distinguished military service and professional accomplishments, but for the person he was a devoted husband and father, proud *CHamoru*, mentor, community leader, man of faith, and friend who dedicated his life to serving others and bringing people together; and

WHEREAS, the people of Guam are grateful for the life and example of Ramon Toves Terlaje, whose journey from *Yona*, Guam, to a lifetime of service across the United States reflects the strength, resilience, and values of the people of our island. His legacy serves as an inspiration to future generations to lead with humility, serve with purpose, and remain connected to the people and culture that shaped them; now 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, posthumously recognize the late †Ramon Toves Terlaje for his military and public service accomplishments, and his lifelong devotion to Guam and the *CHamoru* community; and expressing condolences to his family on his passing, on behalf of the people of Guam; 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 the family of the late †Ramon Toves Terlaje; 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 18TH DAY OF SEPTEMBER 2026.

Frank F. Blas, Jr.
Speaker

V. Anthony Ada
Chairperson, Committee on Rules

Sabrina Salas Matanane
Legislative Secretary



Alan Cepeda Cel 9/22^{or}

9/21/26 @ 8:45 AM
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I MINA'TRENTAI OCHO NA LIHESLATURAN GUÅHAN
2026 (SECOND) Regular Session

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2 (2) of his siblings were lost during the Japanese occupation. From an early age, he
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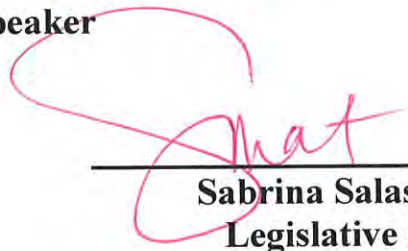
**DULY AND REGULARLY ADOPTED BY THE COMMITTEE ON RULES OF
I MINA'TRENTAI OCHO NA LIHESLATURAN GUÅHAN ON THE 18TH DAY
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Frank F. Blas, Jr.
Speaker



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Chairperson, Committee on Rules



Sabrina Salas Matanane
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. 219-38 (COR) – Tina Rose Muña-Barnes – “Relative to posthumously recognizing the late †Ramon Toves Terlaje for his military and public service accomplishments, and his lifelong devotion to Guam and the *CHamoru* community; and expressing condolences to his family on his passing, on behalf of the people of Guam.”

	INITIAL	DATE	TO ADOPT	TO NOT ADOPT	TO ABSTAIN
Vice Speaker V. Anthony Ada Chairperson					
Senator Christopher M. Dueñas Vice Chairperson	e-vote	9/18/26	✓		
Speaker Frank F. Blas, Jr. Member	e-vote	9/18/26	✓		
Legislative Secretary Sabrina Salas Matanane Member	e-vote	9/18/26	✓		
Senator Vincent A.V. Borja Member	e-vote	9/18/26	✓		
Senator Shelly V. Calvo Member	e-vote	9/18/26	✓		
Senator Eulogio Shawn Gumataotao Member	e-vote	9/18/26	✓		
Senator Jesse A. Lujan Member	e-vote	9/18/26	✓		
Senator Telo T. Taitague Member	e-vote	9/18/26	✓		
Senator Tina Rose Muña Barnes Minority Member		9/18/26	✓		
Senator Joe S. San Agustin Minority Member	e-vote	9/18/26	✓		
For Sponsor's Office Use Only					
Sponsor Signature:					
Staff Contact Person: Alan Cepeda					
For COR/Clerk's Office Use Only					
<u>10</u> Certified _____ Returned _____					
Name: Elijah Untalan					
Date: September 18, 2026 10:19 a.m.					
Notes:					



SENATOR TINA ROSE MUÑA-BARNES
I Mina'trentai Ocho Na Liheslaturan Guåhan
38th Guam Legislature

September 18, 2026

MEMORANDUM

To: All Senators, 38th Guam Legislature
From: Senator Tina Rose Muña-Barnes
Subject: Correction: Presentation of Resolution No. 219-38
(COR)

Buenas yan Håfa Adai!

Please be advised, Resolution No. 219-38 (COR) – Tina Rose Muña-Barnes – “Relative to posthumously recognizing the late †Ramon Toves Terlaje for his military and public service accomplishments, and his lifelong devotion to Guam and the CHamoru community; and expressing condolences to his family on his passing, on behalf of the people of Guam, " will be hand-delivered on Monday, September ~~18~~, 21, 2026 to the family of the late Ramon Toves Terlaje.

Si Yu'os Ma'åse'!