

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
85-38 (LS)	V. Anthony Ada	Relative to recognizing Carol Ragan for her many contributions to the community of Guam through her service as a business owner; and congratulating her on the celebration of the Thirtieth (30th) Anniversary of Hava Java Café.	8/7/25 4:51 p.m.	8/14/25 12:00 p.m.	8/7/25 4:51 p.m.					

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Relative to recognizing Carol Ragan for her many contributions to the community of Guam through her service as a business owner; and congratulating her on the celebration of the Thirtieth (30th) Anniversary of Hava Java Café.

BE IT RESOLVED BY I MINA'TRENTAI OCHO NA LIHESLATURAN GUÅHAN:

WHEREAS, Carol Ragan moved to Guam in the early 1990s from New York, where she worked for the New York Times. Having frequented a coffee bar near Times Square and developing a love for the beverage, Carol found that the island did not have a shop where consumers could find a good cup of cappuccino or espresso; and

WHEREAS, Carol, using her background in market research, spent over a month and personal money on research, looking up everything she could find on coffee from sourcing the best coffee beans to roasting and brewing to the proper equipment, while also reaching out to members of the community, getting feedback on the possibility of what would be a brand new market on Guam; and

WHEREAS, after three months of research, planning, and development, Hava Java Café opened in a corner of the Agana Shopping Center in December of 1995, offering a wide selection of beverages from cappuccinos and lattes to teas and hot chocolate, and an ever-expanding menu to include custom sandwiches and desserts; and

WHEREAS, through trial and error and in discovering the particularities of running a business on Guam, Carol created a business model that has lasted for decades by first providing a service previously unseen on the island and creating an environment that has gained loyal customers and regulars over the years; and

WHEREAS, Hava Java Café moved to its current location in 2004, where it spent another two decades providing fares to its clientele in Guam's capital, Hagåtña, as a cornerstone of the community, sharing her love of coffee with Guam's residents in a place where the aroma of freshly brewed coffee and delectable deserts and meals meet the warmth of genuine connection; and

WHEREAS, as a dedicated business owner and a firm believer in raising responsible employees, Carol offered many young residents their first jobs, building a culture of excellence, responsibility, and care, teaching her employees the values of hard work, gratitude, and customer service; and

WHEREAS, with a strong desire to be a true partner to the community, Carol used her business to serve, uplift and inspire, leaving behind a legacy of hospitality and leadership, inspiring those she mentored and worked with and as she moves on to her next venture, the culture of service she inspired has left an indelible mark on the community that will miss the warmth she provided along with her beloved coffee and custom-made treats; now therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that *I Mina'trentai Ocho Na Liheslaturan Guåhan* does hereby, on behalf of the people of Guam, recognize Carol Ragan for her many contributions to the community of Guam through her service as a business owner, and congratulate her on the celebration of the Thirtieth (30th) Anniversary of Hava Java Café; and be it further

RESOLVED, that the Speaker certify, and the Legislative Secretary attest to, the adoption hereof, and that copies of the same be thereafter transmitted to Carol Ragan; and to the Honorable Lourdes A. Leon Guerrero, *I Maga'hågan Guåhan*.

DULY AND REGULARLY ADOPTED BY I MINA'TRENTAI OCHO NA LIHESLATURAN GUÅHAN ON THE 7TH DAY OF AUGUST 2025.

Frank F. Blas, Jr.
Speaker

Sabrina Salas Matanane
Legislative Secretary



Tiffany to 8/14/25 8:59 am


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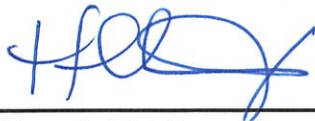
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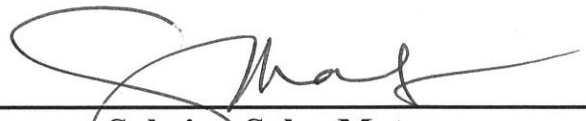
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Chairperson - Committee on Land, Environment, Housing, Agriculture, Parks, and Infrastructure

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

April 13, 2025

MEMORANDUM

To: All Senators, Stakeholders, Media

From: Vice Speaker V. Anthony Ada

Re: NOTICE of Presentation: Resolution No. 85-38 (LS)

The Presentation of **Resolution No. 85-38 (LS)** "*Relative to recognizing Carol Ragan for her many contributions to the community of Guam through her service as a business owner; and congratulating her on the celebration of the Thirtieth (30th) Anniversary of Hava Java Café,*" will held at the **Hava Java Café** in **Hagåtña** on **Thursday, August 14, 2025, at 11:30 am.**

We look forward to your attendance and participation.