

**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
278-37 (LS)	Roy A. B. Quinata Joe S. San Agustin Dwayne T.D. San Nicolas Amanda L. Shelton Tina Rose Muña Barnes Jesse A. Lujan Christopher M. Dueñas Telo T. Taitague Frank Blas, Jr. Joanne Brown Therese M. Terlaje	Relative to recognizing the Guam National Wildlife Refuge at <i>Litekyan</i> (Ritidian Point) on its Thirtieth (30th) Year Anniversary Celebration; and commending the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service for its commitment to protecting the endangered wildlife and plant species, and their habitat.	12/14/23 2:34 p.m.	12/17/23 10:00 a.m.	12/15/23 4:07 p.m.					

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Introduced by:

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

WHEREAS, the Guam National Wildlife Refuge at *Litekyan* (Ritidian Point) was established on October 1, 1993 in response to the listing of six (6) endangered species, to include the *Fanihi* (the Mariana fruit bat); and *Litekyan's* cultural significance began when the *CHamoru* first settled there in 1500 BCE, and it remains important to the people of Guam because of its connection to their *CHamoru* traditions and ways of life; and

WHEREAS, seven (7) threatened or endangered species are now found within the Refuge with the potential for others, and *Litekyan* provides a critical habitat for the *Á'ga* (Mariana crow), the *Sihek* (Guam kingfisher), and the *Fanihi* (Mariana fruit bat); and it is also a nesting site and foraging area for the Green Sea Turtle (*Chelonia mydas*); and

WHEREAS, *Litekyan* remains a valuable source of limestone and coastal forest plants that are used for *ámot* (traditional medicine), and supports the traditional healing practices of *yo'ámets/suruhánu/suruhánas*; and the out-planting of three (3) threatened/endangered trees (*Serianthes nelsonii*, *Tabernaemontana rotensis*, and *Heritiera longipetiolata*) help to restore Guam's limestone forests; and

WHEREAS, the U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service promotes and supports sustainable wildlife-dependent recreation, including fishing, wildlife observation and photography, environmental education and interpretation for the people of Guam; and

WHEREAS, *Litekyan* is a vital link for the people of Guam, especially our island youth, to connect with and learn about *CHamoru* history, culture, native and endangered species, biodiversity, and island conservation, and to explore career fields through experience in biology, ecology, conservation, archaeology, history, education, and communications; and its historic fishing grounds and fishing knowledge is passed down for future generations of fishers; and

WHEREAS, thousands of students and community volunteers have contributed to the conservation and historic preservation mission of the Guam National Wildlife Refuge through tree plantings, plant nursery tasks, support at special events and field trips, marine debris removal, trail restoration and maintenance, interpretive tours, community outreach, and visitor assistance at the Refuge's Nature Center. These volunteers also participate in beach clean-ups for habitat protection and help maintain and enhance *Litekyan's* natural and cultural resources; and

WHEREAS, the Guam National Wildlife Refuge at *Litekyan* (Ritidian Point) holds a special personal and collective meaning to its visitors; 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 the Guam National Wildlife Refuge at *Litekyan* (Ritidian Point) on its Thirtieth (30th) Year Anniversary Celebration; and commend the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service for its commitment to protecting the endangered wildlife and plant species and their habitat; 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 the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service; 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 15TH DAY OF DECEMBER 2023.

THERESE M. TERLAJE
Speaker

CHRIS BARNETT
Chairperson, Committee on Rules

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Acting Legislative Secretary



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12/15/23
5:02PM

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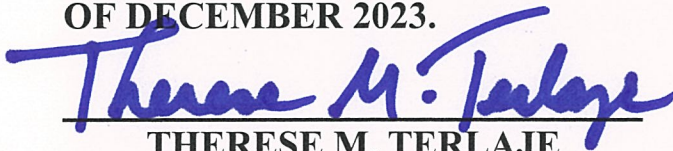
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COMMITTEE VOTE SHEET

Resolution No. 278-37 (LS) – Roy A. B. Quinata, Joe S. San Agustin, Dwayne T.D. San Nicolas, Amanda L. Shelton, Tina Rose Muña Barnes, Jesse A. Lujan, Christopher M. Dueñas, Telo T. Taitague, Frank Blas, Jr., Joanne Brown, Therese M. Terlaje. – “Relative to recognizing the Guam National Wildlife Refuge at *Litekyan* (Ritidian Point) on its Thirtieth (30th) Year Anniversary Celebration; and commending the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service for its commitment to protecting the endangered wildlife and plant species, and their habitat.”

	INITIAL	DATE	TO ADOPT	TO NOT ADOPT	TO ABSTAIN
Senator Chris Barnett Chairperson					
Senator Sabina Flores Perez Vice Chairperson					
Speaker Therese M. Terlaje Member					
Vice Speaker Tina Rose Muña Barnes Member	E-vote	12/15/23	✓		
Legislative Secretary Amanda L. Shelton Member	E-vote	12/15/23	✓		
Senator William A. Parkinson Member					
Senator Roy A. B. Quinata Member		12/15/23	✓		
Senator Joe S. San Agustin Member					
Senator Dwayne T. D. San Nicolas Member	E-vote	12/15/23	✓		
Senator Joanne Brown Minority Member	E-vote	12/15/23	✓		
Senator Christopher M. Dueñas Minority Member	E-vote	12/15/23	✓		
Senator Thomas J. Fisher Minority Member					
Senator Telo T. Taitague Minority Member	E-vote	12/15/23	✓		
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Sponsor Signature: 					
Staff Contact Person: Kristen Garrido					
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<u>7</u> Certified _____ Returned _____					
Name: Joaquin 'Quin' P. Taitague					
Date: December 15, 2023 at 4:07 p.m.,					
Notes:					



OFFICE OF SENATOR
ROY A. B. QUINATA

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Committee on Infrastructure, Economic Development, Simon Sanchez High School, Disabilities Services,
Self-Determination and Historic Preservation, Housing, Public Accountability, and the Guam Buildup

December 15, 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. 278-37 (LS)

Buenas yan Håfa Adai!

Please join me in presenting Resolution No. 278-37 (LS) - "Relative to recognizing the Guam National Wildlife Refuge at *Litekyan* (Ritidian Point) on its Thirtieth (30th) Year Anniversary Celebration; and commending the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service for its commitment to protecting the endangered wildlife and plant species, and their habitat."

The presentation will occur on Sunday, December 17, 2023 at 10:00 a.m. at the Guam National Wildlife Refuge at *Litekyan* in Ritidian.

I look forward to your attendance and participation.

Si Yu'os Ma'åse'