

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
547-37 (LS)	Amanda L. Shelton	Relative to recognizing Julie Ann L. Laxamana on receiving the premier graduate Truman Scholarship; and commending her for her dedication and commitment to academic excellence.	10/3/24 2:40 p.m.	10/23/24 12:25 p.m.	10/3/24					

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WHEREAS, the Harry S. Truman Scholarship Foundation recognizes aspiring leaders at a crucial inflection point of their development. Juniors in college are awarded for their commitment to public service and are given Thirty Thousand Dollars (\$30,000) to pursue their graduate studies, participate in leadership development programs, intern and employ with the federal government, and enroll in the country's prestigious universities; and

WHEREAS, this year, the Foundation reviewed seven hundred nine (709) files from two hundred eighty-five (285) institutions. Between March 1 and April 4, 2024, one hundred ninety-three (193) students from one hundred thirty-six (136) institutions interviewed with the Foundation's Regional Review Panel, and only sixty (60) were chosen as Truman Scholars; and

WHEREAS, the University of Guam (UOG) has been involved with this Foundation since 1978, and it has produced the finest scholars that the island has to offer over the years, including Joaquin V. Leon Guerrero (1978), Maria Nancy V. Galit (1979), Marie T. Delros (1983), John Jerry Ignacio (1985), Leilani V. Lujan (1986), Demian M. Fitzgerald (1988), Dwayne M. George (1989), Jerse T. San Nicolas (1990), May Grace Mendoza-Lapad (2000), Donna L. Gomez (2001), Gena A. Rojas (2002), William B. Cruz-Jones (2004), JakmDee M. Agustin-Perez (2005), Sahara June Defensor (2006), Elvira Mangfoma (2007), Jose Salas Cruz, Jr. (2009), Rebecca Casimbon (2015), Athena McNeinch (2017), Kehani Mendiola (2021), and Christian Gyles Ramos (2023); and

WHEREAS, Julie Ann L. Laxamana was selected to be the twenty-first (21st) Truman Scholar from the University of Guam; and

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WHEREAS, throughout her college career, Julie had dedicated her time to serving the UOG's community and beyond, and since 2022, she has served UOG in various capacities, such as: the current Student Regent of UOG's Board of Regents and the Treasurer of the Public Administration and Legal Studies Society (PALS) Club; and Julie used these positions as a platform to advocate for her community's needs, such as homelessness and recidivism; and

WHEREAS, as a Student Regent along with UOG's Student Government Association, Julie has facilitated roundtable discussions with stakeholders to efficiently budget for Fiscal Year 2024, and advocated for an increase of financial and legislative support for student services and financial assistance. She has expanded the campus by collaborating with partners to construct four (4) new buildings to house nursing, engineering, marine biology, and overall students, as well as establishing a new criteria and a peer list to enhance institutional benchmarking and standards to select the 12th President of the University. Julie has also developed the institutional strategic plan to reflect culturally relevant values, emphasizing the concept of *Taka Mo'na*-propelling forward in unison; and

WHEREAS, Julie has used the UOG as a vessel to fulfill the needs of the people of Guam in many different capacities as she has represented the University of Guam in the Thirty-fourth (34th) Guam Youth Congress as the Legislative Secretary; and is the current acting chair for the Committee on Public Safety, Homeland Security and Judiciary. Julie has conducted legislative research, as well as drafted and updated policies to reflect and include the youth, and her efforts enhanced locally-funded financial aid programs, lobbied support to increase funding and recognition for UOG, the island's only public university, and she has addressed constituent concerns on behalf of Guam's youth; and

WHEREAS, Julie has contributed one hundred eighty (180) hours for the Public Policy Internship at the Guam Legislature under the Office of Vice Speaker Tina Rose Muña Barnes in which she has drafted legislation for a low-cost, high yield law study pilot program to streamline interest/production of law students in the region, and Julie had also organized and met with retired Guam Department of Education (GDOE) Superintendent Judith Won Pat to discuss the concerning student school lifestyle effectiveness and its correlation with schedule times; and

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WHEREAS, Julie is a recipient of the 2024 Congressional Gold medal in which she dedicated at least two (2) years to goal-setting and community involvement. The criteria to receive this medal requires the participant to log a minimum of four hundred (400) hours of Voluntary Public Service, two hundred (200) hours of Personal Development, two hundred (200) hours of Physical Fitness, and a five (5) day, four (4) night Expedition or Exploration; and

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RESOLVED, that I *Minatrentai Siette Na Liheslaturan Guahan* does hereby, on behalf of the people of Guam, recognize Julie Ann L. Laxamana on receiving the premier graduate Truman Scholarship, and commend her for her dedication and commitment to academic excellence; 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 Julie Ann L. Laxamana; and to the Honorable Lourdes A. Leon Guerrero, *I Mago'lagan Guahan*.

DUELY AND REGULARLY ADOPTED BY I MINA TRENTAI SIETTE NA LIHESLATURAN GUÁHAN ON THE 3RD DAY OF OCTOBER 2024.

Therese M. Terlaji
THERESE M. TERLAJE
Speaker

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2024 (SECOND) Regular Session

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THERESE M. TERLAJE

Speaker



AMANDA L. SHELTON

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Office of Senator

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I Mina'trentai Siette Na Liheslaturan Guåhan • 37th Guam Legislature

October 23, 2024

MEMORANDUM

To: All Senators

37th Guam Legislature

From: Senator Amanda L. Shelton 

Re: Presentation Notice for Resolution No. 547-37 (LS)

Buenas yan Håfa Adai!

Please join us for the presentation of:

Resolution No. 547-37 (LS) – Amanda L. Shelton. – “Relative to recognizing Julie Ann L. Laxamana on receiving the premier graduate Truman Scholarship; and commending her for her dedication and commitment to academic excellence.”

The resolutions will be presented on **Wednesday, October 23, 2024, Time is 12:25, at the Public Hearing room.**

Si Yu'os Ma'åse'

