

I MINA'TRENTAI OCHO NA LIHESLATURAN GUÅHAN
RESOLUTIONS

Resolution No.	Sponsor	Title	Date Intro	Date of Presentation	Date Adopted	Date Referred	Referred to	PUBLIC HEARING DATE	DATE AUTHORS REPORT FILED	NOTES
157-38 (COR)	Chris Barnett Shelly V. Calvo Jesse A. Lujan Christopher M. Dueñas Telo T. Taitague Frank F. Blas, Jr. Joe S. San Agustin Therese M. Terlaje Vincent A.V. Borja William A. Parkinson Sabrina Salas Matanane V. Anthony Ada Tina Rose Muna-Barrios Sabina Flores Perez	Relative to recognizing the celebration of Guam Special Olympics on its 50th Anniversary; and commemorating its major milestone marking half a century of empowering athletes with intellectual disabilities since its founding in 1976.	3/19/26 3:48 p.m.	3/28/26 8:00 a.m.	3/27/26 11:37 a.m.					

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

WHEREAS, in 1968 Eunice Kennedy Shriver and her team of enthusiastic and likeminded individuals hosted the First (1st) International Special Olympics with the purpose of creating a better world by fostering the acceptance and inclusion of all people; and since their founding, the Special Olympics has provided millions of people with physical and developmental disabilities with an opportunity to discover strength confidence, and camaraderie through the power of sports; and

WHEREAS, recognizing the importance of inclusion within Guam's community, Ms. Delrina Baza spearheaded the efforts to extend the Special Olympics to Guam, and former First Lady Madeline Z. Bordallo helped the Guam Special Olympics become a reality in 1976; and

WHEREAS, the first (1st) Guam Special Olympics was organized by Ms. Baza, along with the staff and faculty of Chief Brodie Memorial School and it was held at the John F. Kennedy High School Gene Ramsey Field and hosted on hundred fifty(150) athletes participating from around the island; and

WHEREAS, in 1983 the Guam Special Olympics community celebrated the landmark milestone of sending their first (1st) team of Olympians to four (4) International and World Summer Games; and

WHEREAS, in 2003, the Special Olympics Guam Board of Directors passed a resolution to include persons without a disability to partner with and become mentors for persons with an intellectual and physical disability on and off the athletic sporting field; and

WHEREAS, in 2006, the Guam Special Olympics officially changed its name to Special Olympics Guam (SOGU) and includes six (6) official sport events: athletics (track and field), football (soccer), badminton, softball, bowling, and swimming; and

WHEREAS, SOGU is dedicated to building self-esteem among people with disabilities, raising awareness of both their needs and their abilities and providing opportunities to help them enjoy physical fitness activities while developing friendships and building skills; and

WHEREAS, SOGU grew exponentially with the help of their dedicated partner organization and volunteers, and it began to include various other events and hosted hundreds of new athletes and coaches; and

WHEREAS, SOGU is accredited and recognized under the Special Olympics Asia Pacific (SOAP) region overseen by Special Olympics International (SOI), the governing body for this Global Movement and is about showing respect, dignity, and compassion, which provides a healthy, happy, safe, and inclusive environment for athletes with the help of the island community; and

WHEREAS, SOGU has made it its mission to provide year round sports training and athletic competition in a variety of Olympic-type sports for individuals with intellectual disabilities by giving them continuing opportunities to develop physical fitness, demonstrate courage, experience joy, and participate in a sharing of gift skills and friendship with their families, other SOGU athletes and the community; and

WHEREAS, SOGU has been gladly serving our island community for Fifty (50) years and has been made possible by the numerous volunteers, mentors, coaches, parents, and athletes who have contributed to this program for many years; now therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that the Committee on Rules of I Mina'trentai Ocho Na Liheslaturan Guahan does hereby, on behalf of I Liheslaturan Guahan and the people of Guam, recognize the celebration of Guam Special Olympics on its 50th Anniversary; and commemorate its major milestone marking half a century of empowering athletes with intellectual disabilities since its founding in 1976; 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 Special Olympics Guam (SOGU); and to the Honorable Lourdes A. Leon Guerrero, I Maga'hagan Guahan.

DULY AND REGULARLY ADOPTED BY THE COMMITTEE ON RULES OF I MINA'TRENTAI OCHO NA LIHESLATURAN GUAHAN ON THE 27TH DAY OF MARCH 2026.

Frank F. Blas, Jr.
Speaker

V. Anthony Ada
Chairperson, Committee on Rules

Sabrina Salas Matanane
Legislative Secretary



David Delgado

3/27/26

4:26 pm

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2026 (SECOND) Regular Session

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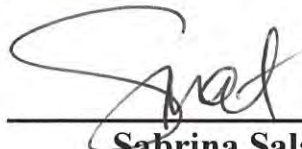
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COMMITTEE ON RULES

VICE SPEAKER V. ANTHONY ADA, CHAIRPERSON

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38th Guam Legislature

COMMITTEE VOTE SHEET

Resolution No. 157-38 (COR) – Chris Barnett, Shelly V. Calvo, Jesse A. Lujan, Christopher M. Dueñas, Telo T. Taitague, Frank F. Blas Jr., Joe S. San Agustin, Therese M. Terlaje, Vincent A. V. Borja, William A. Parkinson, Sabrina Salas Matanane, V. Anthony Ada, Tina Rose Muña-Barnes, Sabina Flores Perez– “Relative to recognizing the celebration of Guam Special Olympics on its 50th Anniversary; and commemorating its major milestone marking half a century of empowering athletes with intellectual disabilities since its founding in 1976.”

	INITIAL	DATE	TO ADOPT	TO NOT ADOPT	TO ABSTAIN
Vice Speaker V. Anthony Ada Chairperson	Evote	3/27/26	✓		
Senator Christopher M. Dueñas Vice Chairperson	Evote	3/27/26	✓		
Speaker Frank F. Blas, Jr. Member	Evote	3/27/26	✓		
Legislative Secretary Sabrina Salas Matanane Member					
Senator Vincent A.V. Borja Member	Evote	3/27/26	✓		
Senator Shelly V. Calvo Member					
Senator Eulogio Shawn Gumataotao Member					
Senator Jesse A. Lujan Member	Evote	3/27/26	✓		
Senator Telo T. Taitague Member	Evote	3/27/26	✓		
Senator Tina Rose Muña Barnes Minority Member					
Senator Joe S. San Agustin Minority Member	Evote	3/27/26	✓		
For Sponsor's Office Use Only Sponsor Signature: 					
Staff Contact Person: Ayana Rose Pinkney					
For COR/Clerk's Office Use Only 7 Certified _____ Returned _____ Name: Elijah Untalan Date: 3/27/26 11:37 a.m. Notes:					



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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

March 27, 2026

MEMORANDUM

To: All Senators, Stakeholders, Media
From: Senator Chris “Malafunkshun” Barnett
Re: PRESENTATION NOTICE for Resolution No. 157-38 (COR)

Buenas yan Håfa Adai,

The presentation of **Resolution No. 157-38 (COR)**, relative to recognizing Special Olympics Guam on the occasion of its 50th Anniversary as an organization, will take place on **Saturday, March 28, 2026, at 8:00 am** at **Okkodo High School** in **Dededo**.

We look forward to your attendance and participation.