

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
366-37 (COR)	Therese M. Terlaje	Relative to recognizing the Guam Adventist Academy on its Seventy-fifth (75th) Year Anniversary; and commending them for their dedication and commitment to providing academic excellence to the island community.	4/4/24 8:57 a.m.		4/4/24 1:42 p.m.					

Resolution No. 366-37 (COR)

Introduced by

Therese M. Terlaje

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

WHEREAS, Guam Adventist Academy (GAA) is a fully accredited, co-educational, pre-kindergarten through twelfth (12th) grade Christian day school that welcomes students without regard to religious persuasion, race, color, or gender; and it is operated by the Seventh-Day Adventist churches of Guam and the Guam Micronesia Mission (GMM) of Seventh Day Adventists. GAA is situated on nineteen (19) acres in the Windward Hills area near the south-central village of *Yoña* with ample room for its existing physical infrastructure and room for future expansion; and

WHEREAS, rising from the rubble of World War II, GAA began its journey in 1949 under the visionary leadership of Pastor Robert E. Dunton, who purchased a discarded World War II Quonset hut, transforming it into a two (2)-room schoolhouse with the assistance of dedicated church members; and

WHEREAS, in its inaugural year, Maria Ulloa, a school principal, and Magdalena Taitano Flores, an elementary school teacher, made significant sacrifices by leaving their positions at *Mongmong* Elementary School to serve as principal and teacher at GAA, respectively, with twenty-six (26) pioneering students from the Ulloa and Taitano families joyously walking through its doors; and

WHEREAS, in 1951, GAA expanded its reach by establishing a second elementary school in *Talo'fo'fo'* to cater to the children of recently baptized members residing in the south, ushering in a new era of Adventist education for the southern region under the guidance of Pastor Guillermo Flores and his wife Rita; and

WHEREAS, by 1953, GAA had outgrown its original location, prompting a move to *Agaña Heights* and an expansion to include grades up to the twelfth (12th) grade, thus solidifying its position as a prominent educational institution on the island; and

WHEREAS, despite facing adversity after Super Typhoon Karen struck Guam in 1962, which devastated the school's infrastructure, the resilience and determination of the GAA community prevailed, leading to the acquisition of a new property in Windward Hills and the construction of permanent facilities with the support of the worldwide Adventist community; and

WHEREAS, on November 15, 1964, the Guam Mission Academy was officially dedicated and renamed, marking a new chapter in its illustrious history as it continued to provide quality Christian education to students from diverse backgrounds across the island; and

WHEREAS, today, GAA stands as a fully accredited K-12 co-educational Christian day school, boasting a diverse student body and dedicated faculty and staff, with modern facilities including classrooms, a library, computer lab, gymnasium, chapel, and science lab, among others; and

WHEREAS, the impact of GAA extends far beyond its campus, with its alumni making significant contributions to communities locally and globally in various fields such as education, healthcare, the arts, public service, and leadership, thereby enriching the fabric of society; and

WHEREAS, as GAA celebrates its Seventy-fifth (75th) Year Anniversary, it is fitting for *I Liheslaturan Guáhan* to recognize its enduring legacy and commend GAA for its commitment to academic excellence, moral integrity, and service to humanity; now therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that the Committee on Rules of *I Mina'trentai Siette na Liheslaturan Guáhan* does hereby, on behalf of *I Liheslaturan Guáhan* and the people of Guam, recognize the Guam Adventist Academy on its Seventy-fifth (75th) Year Anniversary; and commend them for their dedication and commitment to providing academic excellence to the island community; 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 Guam Adventist Academy; and to the Honorable Lourdes A. Leon Guerrero, *I Maga'hāgan Guáhan*.

UNILATERALLY AND REGULARLY ADOPTED BY THE COMMITTEE ON RULES OF *I MINA'TRENTAI SIETTE NA LIHESLATURAN GUÁHAN* ON THE 4TH DAY OF APRIL 2024.

Therese M. Terlaje
 THERESE M. TERLAJE
 Speaker

Chris Barnett
 CHRIS BARNETT
 Chairperson, Committee on Rules

Amanda L. Shelton
 AMANDA L. SHELTON
 Legislative Secretary



Marie Cruz
 MARIE CRUZ
 4/5/24, 4:11 pm

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2024 (SECOND) Regular Session

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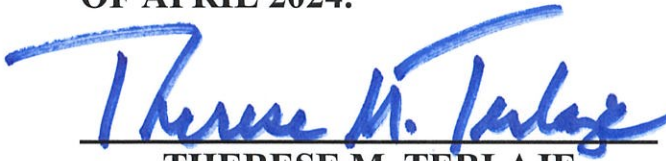
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**DULY AND REGULARLY ADOPTED BY THE COMMITTEE ON RULES OF
I MINA'TRENTAI SIETTE NA LIHESLATURAN GUÅHAN ON THE 4TH DAY
OF APRIL 2024.**



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. 366-37 (COR) - Therese M. Terlaje. - "Relative to recognizing the Guam Adventist Academy on its Seventy-fifth (75th) Year Anniversary; and commending them for their dedication and commitment to providing academic excellence to the island community."

	INITIAL	DATE	TO ADOPT	TO NOT ADOPT	TO ABSTAIN
Senator Chris Barnett Chairperson	E-Vote	4/4/24	X		
Senator Sabina Flores Perez Vice Chairperson	E-Vote	4/4/24	X		
Speaker Therese M. Terlaje Member	<i>TMT</i>	4/4/24	X		
Vice Speaker Tina Rose Muña Barnes Member					
Legislative Secretary Amanda L. Shelton Member	E-Vote	4/4/24	X		
Senator William A. Parkinson Member	E-Vote	4/4/24	X		
Senator Roy A. B. Quinata Member					
Senator Joe S. San Agustin Member					
Senator Dwayne T. D. San Nicolas Member	E-Vote	4/4/24	X		
Senator Joanne Brown Minority Member	E-Vote	4/4/24	X		
Senator Christopher M. Dueñas Minority Member	E-Vote	4/4/24	X		
Senator Thomas J. Fisher Minority Member					
Senator Telo T. Taitague Minority Member	E-Vote	4/4/24	X		
For Sponsor's Office Use Only					
Sponsor Signature: <i>Therese M. Terlaje</i>					
Staff Contact Person: MARIE CRUZ					
For COR/Clerk's Office Use Only					
___9___ Certified _____ Returned					
Name: Kein R. Artero					
Date: April 4, 2024 at 1:42 p.m.					
Notes:					



Office of the Speaker
THERESE M. TERLAJE

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

April 7, 2024

MEMORANDUM

To: All Senators, Stakeholders

From: Speaker Therese M. Terlaje *TMT*

Subject: **Notice of Presentation - Resolution No. 366-37 (COR)**

Buenas yan Håfa Adai!

Please join us for the presentation of Resolution No. 366-37 (COR) - **Relative to recognizing the Guam Adventist Academy on its Seventy-fifth (75th) Year Anniversary; and commending them for their dedication and commitment to providing academic excellence to the island community.**

Resolution No. 366-37 (COR) will be hand delivered.

Si Yu'os Ma'åse'!

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