

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
253-37 (COR)	Chris Barnett	Relative to recognizing John B. Benavente for his dedication to sports and his service as a referee; and commending him for his contributions to the sports community of Guam.	11/20/23 1:37 p.m.	11/27/23 5:30 p.m.	11/21/23 4:45 p.m.					

Resolution No. 253-37 (COR)

Introduced by:

Frank Blas, Jr.	Chris Barnett	Sahma Flores Perez
Joanne Brown	Roy A. B. Qumata	Joe S. San Agustin
Christopher M. Duenas	Dwayne T.D. San Nicolas	Amanda L. Shelton
Thomas J. Fisher	Toku T. Taitague	Therese M. Terlaje
Jose A. Lujan		
Ina Rose Motta Barnes		
William A. Parkinson		



Relative to recognizing John B. Benavente for his dedication to sports and his service as a referee; and commending him for his contributions to the sports community of Guam.

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

WHEREAS, John B. Benavente is the son of Jesus C. Benavente and Inga Pascual of *Dededo*. He is married to Yuko Matsumoto, and they are blessed with two (2) children: David and Christopher; and his grandchildren are Alana, Maia, Sota, and Hina; and

WHEREAS, John began his career serving as a referee in 1978, and is the longest serving referee in Guam's history; and John was also the first local referee for the sports of football and basketball; and

WHEREAS, John has officiated in the sports of football, basketball and cross-country events; he has organized clinics and coaches' meetings; and he has officiated at thousands of games on Guam; and

WHEREAS, John enjoys scuba diving with over one hundred (100) dives completed; and

WHEREAS, John is the President of the Mariana Sports Officials Association (MSOA); he is a head official for men's, women's, and youth football games; he has officiated at several all-star games; he has officiated at the Girls' High School Far East Basketball Tournament; and he was a member of the Men's National Basketball Team that won the Gold Medal at the 1979 South Pacific Games that was held in Suva, Fiji; now therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that the Committee on Rules of *I Mina'trentai Siette Na Liheslaturan Guåhan* does hereby, on behalf of *I Liheslaturan Guåhan* and the people of Guam, recognize John B. Benavente for his dedication to sports and his service as a referee; and commend him for his contributions to the sports community of Guam; 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 John B. Benavente; 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 SIETTE NA LIHESLATURAN GUÅHAN* ON THE 21ST DAY OF NOVEMBER 2023.


 THERESE M. TERLAJE
 Speaker


 CHRIS BARNETT
 Chairperson, Committee on Rules


 AMANDA L. SHELTON
 Legislative Secretary



Ayana P. P. P.
3:37 pm 11/27/23

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

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THERESE M. TERLAJE
Speaker



CHRIS BARNETT
Chairperson, Committee on Rules



AMANDA L. SHELTON
Legislative Secretary




COMMITTEE ON RULES

Chris Barnett, Chairperson, Committee on Rules
I Mina'trentai Siette Na Liheslaturan Guåhan
 37th Guam Legislature

COMMITTEE VOTE SHEET

Resolution No. 253-37 (COR) – Chris Barnett. – “Relative to recognizing John B. Benavente for his dedication to sports and his service as a referee; and commending him for his contributions to the sports community of Guam.”

	INITIAL	DATE	TO ADOPT	TO NOT ADOPT	TO ABSTAIN
Senator Chris Barnett Chairperson	DCB	11/21/23	✓		
Senator Sabina Flores Perez Vice Chairperson	evote	11/21/23	✓		
Speaker Therese M. Terlaje Member					
Vice Speaker Tina Rose Muña Barnes Member					
Legislative Secretary Amanda L. Shelton Member	evote	11/21/23	✓		
Senator William A. Parkinson Member	evote	11/21/23	✓		
Senator Roy A. B. Quinata Member	evote	11/21/23	✓		
Senator Joe S. San Agustin Member	evote	11/21/23	✓		
Senator Dwayne T. D. San Nicolas Member	evote	11/21/23	✓		
Senator Joanne Brown Minority Member	evote	11/21/23	✓		
Senator Christopher M. Dueñas Minority Member	evote	11/21/23	✓		
Senator Thomas J. Fisher Minority Member	evote	11/21/23	✓		
Senator Telo T. Taitague Minority Member	evote	11/21/23	✓		
For Sponsor's Office Use Only					
Sponsor Signature: 					
Staff Contact Person: Erin M. Grajek					
For COR/Clerk's Office Use Only					
___8___ Certified _____ Returned					
Name: Joven Aguon					
Date: November 21, 2023 at 4:45 p.m.					
Notes:					



Senator Chris “Malafunkshun” Barnett

Chairperson

Committee on Education, Public Safety, and the Arts · Committee on Rules
I Mina'trentai Siette Na Liheslaturan Guåhan

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

November 22, 2023

MEMORANDUM

To: All Senators, Stakeholders, Media
From: Senator Chris “Malafunkshun” Barnett
Re: PRESENTATION NOTICE for Resolution No. 253-37 (COR)

Håfa adai:

The presentation of Resolution No. 253-37 (COR) “*Relative to recognizing John B. Benavente for his dedication to sports and his service as a referee; and commending him for his contributions to the sports community of Guam,*” will take place on Monday, November 27, 2023 at 5:30 pm. The presentation will be held in the Public Hearing Room of the Guam Congress Building.

We look forward to your attendance and participation.