

**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
261-37 (LS)	Therese M. Terlaje Dwayne T.D. San Nicolas Joe S. San Agustin Tina Rose Muña Barnes Frank Blas, Jr. Joanne Brown Christopher M. Dueñas Thomas J. Fisher Jesse A. Lujan William A. Parkinson Roy A. B. Quinata Amanda L. Shelton Telo T. Taitague	Relative to recognizing the members of the Guam Military Order of the Purple Heart (MOPH) Chapters on the occasion of its Twentieth (20th) Anniversary; and commending them for their sacrifice in keeping with the tradition of the military service and for their service to our country and island community.	11/29/23 11:16 a.m.	12/15/23 7:30 p.m.	11/29/23					

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

WHEREAS, it is the sense of I Liheslaturan Guåhan to recognize the life and accomplishments of those distinguished citizens of this great island who have devoted themselves to faithfully serving the best interests of our community and the needs of our people; and

WHEREAS, the Military Order of the Purple Heart Guam Chapter 1315 was chartered on November 11, 2003 with twenty-seven (27) members; Chapter 787 was chartered on November 11, 2005 with thirty-one (31) members; Chapter 2007 was chartered on November 11, 2006, and the Department of Asia Pacific and Ladies Auxiliary with sixty-two (62) members; and

WHEREAS, the MOPH board members meet every first Thursday and general members meet every second Thursday of each month at the Vietnam Veterans of America Chapter 668 koban facility located on Vietnam Veterans Highway Route 10 in the Municipality of Mangilao; and

WHEREAS, in keeping with the military traditions, the mission of the MOPH is to foster an environment of goodwill and camaraderie among the combat wounded veterans, promote patriotism, support necessary legislative initiatives, provide services to veterans and their families; and more notably to ensure that we never forget the sacrifices of those veterans; and

WHEREAS, in providing additional support, the Military Order of the Purple Heart Ladies Auxiliary's mission is to lend support, share their compassion, and care for all veterans, and their families; and

WHEREAS, purple heart recipients, their spouses, children, and grandchildren may be eligible to receive a scholarship for college or university through the Purple Heart Scholarship Program which can be used for tuition, books, incidental fees, room and board, and other direct costs associated with higher education; and

WHEREAS, the MOPH Guam Chapters have made purpose-driven donations to several local organizations in support of initiatives that are important and connects them with their military values; and

WHEREAS, the MOPH has contributed to the Gold Star Families Memorial Monument that honors, recognizes, and serves Gold Star families and the legacy of their loved ones who have made the ultimate sacrifice while serving in the U.S. Armed Forces; and

WHEREAS, in the aftermath of Typhoon Mawar in May, the MOPH took up a collection of non-perishable items in order to provide disaster relief to those who were impacted by the storm; and

WHEREAS, located in Guam's Skinner Plaza in Hagåtña, the war heroes' memorial honors purple heart recipients from Guam. The monument, with one hundred seventy-seven (177) names of those who earned the honor inscribed, was built through the efforts of the Guam chapters of the Military Order of the Purple Heart. Inscribed on the monument is the Purple Heart poem dedicated to all men and women wounded in war - "My stone is red for the blood they shed, the medal I bear is my country's way to show they care, if I could be seen by all mankind, maybe peace will come in my lifetime." The memorial dedication ceremony was held on March 25, 2006; and

WHEREAS, on June 26, 2006, I Mina/Bente Ocho Na Liheslaturan Guåhan passed Bill No. 182 (FC) now known as Public Law 28-129 which was signed into law on July 10, 2006, designating Guam Highway Route 8 as "Purple Heart Highway" to honor and pay special tribute to all recipients of the Military Order of the Purple Heart; and

WHEREAS, on July 13, 2017, I Mina/Trentai Siette Na Liheslaturan Guåhan, with the Governor's signature, passed Public Law 34-34, On Saturday, November 11, 2017, establishing a special license plate for Guam's purple heart recipients and I Mina/Trentai Tres Na Liheslaturan Guåhan through Public Law 33-96 waiving motor vehicle driver's license fees and motor vehicle license and registration fees for the spouses and legal guardians of 100% disabled veterans, for gold star widows/widowers and parents, and for recipients of medals of valor and the purple heart medal; and

WHEREAS, the members of the Guam Chapters of the Military Order of the Purple Heart have been instrumental in registering veterans on Guam, advocating for medical services to be provided locally, and advocating for the expansion of healthcare facilities on Guam, and reaching out to fellow veterans in need of care; and

WHEREAS, I Liheslaturan Guåhan continues to support and advocate for our veterans, to having equal access to healthcare and housing; now therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that I Mina/Trentai Siette Na Liheslaturan Guåhan does hereby, on behalf of the people of Guam, recognize the members of the Guam Military Order of the Purple Heart Chapters on the occasion of its Twentieth (20th) Anniversary; and commending them for their sacrifice in keeping with the tradition of the military service and for their service to our country and island community; and be it further

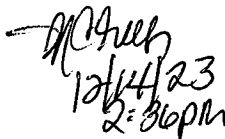
RESOLVED, that the Speaker certify, and the Legislative Secretary attest to, the adoption hereof, and that copies of the same be thereafter transmitted to the Military Order of the Purple Heart, Guam Chapters 1315, 787, and 2007; and to the Honorable Lourdes A. Leon Guerrero, I Mago/hagan Guåhan.

DULY AND REGULARLY ADOPTED BY I MINA TRENTAI SIETTE NA LIHESLATURAN GUÅHAN ON THE 29TH DAY OF NOVEMBER 2023.


THERESE M. TERLAJE
Speaker


CHRIS BARNETT
Acting Legislative Secretary




12/14/23
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I MINA'TRENTAI SIETTE NA LIHESLATURAN GUÅHAN
2023 (FIRST) Regular Session

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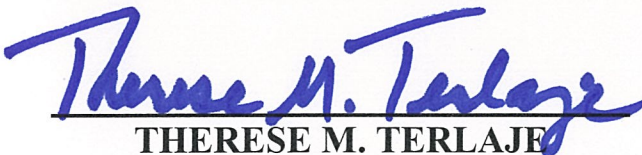
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Office of the Speaker
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I Mina'trentai Siette na Liheslaturan Guåhan | 37th Guam Legislature
Committee on Health, Land, Justice, and Culture

December 14, 2023

MEMORANDUM

To: All Senators, Stakeholders

From: Speaker Therese M. Terlaje *TMT*

Subject: **Notice of Presentation - Resolution No. 261-37 (LS)**

Buenas yan Håfa Adai!

Please join us for the presentation of Resolution No. 261-37 (LS) - “Relative to recognizing the members of the Guam Military Order of the Purple Heart (MOPH) Chapters on the occasion of its Twentieth (20th) Anniversary; and commending them for their sacrifice in keeping with the tradition of the military service and for their service to our country and island community.”

Resolution No. 261-37 (LS) will be presented on **Friday, December 15, 2023, between 7:30 p.m. and 7:45 p.m., at the Guam Hilton Resort and Spa, Tumon.**

We look forward to your participation.

Si Yu'os Ma'åse'!

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