

**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
612-37 (LS)	Joe S. San Agustin	Relative to recognizing and congratulating Customs Officer III Joe C. Villagomez on the occasion of his retirement from the Government of Guam after thirty- four (34) years of outstanding service to the Government of Guam; with twenty-one (21) years of his service dedicated to the Customs and Quarantine Agency to which he will be retiring from and to recognize him to the honorary rank of Captain; and to further express a sincere <i>Un Dangkolo Na Si Yu'os Ma'ase</i> for his service to our island community.	12/10/24 9:56 a.m.	12/13/24 11:00 a.m.						

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**2024 (SECOND) Regular Session**

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Introduced by:

Joe S. San Agustin



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1           **BE IT RESOLVED BY *I MINA'TRENTAI SIETTE NA LIHESLATURAN***  
2 ***GUÅHAN*:**

3           **WHEREAS**, Customs Officer III Joe C. Villagomez resides in the beautiful  
4 southern village of Ipan, Talofofo with his supportive and loving wife Arlene S.  
5 Villagomez. They have four (3) children: Noel, Nolan, and Nevaeh and are  
6 grandparents to Kaeley and Numara; and

7           **WHEREAS**, Customs Officer III Joe C. Villagomez, a dedicated public servant  
8 of the Government of Guam, is retiring after thirty-four (34) years of distinguished  
9 service, with almost twenty-one (21) of those years devoted to the Guam Customs &  
10 Quarantine Agency (CQA). Through his unwavering commitment he has upheld the

1 CQA mission in safeguarding the interests of the people of Guam, playing an  
2 instrumental role in securing the island's social, economic, environmental, agricultural  
3 and public health through his enforcement of Customs Laws and Regulation; and

4 **WHEREAS**, his service to our people began as a legislative aide in the 20th  
5 Guam Legislature for former Senator Carl T.C. Gutierrez, and continued in 1995 as a  
6 Security Guard with the Tiyan Re-Use Authority; and

7 **WHEREAS**, in 1996 he was hired as a Plant Protection and Quarantine (PPQ)  
8 Officer with the Guam Department of Agriculture, successfully completing the PPQ  
9 and United States Department of Agriculture regulatory training course, applying his  
10 skills and training at the various ports of entry into Guam, protecting our island's  
11 agriculture, *flora, fauna*, and environment from injurious pests, diseases and prohibited  
12 products; and

13 **WHEREAS**, in 1997 he gallantly enlisted in the Guam Army National Guard,  
14 completed Individual Infantry Training, rising through the enlisted ranks, serving our  
15 country and island through various activations and deployments. In 2019, after twenty-  
16 one (21) years of patriotic service he retired at the rank of Sergeant First Class  
17 promotable; and

18 **WHEREAS**, in October 2003, Customs Officer III Joe C. Villagomez and  
19 sixteen (16) of his fellow PPQ Officers were transferred to CQA, wherein, in 2006, he  
20 completed and graduated as a member of CQA's 5th Officer Training Academy, from  
21 which he rose through the ranks of Customs Officer I, II, and III; and

22 **WHEREAS**, throughout his tenure, Customs Officer III Joe C. Villagomez was  
23 assigned to a variety of divisions and sections within CQA, including: Inspection and  
24 Control Division's Guam International Air Terminal, Air Cargo facility, Guam Main  
25 Facility, Andersen Air Force Base, and Maritime. His last assignment being with the  
26 Special Enforcement Division's Maritime Contraband Enforcement Team, where he  
27 participated in investigations and operations that successfully apprehended persons

1 evading customs entry and declarations processes through illegal arrivals around  
2 Guam's coastline; and

3       **WHEREAS**, he is known by his peers and superiors as a highly-valued member  
4 of the Agency, ensuring the effective enforcement of laws and regulations, while  
5 maintaining fairness, diligence, and a commitment to justice. He has not only  
6 contributed to the day-to-day operations of the Agency but has also been a mentor, role  
7 model, and leader within the customs workforce, inspiring fellow officers and civilian  
8 staff through his work ethic, dedication, and sense of duty; and

9       **WHEREAS**, dedication to his work and his unwavering commitment to serving  
10 the people of Guam is a testament to his professionalism and personal integrity to which  
11 he will always be honored for; and

12       **WHEREAS**, it is with great honor to recognize for his lifetime of service, and,  
13 as a mark of respect for his exemplary contributions, be conferred the honorary rank of  
14 Captain in recognition of his dedication and commitment to the safety and welfare of  
15 Guam's people; now therefore, be it

16       **RESOLVED**, that *I Mina'trentai Siette Na Liheslaturan Guåhan* does hereby,  
17 on behalf of the people of Guam, recognize and congratulate recognize and  
18 congratulate Customs Officer III Joe C. Villagomez on the occasion of his retirement  
19 from the Government of Guam after thirty- four (34) years of outstanding service to the  
20 Government of Guam; with twenty-one (21) years of his service dedicated to the  
21 Customs and Quarantine Agency to which he will be retiring from and to recognize him  
22 to the honorary rank of Captain; and to further express a sincere *Un Dangkolo Na Si*  
23 *Yu'os Ma'ase* for his service to our island community; and be it further

24       **RESOLVED**, that the Speaker certify, and the Legislative Secretary attest to, the  
25 adoption hereof, and that copies of the same be thereafter transmitted to Captain Joe C.  
26 Villagomez and to the Honorable Lourdes A. Leon Guerrero, *I Maga'hågan Guåhan*.

**DULY AND REGULARLY ADOPTED *I MINA'TRENTAI SIETTE NA LIHESLATURAN GUÁHAN* ON THE \_ DAY OF DECEMBER 2024.**

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**THERESE M. TERLAJE**  
**Speaker**

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**AMANDA L. SHELTON**  
**Legislative Secretary**