

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
158-38 (LS)	Tina Rose Muña-Barnes Jesse A. Lujan Christopher M. Dueñas	Relative to recognizing Colonel Gabriel Vincent Cruz for his thirty-six (36) years of dedicated service to the Guam Customs and Quarantine Agency; and congratulating him on his retirement.	3/23/26 11:59 a.m.	3/30/26 10:00 a.m.	3/23/26 11:59 a.m.					

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Relative to recognizing Colonel Gabriel Vincent Cruz for his thirty-six (36) years of dedicated service to the Guam Customs and Quarantine Agency; and congratulating him on his retirement.

BE IT RESOLVED *I MINA'TRENTAI OCHO NA LIHESLATURAN GUAHAN*:

WHEREAS, Gabriel Vincent Cruz was born on February 25, 1962, and raised in the village of Talofofo, Guam, the son of Benny Mendiola Cruz, a former firefighter with the Guam Fire Department from 1957 to 1972 and later a Customs Officer and Canine Handler with the Guam Customs and Quarantine Agency from 1972 to 1984, and Rosa Quitugua Cruz; and

WHEREAS, Colonel Cruz is the devoted husband of Julieta Augustin Cruz, and the proud father of Marv Augustin and Nicolas Cruz; and

WHEREAS, prior to his career in government service, Colonel Cruz gained valuable work experience in the private sector with Ben Franklin Department Store from January 1980 to April 1981, Culligan from April 1981 to July 1983, and Continental Air Micronesia from September 1983 to July 1989; and

WHEREAS, in July 1989, Colonel Cruz began his long and distinguished career with the Guam Customs and Quarantine Agency, where he faithfully served the people of Guam for more than thirty-six (36) years and seven (7) months, retiring in March 2026; and

WHEREAS, throughout his tenure, Colonel Cruz served in numerous critical assignments, including the Inspection and Control Division (ICD), the Special Enforcement Division (SED), the Contraband Enforcement Team, and the Drug Detector Dog Unit (DDDU), where his leadership and expertise strengthened Guam's border protection and enforcement capabilities; and

WHEREAS, in 1992, Colonel Cruz attended specialized K-9 training in Canberra, Australia, where he developed expertise in narcotics detection and canine operations that would significantly enhance Guam's drug interdiction efforts; and

WHEREAS, his dedication and professionalism resulted in his appointment as Officer in Charge of the Drug Detector Dog Unit in December 1996, followed by his promotion to Lieutenant and appointment as DDDU Supervisor in August 2000, where he mentored officers and handlers and strengthened the unit's operational effectiveness; and

WHEREAS, throughout his career, Colonel Cruz held numerous supervisory and leadership roles, including Midnight Shift Supervisor at the Airport, Operations Supervisor for the Special Enforcement Division, Supervisor of the Drug Detector Dog Unit, Acting Assistant Chief of the Special Enforcement Division, and Airport and Air Cargo Supervisor, ensuring the safety and security of Guam's ports of entry; and

WHEREAS, Colonel Cruz distinguished himself through exemplary service and professional excellence, earning numerous accolades including Officer of the Year in 1994 and 1997, Handler of the Year in 1993, 1994, and 1996, Most Narcotic Seizures in 1993, 1995, and 1996, Supervisor of the Year in 2016, and being named a MagPro Supervisor of the Year Nominee in 2016; and

WHEREAS, he successfully managed the Edward Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Grant for more than twenty (20) years, securing millions of dollars in federal funding that strengthened enforcement programs and enhanced the capabilities of the Drug Detector Dog Unit and other critical operations and under his leadership, the DDDU won the agency's Unit of the Year in 2018 and was the agency nomination for the 2018 MagPro Unit award; and

WHEREAS, Colonel Cruz demonstrated extraordinary personal dedication to his unit, often contributing his own personal funds for operational needs such as training supplies, canine equipment, and even purchasing new tires for an essential canine vehicle to ensure continued operational readiness; and

WHEREAS, beyond his professional duties, Colonel Cruz generously volunteered hundreds of hours to community initiatives, including Island Beautification projects, Red Cross fundraisers, Guam Special Olympics, *Mannegon* Memorial Torch Run, school presentations, support for the Guam Animal Shelter, Sanctuary Incorporated, and the Make-A-Wish Foundation, reflecting his deep commitment to the community he served; and

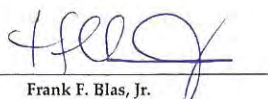
WHEREAS, exemplifying compassion and solidarity with fellow government employees, Colonel Cruz donated over 4,000 hours of sick leave throughout his career to colleagues facing life events ranging from childbirth to serious illnesses such as cancer; and

WHEREAS, through his leadership, integrity, and unwavering commitment to public service, Colonel Cruz has left a lasting legacy within the Guam Customs and Quarantine Agency and has made a meaningful impact on the safety and well-being of the people of Guam; now therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that *I Mina'trentai Ocho Na Liheslaturan Guahan* does hereby, on behalf of the people of Guam, recognize Colonel Gabriel Vincent Cruz for his thirty-six (36) years of dedicated service to the Guam Customs and Quarantine Agency; and congratulate him on his retirement; 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 transmitted to Retired Colonel Gabriel Vincent Cruz and to the leadership of the Guam Customs and Quarantine Agency and to the Honorable Lourdes A. Leon Guerrero, *I Maga'hagan Guahan*.

DULY AND REGULARLY ADOPTED BY *I MINA'TRENTAI OCHO NA LIHESLATURAN GUAHAN* ON THE 23RD DAY OF MARCH 2026.


Frank F. Blas, Jr.
Speaker


Sabrina Salas Matanane
Legislative Secretary



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I MINA'TRENTAI OCHO NA LIHESLATURAN GUÅHAN
2026 (SECOND) Regular Session

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SENATOR TINA ROSE MUÑA-BARNES

I Mina'trentai Ocho Na Liheslaturan Guåhan

38th Guam Legislature

March 27, 2026

MEMORANDUM

To: All Senators, 38th Guam Legislature
From: Senator Tina Rose Muña-Barnes
Subject: ~~Corrected:~~ Presentation of Resolution No. 158-38 (LS)

Buenas yan Håfa Adai!

Please join me in presenting, **Resolution No. 158-38 (LS)** – Relative to recognizing Colonel Gabriel Vincent Cruz for his thirty-six (36) years of dedicated service to the Guam Customs and Quarantine Agency; and congratulating him on his retirement.

Presentation will take place on Monday, March ~~31~~ 30 at 10AM in the Adelup Large Conference Room.

Si Yu'os Ma'åse'!