

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
224-38 (LS)	Vincent A.V. Borja Tina Rose Muña-Barnes	Relative to recognizing Kenneth Steven Thomas for his dedicated service to Guam and the United States, and congratulating him on his retirement.	9/16/26 3:49 p.m.	9/20/26 9/19/26 1:00 p.m.	9/17/26 4:24 p.m.					

Resolution No. 224-38 (LS)

Introduced by:

Vincent A.V. Borja
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BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COMMITTEE ON RULES OF I MINA'TRENTAI OCHO NA LIHESLATURAN GUÅHAN:

WHEREAS, Kenneth Steven Thomas is a proud son of Guam, born and raised in the village of *Dededo* to Sarah Thomas and Clifford Nededog, and brother to Marisa Bond, Michael Carlo Nededog, and Clifton Samuel Nededog; and

WHEREAS, Ken graduated from St. Paul High School before answering the call to serve his country through the United States Navy, beginning a military career of more than twenty years in electronics, communications, cybersecurity, technical training, and leadership; and

WHEREAS, from 2007 to 2010, Ken served as an Electronics Technician in Honolulu, Hawaii, maintaining mission-critical communications and combat systems; from 2010 to 2013, he served as an Electronics Technician and IT Network Manager in San Diego, supporting tactical communications and secure networks; from 2013 to 2016, he served as an Electronics Maintenance and Training Specialist in Honolulu, Hawaii where he developed and delivered technical training to U.S. and allied special operations personnel and earned the designation of Master Training Specialist; from 2016 to 2020, he served as an Innovations Team Supervisor in San Diego, overseeing communications security and cybersecurity programs; and from 2020 to 2023, he served as Communication Security Program Manager in Atsugi, Japan, supporting five commands and more than seven hundred (700) communications security users; and

WHEREAS, in 2023, Ken returned home to Guam to serve as a Training Supervisor in *Santa Rita-Sumai*, Guam where he led military and civilian instructors and directed technical training that qualified more than four hundred (400) shipyard personnel, bringing his experience and expertise back to his home island; and

WHEREAS, throughout his military career, Ken remained connected to Guam and encouraged civic engagement among the soldiers and civilians with whom he served, helping foster meaningful relationships between military personnel and the island community; and

WHEREAS, Ken supported efforts surrounding Guam's annual Liberation Day celebrations and parades, helping organize military-civilian activities that encouraged greater interaction, understanding, and cooperation between service members and the communities in which they lived and served; and

WHEREAS, Ken has also devoted himself to the discipline of martial arts and to promoting physical fitness, mentorship, and personal development; and

WHEREAS, after being introduced to Brazilian Jiu-Jitsu in Oakland, California, at the age of eighteen (18), Ken pursued the discipline throughout his life and attained black belts in both Judo and Jiu-Jitsu; and

WHEREAS, together with his brothers Carlo and Clifton, Ken shared his knowledge through the family's RYZE Academy, conducting hundreds of training sessions for children and adults ranging in age from four (4) to seventy (70) years old, imparting lessons in discipline and commitment in health; and

WHEREAS, Ken is married to Naje Torres Bais, daughter of Jesse and Mary Bais, and together they are the parents of three (3) children, Kassia, Kaze, and Kilan; and

WHEREAS, after more than two decades of military service, Ken served his final day in uniform on September 3, 2026, and is scheduled to officially retire in November 2026 as he transitions to civilian life in California; and

WHEREAS, Ken's years of service reflect the enduring influence of his family, his upbringing on Guam, and his sense of responsibility to those around him, qualities that have guided him as a servicemember, husband, father, brother, mentor, and friend; and

WHEREAS, through his service to his country, his contributions to his home island, his efforts to strengthen military-civilian relations, and his dedication to mentoring others through martial arts, Ken Thomas has brought credit to his family, his community, and the island of Guam; 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, recognize Kenneth Steven Thomas for his dedicated service to Guam and the United States, and congratulate him on his 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 Kenneth Steven Thomas; 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 17TH DAY OF SEPTEMBER 2026.

Frank F. Blas, Jr.
Speaker

V. Anthony Ada
Chairperson, Committee on Rules

Sabrina Salas Matanane
Legislative Secretary



Geri Salas @
9/18/26 2:16pm
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I MINA'TRENTAI OCHO NA LIHESLATURAN GUÅHAN
2026 (SECOND) Regular Session

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**DULY AND REGULARLY ADOPTED BY THE COMMITTEE ON RULES OF
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Frank F. Blas, Jr.
Speaker



V. Anthony Ada
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. 224-38 (LS) –Vincent A.V. Borja, Tina Rose Muña-Barnes – “Relative to recognizing Kenneth Steven Thomas for his dedicated service to Guam and the United States, and congratulating him on his retirement.”

	INITIAL	DATE	TO ADOPT	TO NOT ADOPT	TO ABSTAIN
Vice Speaker V. Anthony Ada Chairperson					
Senator Christopher M. Dueñas Vice Chairperson	<i>[Signature]</i>	9/17/26	✓		
Speaker Frank F. Blas, Jr. Member	<i>[Signature]</i>	9/17/26	✓		
Legislative Secretary Sabrina Salas Matanane Member					
Senator Vincent A.V. Borja Member	<i>[Signature]</i>	9/17/26	✓		
Senator Shelly V. Calvo Member					
Senator Eulogio Shawn Gumataotao Member	<i>[Signature]</i>	9/17/26	X		
Senator Jesse A. Lujan Member	<i>[Signature]</i>	9/17/26	✓		
Senator Telo T. Taitague Member	<i>[Signature]</i>	9-17-26	X		
Senator Tina Rose Muña-Barnes Minority Member	<i>[Signature]</i>	9/17/26	✓		
Senator Joe S. San Agustin Minority Member					
For Sponsor's Office Use Only					
Sponsor Signature: <i>Vincent Anthony V. Borja</i>					
Staff Contact Person: Caden Poblete					
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<u>7</u> Certified _____ Returned					
Name: Elijah Untalan					
Date: September 17, 2026 4:24 p.m.					
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AND PUBLIC
BROADCASTING

Office of Senator

Vincent A. V. Borja

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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

September 18, 2026

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 224-38 (LS)

Håfa Adai!

Please be advised that on **Saturday, September 19, 2026, at 1:00 P.M.**, the Office of Senator Vincent A.V. Borja **will hand-deliver Resolution 224-38 (LS)**, relative to recognizing Kenneth Steven Thomas for his dedicated service to Guam and the United States, and congratulating him on his retirement.

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