

I MINA'TRENTAI SIETTE 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
175-37 (LS)	Joe S. San Agustin	Relative to recognizing the Guam-CNMI Employer Support of the Guard and Reserve (ESGR) State Committee for their hard work in the development and promotion of employer support for the service members of the National Guard and Reserve; and commending the ESGR for their commitment to serving our island community and the Pacific region.	8/17/23 4:12 p.m.	8/28/23 1:30 p.m.	8/17/23					

Resolution No. 175-37 (LS)

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

WHEREAS, the vision of the Employer Support of the Guard and Reserve (ESGR) is to develop and promote a culture in which all American employers support and value the military service of their employees; and the ESGR continues to be the principal advocate for the U.S. Department of Defense; and

WHEREAS, over one million of our fellow citizen-service members continue to serve and maintain constant vigilance in order to protect our freedoms and the American way of life. Standing tall amongst our military members are our nation's National Guard and Reserve forces which are comprised of men and women who continue to serve with great distinction; and

WHEREAS, our National Guard members and Reservists continue to serve on active duty on every front of the Overseas Contingency Operations; and they are also a constant presence in our community, as they work hard to serve our island and the nation to uphold the very values in which the American way of life was created by our forefathers; and

WHEREAS, through its volunteers, the Guam-CNMI State Committee for the Employer Support of the Guard and Reserve provides support and assistance to service members so that they can focus on their military mission without worrying about their civilian jobs; and

WHEREAS, some of the ESGR's objectives are: to gain and maintain support from the employers of National Guard and Reserve Service members; to educate them on their legal responsibilities to these men and women in the National Guard and Reserves; and to continue to refine the ESGR organization for relevancy, effectiveness and efficiency. For decades, the ESGR has worked closely with private and public entities to build relationships and provide support for their employees who serve in the National Guard and Reserves; and

WHEREAS, the people of Guam and the CNMI are grateful to the many local employers for their support of the National Guard and Reserve service members who continue to reflect the highest standards of professionalism and honor. The U.S. Secretary of Defense Employer Support Freedom Award, which is the highest recognition given by the U.S. Department of Defense, is presented to employers for their exceptional support of National Guard and Reserve members. The Freedom Award began in 1996 under the auspices of ESGR to recognize exceptional employer support, with only three hundred ten (310) honorees to date. Additionally, the Guam-CNMI ESGR State Committee presented the Patriot Award, the first of the ESGR awards that is given to outstanding supervisors for their support of their service member employees in the National Guard and Reserve; and they are nominated for the award by an employee serving in the National Guard and Reserve, or the spouse of a National Guard or Reserve member; and

WHEREAS, in 2022-2023, the Guam-CNMI ESGR State Committee presented fifty-one (51) Patriot Awards to individual managers throughout the Guam and CNMI region. In the same fiscal year, U.S. Army National Guard Lieutenant Colonel Stephen M. Warren, Mr. Jason Salas, Mr. Michael Sablan, and Mr. David M. Sablan were honored with the ESGR Seven Seals by the Guam-CNMI ESGR State Committee in recognition of their significant achievements, initiatives, and support that promotes the ESGR mission. For several years, the Guam-CNMI ESGR Committee has recognized several employers from public offices, private entities, schools, universities, and companies for their outstanding support of their employees in the National Guard and Reserve through its various yearly awards, which include: the Patriot Award, the Seven Seals Award, the Above and Beyond Award, the Pro Patria Award, the Extraordinary Employer Support Award, and the Secretary of Defense Employer Support Freedom Award; and the ESGR also recognizes members of its organization for their commitment to the ESGR; and

WHEREAS, in 2023, ESGR honored various employers on Guam and the CNMI with the Pro Patria and the Above and Beyond Awards, including: the Fire Rivers Services, the Guam Department of Education, the Guam Department of Labor - WIA Division, the Joint Region Marianas Fire and Emergency Services, the J.Q. San Miguel Elementary School, the Judiciary of Guam, the Leo Palace Resort Guam, the Transportation Security Administration, the U.S. Attorney's Office for the Districts of Guam and the Northern Mariana Islands, the U.S. Customs and Border Protection, and the CNMI Port; and

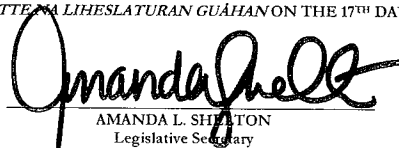
WHEREAS, on Guam, August 28 through September 1, 2023 has been proclaimed as "Employer Support of the Guard and Reserve Week"; and throughout "ESGR Week," the committee will host various events to recognize the support from dedicated employers, and further promote how the support given from employers to our National Guard and Reserve members plays a major role in upholding goodwill and service for others, as well as our nation's security; now therefore, be it

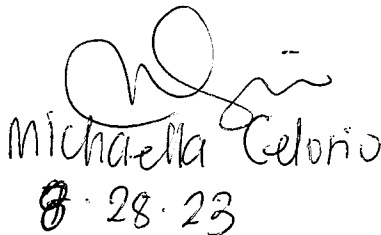
RESOLVED, that *I Mina'trentai Siette Na Liheslaturan Guåhan* does hereby, on behalf of the people of Guam, recognize the Guam-CNMI Employer Support of the Guard and Reserve (ESGR) State Committee for their hard work in the development and promotion of employer support for the service members of the National Guard and Reserve; and commend the ESGR for their commitment to serving our island community and the Pacific region; and be it further

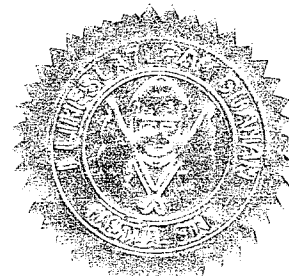
RESOLVED, that the Speaker certify, and the Legislative Secretary attest to, the adoption hereof, and that copies of the same be thereafter transmitted to the ESGR Guam-CNMI State Chair, Retired Lieutenant Colonel Renie A. Ilaneta; the ESGR Guam-CNMI Vice Chair, Retired Major General Benny Paulino; Norma Castillon, Awards Coordinator; the Guam Army National Guard; the U.S. Army Reserve; the U.S. Navy Reserve; the Guam Air National Guard; the U.S. Air Force Reserve; the U.S. Coast Guard Reserve; and to the Honorable Lourdes A. Leon Guerrero, *I Maga'hagan Guåhan*.

DULY AND REGULARLY ADOPTED BY I MINA'TRENTAI SIETTE NA LIHESLATURAN GUÅHAN ON THE 17TH DAY OF AUGUST 2023.


THERESE M. TERLAJE
Speaker


AMANDA L. SHELTON
Legislative Secretary


Michaela Celorio
8.28.23



I MINA'TRENTAI SIETTE NA LIHESLATURAN GUÅHAN
2023 (FIRST) Regular Session

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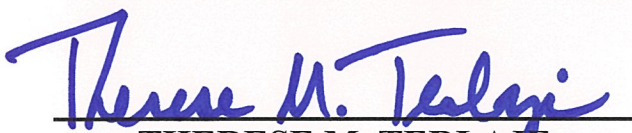
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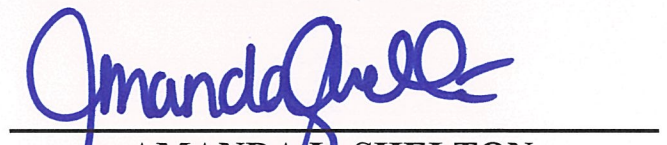
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20 Navy Reserve; the Guam Air National Guard; the U.S. Air Force Reserve; the U.S Coast
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THERESE M. TERLAJE
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AMANDA L. SHELTON
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Subject: Presentation Notice for Resolution No 175-37 (LS)

August 25, 2023

MEMORANDUM

To: All Senators
37th Guam Legislature

From: Senator Joe S. San Agustin

Subject: Presentation Notice for Resolution No. 175-37 (LS)

Buenas yan Hafa Adai!

Please join us for the presentation of **Resolution No. 175-37 (LS)** introduced by Joe S. San Agustin - **"Relative to recognizing the Guam-CNMI Employer Support of the Guard and Reserve (ESGR) State Committee for their hard work in the development and promotion of employer support for the service members of the National Guard and Reserve; and commending the ESGR for their commitment to serving our island community and the Pacific region."**

The presentation will take place on **Monday, August 28 2023 beginning at 1:30 p.m., Public Hearing Room in the Guam Congress Building.**

We look forward to your attendance and participation!

Si Yu'os Ma'áse!

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