

**I MINA'TRENTAI SIETTE 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 |
|----------------|-------------------|--|----------------------|-----------------------|----------------------|---------------|-------------|---------------------|---------------------------|-------|
| 270-37 (COR) | Roy A. B. Quinata | Relative to recognizing the Cruz family for their efforts in sharing the hospitality and <i>Hâfa Adai</i> spirit; and commending them on the occasion of the 2023 Fifth (5th) Annual Coconut Christmas Tree. | 12/7/23 2:33 p.m. | 12/10/23 1:00 p.m. | 12/7/23 4:45 p.m. | | | | | |

Resolution No. 270-37 (COR)

Introduced by:

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| Roy A. B. Quinata | |
| Chris Barnett | William A. Parkinson |
| Frank Blas, Jr. | Sabina Flores Perez |
| Joanne Brown | Jose S. San Agustin |
| Christopher M. Duenias | Dwayne T.D. San Nicolas |
| Thomas J. Fisher | Amanda L. Shelton |
| Jesse A. Lujan | Telo T. Tattague |
| Tina Rose Muna Barnes | Therese M. Terlaje |



Relative to recognizing the Cruz family for their efforts in sharing the hospitality and *Håfa Adai* spirit; and commending them on the occasion of the 2023 Fifth (5th) Annual Coconut Christmas Tree.

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

WHEREAS, the *Malessó'* Coconut Christmas Tree started as a family initiative by Steve and Abby Cruz to showcase the beauty and hospitality of the village of *Malessó'*. The idea originated by Abby with the idea of building a twenty (20) foot Christmas tree decorated with painted coconuts located adjacent to the *Malessó'* Bell Tower across San Dimas Church; and

WHEREAS, the Cruz family would set up every weekend from 11:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. and used various social media platforms to invite the general public to paint coconuts for free. They used their personal expenses to set up canopies, tables, painting supplies, and provided a space for families to gather to enjoy the festivities. Many island locals, tourists, and military families would stop by to participate in painting coconuts and enjoy the company and beauty of *Malessó'*. The Cruz family received a great response from the local community, families and friends. Many individuals from different states of the U.S. as well as Europe supported the Cruz family's efforts on their Facebook page (smcmerizo) and would message them to have a coconut painted of their name or a loved one; and

WHEREAS, the *Malessó'* Coconut Christmas Tree made a huge impact in 2021 while the island was going through the COVID-19 Pandemic. With the protocol and restrictions enforced during the time, it was a challenging year for many, but the Cruz family managed to continue their tradition, following the guidelines and was able to still construct the Coconut Christmas Tree. It brought light during hard times and helped relieve stress for many who needed to get fresh air and enjoy the holiday spirit; and

WHEREAS, as the years passed, many volunteers would support and join the Cruz family with their efforts. Their group expanded and became known as "Team Coconut" where each person played a vital role. After the holiday festivities are over, the tree is taken down and the coconuts are planted in different villages; now therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that the Committee on Rules of *I Mina'trentai Siette Na Liheslaturan Guåhan* does hereby, on behalf of the *I Liheslaturan Guåhan* and the people of Guam, recognize the Cruz family for their efforts in sharing the hospitality and *Håfa Adai* spirit; and commend them on the occasion of the 2023 Fifth (5th) Annual Coconut Christmas Tree; 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 Steve, Abby, and the Cruz family; 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 7TH DAY OF DECEMBER 2023.

TINA ROSE MUNA BARNES
Acting Speaker

CHRIS BARNETT
Chairperson, Committee on Rules

CHRIS BARNETT
Acting Legislative Secretary



KRISTEN GARRIDO

 12/7/27 5:00 PM

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

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1 **BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COMMITTEE ON RULES OF *I***
2 ***MINA'TRENTAI SIETTE NA LIHESLATURAN GUÁHAN:***

3 **WHEREAS,** the *Malessso'* Coconut Christmas Tree started as a family initiative
4 by Steve and Abby Cruz to showcase the beauty and hospitality of the village of
5 *Malessso'*. The idea originated by Abby with the idea of building a twenty (20) foot
6 Christmas tree decorated with painted coconuts located adjacent to the *Malessso'* Bell
7 Tower across San Dimas Church; and

1 **WHEREAS**, the Cruz family would set up every weekend from 11:00 a.m. to
2 4:00 p.m. and used various social media platforms to invite the general public to paint
3 coconuts for free. They used their personal expenses to set up canopies, tables, painting
4 supplies, and provided a space for families to gather to enjoy the festivities. Many island
5 locals, tourists, and military families would stop by to participate in painting coconuts
6 and enjoy the company and beauty of *Malessó*. The Cruz family received a great
7 response from the local community, families and friends. Many individuals from
8 different states of the U.S. as well as Europe supported the Cruz family’s efforts on their
9 Facebook page (smcmerizo) and would message them to have a coconut painted of their
10 name or a loved one; and

11 **WHEREAS**, the *Malessó* Coconut Christmas Tree made a huge impact in 2021
12 while the island was going through the COVID-19 Pandemic. With the protocol and
13 restrictions enforced during the time, it was a challenging year for many, but the Cruz
14 family managed to continue their tradition, following the guidelines and was able to still
15 construct the Coconut Christmas Tree. It brought light during hard times and helped
16 relieve stress for many who needed to get fresh air and enjoy the holiday spirit; and

17 **WHEREAS**, as the years passed, many volunteers would support and join the
18 Cruz family with their efforts. Their group expanded and became known as “Team
19 Coconut” where each person played a vital role. After the holiday festivities are over,
20 the tree is taken down and the coconuts are planted in different villages; now therefore,
21 be it

22 **RESOLVED**, that the Committee on Rules of *I Mina'trentai Siette Na*
23 *Liheslaturan Guåhan* does hereby, on behalf of the *I Liheslaturan Guåhan* and the
24 people of Guam, recognize the Cruz family for their efforts in sharing the hospitality
25 and *Håfa Adai* spirit; and commend them on the occasion of the 2023 Fifth (5th) Annual
26 Coconut Christmas Tree; and be it further

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4 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 7TH DAY
OF DECEMBER 2023.**



TINA ROSE MUÑA BARNES
Acting Speaker



CHRIS BARNETT
Chairperson, Committee on Rules



CHRIS BARNETT
Acting 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. 270-37 (COR) – Roy A. B. Quinata. – “Relative to recognizing the Cruz family for their efforts in sharing the hospitality and Håfa Adai spirit; and commending them on the occasion of the 2023 Fifth (5th) Annual Coconut Christmas Tree.”

| | INITIAL | DATE | TO ADOPT | TO NOT ADOPT | TO ABSTAIN |
|--|-----------|---------|----------|--------------|------------|
| Senator Chris Barnett Chairperson | E-Vote | 12/7/23 | ✓ | | |
| Senator Sabina Flores Perez Vice Chairperson | E-Vote | 12/7/23 | ✓ | | |
| Speaker Therese M. Terlaje Member | | | ✓ | | |
| Vice Speaker Tina Rose Muña Barnes Member | E-vote | 12/7/23 | ✓ | | |
| Legislative Secretary Amanda L. Shelton Member | | | ✓ | | |
| Senator William A. Parkinson Member | | | ✓ | | |
| Senator Roy A. B. Quinata Member | <i>RQ</i> | 12/7/23 | ✓ | | |
| Senator Joe S. San Agustin Member | E-Vote | 12/7/23 | ✓ | | |
| Senator Dwayne T. D. San Nicolas Member | E-Vote | 12/7/23 | ✓ | | |
| Senator Joanne Brown Minority Member | | | ✓ | | |
| Senator Christopher M. Dueñas Minority Member | E-Vote | 12/7/23 | ✓ | | |
| Senator Thomas J. Fisher Minority Member | | | | | |
| Senator Telo T. Taitague Minority Member | | | ✓ | | |
| For Sponsor's Office Use Only | | | | | |
| Sponsor Signature: <i>Roy A. B. Quinata</i> | | | | | |
| Staff Contact Person: Kristen Garrido | | | | | |
| For COR/Clerk's Office Use Only | | | | | |
| <u> 7 </u> Certified _____ Returned | | | | | |
| Name: Kein R. Artero | | | | | |
| Date: December 7, 2023 at 4:45 p.m. | | | | | |
| Notes: | | | | | |



OFFICE OF SENATOR
ROY A. B. QUINATA

I Mina' trentai Siette na Liheslaturan Guåhan | 37th Guam Legislature
Committee on Infrastructure, Economic Development, Simon Sanchez High School, Disabilities Services,
Self-Determination and Historic Preservation, Housing, Public Accountability, and the Guam Buildup

December 7, 2023

MEMORANDUM

To: All Members of *I Mina'trentai Siette Na Liheslaturan Guåhan*

From: Senator Roy A. B. Quinata 

Subject: Notice of Presentation - Resolution No. 270-37 (COR)

Buenas yan Håfa Adai!

Please join me in presenting Resolution No. 270-37 (COR) - "Relative to recognizing the Cruz family for their efforts in sharing the hospitality and Håfa Adai spirit; and commending them on the occasion of the 2023 Fifth (5th) Annual Coconut Christmas Tree."

The presentation will occur on Sunday, December 10, 2023, at 1:00 p.m. in *Malessos* next to the Bell Tower.

I look forward to your attendance and participation.

Si Yu'os Ma'åse'