

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
90-38 (COR)	Sabrina Salas Matanane	Relative to recognizing Frank J. Whitman on his dedicated career as a teacher for the Guam Department of Education and as a professional journalist; and congratulating him on the occasion of his retirement.	8/25/25 1:43 p.m.	9/2/25 12:00 p.m.	9/2/25 9:14 a.m.					

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Introduced by:

Sabrina Salas Matanane

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Frank F. Blas, Jr.	Chris Barnett
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Relative to recognizing Frank J. Whitman on his dedicated career as a teacher for the Guam Department of Education and as a professional journalist; and congratulating him on the occasion of his retirement.

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

WHEREAS, Frank J. Whitman earned his bachelor's degree in Elementary Education and Sociology from the State University of New York at Stony Brook in 1976, where he was also a member of the swim team; and

WHEREAS, that same year he moved to Guam and began a distinguished teaching career with the Guam Department of Education, serving until 1997, and during his tenure taught multiple grade levels at FBLG, Yigo, Talo'fo'fo', Carbullido, and Agana Heights Elementary Schools, including Gifted and Talented Education (GATE) programs, as well as English Composition at the Academy of Our Lady of Guam and American History at Notre Dame High School; and

WHEREAS, he also contributed to athletics as a founding coach of the *Manhoben* Swim Club in 1978, promoting youth development in competitive swimming; and

WHEREAS, following his teaching career, Frank Whitman transitioned into journalism, earning the U.S. Small Business Administration's "Journalist of the Year" award in 2002 for his work with Directions Magazine, and later serving as editor, managing editor, and reporter with publications including Directions Magazine, Stars and Stripes, Glimpses Media, The Guam Daily Post, and as a freelance journalist for the Pacific Island Times; and

WHEREAS, his professional service also extended to communications support for Naval Facilities Engineering and Systems Marianas through A-Team Solutions and Galaide Professional Services Inc.; and

WHEREAS, over four decades, Frank Whitman distinguished himself as an educator and journalist, shaping young minds in the classroom, expanding community knowledge through his reporting, and mentoring emerging journalists with integrity, fairness, and a commitment to accuracy; 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 Frank J. Whitman on his dedicated career as a teacher for the Guam Department of Education and as a professional journalist; and congratulate him on the occasion of 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 Frank J. Whitman; 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 2ND DAY OF SEPTEMBER 2025.

Frank F. Blas, Jr.
Speaker

Christopher M. Dueñas
Acting Chairperson, Committee on Rules

Sabrina Salas Matanane
Legislative Secretary



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I MINA'TRENTAI OCHO NA LIHESLATURAN GUÅHAN
2025 (FIRST) Regular Session

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- 2 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 2ND DAY OF
SEPTEMBER 2025.**



Frank F. Blas, Jr.
Speaker



Christopher M. Dueñas
Acting 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. 90-38 (COR) – Sabrina Salas Matanane – “Relative to recognizing Frank J. Whitman on his dedicated career as a teacher for the Guam Department of Education and as a professional journalist; and congratulating him on the occasion of his retirement.”

	INITIAL	DATE	TO ADOPT	TO NOT ADOPT	TO ABSTAIN
Vice Speaker V. Anthony Ada Chairperson	E-VOTE		✓		
Senator Christopher M. Dueñas Vice Chairperson	E-VOTE		✓		
Speaker Frank F. Blas, Jr. Member	E-VOTE		✓		
Legislative Secretary Sabrina Salas Matanane Member	E-VOTE		✓		
Senator Vincent A.V. Borja Member	E-VOTE		✓		
Senator Shelly Calvo Member	E-VOTE		✓		
Senator Eulogio Shawn Gumataotao Member	E-VOTE		✓		
Senator Jesse A. Lujan Member	E-VOTE		✓		
Senator Telo T. Taitague Member	E-VOTE		✓		
Senator Tina Rose Muña Barnes Minority Member					
Senator Joe S. San Agustin Minority Member	E-VOTE		✓		
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Staff Contact Person: ISIAH AGUON					
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<u>10</u> Certified _____ Returned					
Name: Elijah Untalan					
Date: 9/2/25 9:14 a.m.					
Notes:					



Office of Legislative Secretary
SENATOR SABRINA SALAS MATANANE
I Mina'trentai Ocho Na Liheslaturan Guåhan | 38th Guam Legislature
Chairperson, Committee on Health and Veterans Affairs

MEMORANDUM - FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

September 1, 2025 | Hagåtña, Guam

To: All Senators, Stakeholders, Media

From: **Legislative Secretary Senator Sabrina Salas Matanane** *Smart*
Chairperson, Committee on Health and Veterans Affairs

Subject: **Presentation Notice for Resolution No. 90-38 (COR)**

Join me in presenting Resolution No. 90-38 (COR). Resolution No. 90-38 (COR) will be presented, "Relative to recognizing Frank J. Whitman on his dedicated career as a teacher for the Guam Department of Education and as a professional journalist; and congratulating him on the occasion of his retirement."

The presentation is scheduled for 12:00 p.m. Tuesday, September 2, 2025, at the Guam Congress Building Public Hearing Room in Hagatna.

For more information about the presentation, contact the Office of Legislative Secretary Senator Sabrina Salas Matanane at 671-989-2572 or via email at office.senatorbri@guamlegislature.gov.

END OF MEMORANDUM