

**I MINA'TRENTAI SIETTE NA LIHESLATURAN GUÅHAN
RESOLUTIONS**

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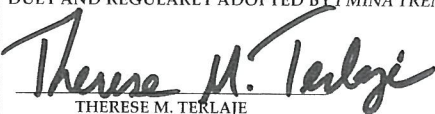


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BE IT RESOLVED BY I MINA TRENTAI SIETTE NA LIHESLATURAN GUÅHAN:

WHEREAS, the late Honorable †John S. Unpingco is the son of †Juan Martinez Unpingco and †Fidela Guerrero Sablan, and is one of their eight (8) children; and
WHEREAS, the late Honorable †John S. Unpingco will live forever in the memories and hearts of his wife, Annie Flores Borja Unpingco, their three (3) children, six (6) grandchildren, and three (3) great-grandchildren; and in his passing, he also leaves behind numerous family members and loved ones; and
WHEREAS, the late Honorable †John S. Unpingco is a Phi Beta Kappa magna cum laude graduate of St. Louis University in St. Louis, Missouri; he attended New York University where he received his Master's Degree in Business Administration and his Juris Doctorate; and he earned a Master of Laws degree specializing in International Law from Georgetown University in Washington, D.C.; and
WHEREAS, the late Honorable †John S. Unpingco specialized in private international law and was a member of the California, the District of Columbia, and the Guam Bar Associations; and
WHEREAS, after his graduation from law school in 1976, the late Honorable †John S. Unpingco worked an associate with Ferenz, Bramhall, Williams and Gruskin, a law firm in Oakland, California; and the firm later merged with the law firm of Carlsmith, Wichman, Case and Mukai, and the late Honorable †John S. Unpingco began practicing corporate law with the Guam office; and
WHEREAS, the late Honorable †John S. Unpingco had prosecuted various cases when he was called to active duty while serving as a Judge Advocate General in the United States Air Force; and
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WHEREAS, the late Honorable †John S. Unpingco's had been a recipient of many military decorations, including: the Meritorious Service Medal with two oak leaf clusters; the Commendation Medal; the Achievement Medal; and the Republic of Korea Presidential Unit Citation; and
WHEREAS, while serving as the former Command Counsel for the China Lake site of the Naval Air Warfare Center from 1987 to 1992, the late Honorable †John S. Unpingco rebuilt a four (4)-attorney, three (3)-secretary legal office into a twelve (12)-attorney, sixteen (16)-person staff office with a litigation success rate of ninety-nine percent (99%) versus a number of the major patent and government contract law firms in the nation; and
WHEREAS, the late Honorable †John S. Unpingco was formally nominated to the position of United States District Court Judge for the Territory of Guam on July 12, 1992; and his confirmation hearing before the U.S. State Judiciary Committee was held on September 24, and his U.S. Senate confirmation was held on October 8 of the same year; and
WHEREAS, on October 9, 1992, President George Bush signed the commission formally appointing the late Honorable †John S. Unpingco to serve as a federal judge; and Chief Judge Unpingco assumed his position with the U.S. District Court of Guam on December 22, 1992; and
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WHEREAS, the late Honorable †John S. Unpingco lived a life of exemplary service to his island and country as an expression of his dedication to Guam and his love for our island's people; now therefore, be it
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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 family of the late Honorable †John S. Unpingco; and to the Honorable Lourdes A. Leon Guerrero, I Maga'hågan Guåhan.

DULY AND REGULARLY ADOPTED BY I MINA TRENTAI SIETTE NA LIHESLATURAN GUÅHAN ON THE 23RD DAY OF OCTOBER 2023.


THERESE M. TERLAJE
Speaker


CHRIS BARNETT
Acting Legislative Secretary





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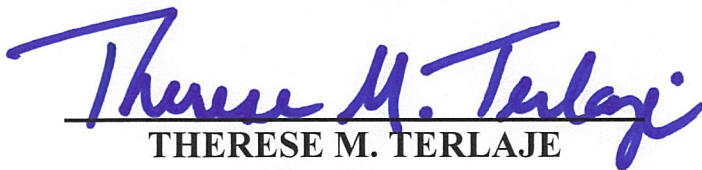
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Senator Chris “Malafunkshun” Barnett

Chairperson

Committee on Education, Public Safety, and the Arts · Committee on Rules

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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

October 25, 2023

MEMORANDUM

To: All Senators, Stakeholders, Media
From: Senator Chris “Malafunkshun” Barnett
Re: **PRESENTATION NOTICE for Resolution No. 229-37 (LS)**

Håfa adai:

The presentation of **Resolution No. 229-37 (LS)** – “*Relative to posthumously recognizing the late Honorable †John Sablan Unpingco, former Chief Judge of the U.S. District Court of Guam for his dedication to the island and people of Guam, and commemorating his legacy of service; and expressing condolences to his family on his passing, on behalf of the people of Guam,*” will take place on Thursday, October 26, 2023 at 11:30 am. The presentation will take place in the Guam Congress Building.

We look forward to your attendance and participation.